



DE-2601-02

First Year B. Com. (Sem. I) Examination

March / April - 2016

Foundation Course in English

1. Language Through Literature

2. Written & Spoken Communication Skills-I

Time : 2 Hours]

[Total Marks : 50

1. Language Through Literature

Instructions :

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(2) Indicate clearly the options you choose.

(3) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

1 Answer briefly : (any five)

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(1) Why, according to Banu, the Hindu and the Musalman gladly accepted her solution ?

(2) What does squirrel say to the mountain about size ?

(3) Which colour of bangles are suitable for a maiden's wrist? What are they compared with ?

(4) What will happen, according to the editor, if the English constitution is retained once they retire ?

- (5) Why, according to Gopal, “a brain drain” happens in India ?
- (6) Explain the phrase, “Cannot carry forests on my back”.
- (7) What did the astrologer’s professional equipments consist of ?
- 2** (a) What picture do we get of Indian and American education systems from the lesson “Education : American and Indian” ? **14**

OR

- (b) Give the central idea of the poem “The Mountain and the Squirrel”. **14**
- 3** Write a short paragraph on : (any one) **13**
- (1) My Ambition
- (2) Importance of Books in Our Life
- (3) Every Cloud has a Silver Lining.

- 4** (a) Write a letter to your grand parents who live in countryside. Tell them that you are planning to spend a week with them. **7**

OR

- (a) Write a letter to your uncle who is recovering from a road accident. Tell him to take care of himself. **7**

(b) Do as directed : (any six)

6

(i) Put prefixes before the following words :

– Claim

– Regular

(ii) Add appropriate suffixes to the following words :

Employ

Follow'

(iii) Give synonyms :

Acquire

Occupy

(iv) Give antonyms :

Inferior

Sure

(v) He has _____ to everybody's expectations.

(Fill in the blank with live with, live up)

(vi) The parties involved were satisfied with the solution
_____ thanked her.

(Fill in the blank with suitable pronoun)

(vii) Give one word for the following expression :

A situation in which many people are violently
killed.

2. Written & Spoken Communication Skills-I

Instructions :

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- (2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
(3) Indicate clearly the options that you attempt.

1 Answer the following questions briefly : (any five) **10**

- What did the narrator say upon learning about Miss Krishna's will ?
- Where are the bangle sellers carrying their wares ?
- What did 'Silky' Bob realize about the plain-clothes man when they stopped outside the drug store ?
- What does the narrator of the poem 'An Irish Airman Foresees His Death' think about life ?
- Explain the lines :
'When me they fly, I am the wings'.
- What are the merits of artificial intelligence ?
- What does the narrator in the poem 'An Irish Airman Foresees His Death' think about life ?

- 2 (a) Ralph Waldo Emerson's poem 'Brahma' focuses on the theme of the divine relationship and continuity of life and the unity of the universe – Discuss. 14

OR

- (b) The story 'After Twenty Years' raises an interesting moral dilemma : duty or friendship ? Discuss. 14
- 3 Write a paragraph on any one of the following : 13
- (i) Honesty is the best policy.
- (ii) If you could change thing about yourself.
- 4 (a) Summarize the following passage : 7

Advertisements are actually very useful though we sometimes feel annoyed when they interrupt our favourite television programs. They provide us with free information on the products and services. There are two types of advertisements. The informative advertisements are the ones which provide us with the details of the products or services. This information is especially useful if the product or service is new. For instance, when we need to buy a computer, advertisements describing the latest models and their different functions would be extremely helpful. However, only a minority of the advertisements are informative ones. Many of

them belong to the second category – the persuasive kind. These advertisements not only tell us more about the products, at the same time, they persuade customers to buy them by claiming that their products are superior to the rivalry ones. These claims may sometimes be untrue.

Besides being informative and persuasive, advertisements also help to subsidize the prices of magazines and newspapers. Our newspapers are sold at a low price owing to the advertisements in the papers; otherwise, the price would have been higher.

While advertisements can be good helpers for shopping, they do have their shortcomings. Most advertisements aim to sell only. Faults of the products or services are usually hidden from the consumers. Hence, sometimes, we feel deceived if the product or service we bought does not turn out the way the advertisements claim to be.

Sometimes, advertisements by rival competitors can get very intensive, especially when there are many firms producing similar products. One common example is the washing powder. There are so many advertisements for the different brands that customers sometimes get confused over what they should buy.

Furthermore, having more advertisements would mean that the production cost of the firm would be increased. These rises in cost are usually passed on to the consumers in the form of higher prices.

- (b) Read the following passage and make notes on it : **6**

For many years, stress was considered an imaginary complaint that lazy employees would use as an excuse for skipping work. However, of late, firms are realizing the effect that stress-related illnesses are having on their bottom line.

The causes of stress are manifold. Just getting to work on time may be a major cause. At the workplace, stress can be caused by not having enough to do, not facing sufficient challenges or simply being in a job that does not suit the person. At the other end of the scale is overwork and job insecurity. There may also be reasons for stress such as cramped working conditions, a faulty chair, a desk at the wrong height, a smoky office or defective air-conditioning.

Stress manifests itself in many ways. The most common symptoms are headaches, backaches, shortness of breath, skin disorders, heart palpitations, gastric problems and sleeping disorders. There is also poor concentration, poor memory and loss of self-confidence.

Other major health problems such as depression, repetitive strain injury and heart problems may follow these symptoms.

All these symptoms give rise to inefficient work practices, increased medical leave and consequently loss of productivity. Companies are finally beginning to take notice and are starting to invest in their employees' health as a natural cost of doing business. They are taking the necessary measures to overcome stress-related problems with the hope that there will be heightened efficiency at the workplace and lower absenteeism. But at the end of the day it is up to the individual.
