

**Second Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.F.A./B.V.A. Degree Examination,
September 2020**

(CBCS Scheme)

English

Paper II – GENERAL ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 90

Instructions to Candidates :

- 1) Write answers in legible and correct English.
- 2) Answers shall be relevant, textual and critical.
- 3) Mention the question numbers correctly.

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PART – A

(POETRY AND ESSAYS)

1. Answer any **FIVE** of the following : (5 × 1 = 5)
 - (a) Who is blind in the poem 'On His Blindness'?
 - (b) Where did the two road diverge?
 - (c) What according to Ambedkar Hindu society needs urgently?
 - (d) What is the constant source of joy according to Keats?
 - (e) Where should words come from according to Tagore?
 - (f) Who is affected by science according to J.B.S. Haldane?
 - (g) Who are 'the lords of travel' according to the author in 'On Travel by Train'?
2. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in a sentence or two : (5 × 2 = 10)
 - (a) What is the wish of the poet in the poem 'On His Blindness'?
 - (b) What does Rabindranath Tagore say about the mind in the poem?
 - (c) What are the Hindu weavers compared to by D.H. Lawrence in the poem 'work'?
 - (d) What are the two ways in which science affects the average human being?
 - (e) How do the machines work according to C.E.M. Joad?
 - (f) What is the condition laid down by Seathl to accept the Whitman's offer?
 - (g) What did Mahatma Gandhi prefer according to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar?

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3. Answer any **THREE** of the following in about 100 words : **(3 × 5 = 15)**
- (a) Comment on the theme of the Poem 'Where the mind is without fear'.
 - (b) Illustrate how 'a thing of beauty is joy for ever'.
 - (c) Why does J.B.S. Haldane say that Science and Religion are contradictory?
 - (d) Write a note on the large middle aged woman in 'On Travel by Train'.
 - (e) How does the Redman treat every part of the earth?
4. Answer any **TWO** of the following in about 200 words : **(2 × 10 = 20)**
- (a) Describe D.H. Lawrence's philosophy of work in the poem 'work'.
 - (b) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'The Road not taken'.
 - (c) How has scientific point of view tackled different problem faced by man according J.B.S. Haldane?
 - (d) Why does Dr. Ambedkar consider Hindu Leader including Gandhi unfit change in Indian society?

PART - B

(DEVELOPING GRAMMATICAL COMPETENCE)

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable verb forms given in brackets : **(4 × 1 = 4)**
- (a) Priyanka is _____ a poem. (write)
 - (b) Hemant has _____ a cricket match. (play)
 - (c) The Sun _____ in the east. (rise)
 - (d) Geetha _____ from Mysore last week. (return)
6. Do as directed : **(4 × 1 = 4)**
- (a) My friend lives in Mumbai. (Change into simple past tense)
 - (b) The farmers grow many crops. (Change into present continuous tense)
 - (c) Rajesh took his uncle to the hospital. (Change into present perfect tense)
 - (d) Kiran drank coffee. (Change into simple present tense)
7. Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles : **(3 × 1 = 3)**
- (a) Ravi ate _____ apple in the morning.
 - (b) Our grandmother told us _____ story.
 - (c) Sangeetha is _____ best student in the class.

8. Rewrite the following sentences inserting appropriate articles : (3 × 1 = 3)
- (a) He has secured first rank.
 - (b) I went to consult doctor.
 - (c) He is M.P. of Labour Party.
9. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions given below : (3 × 1 = 3)
- (beneath, on, to, from)
- (a) Swamy and his friend went _____ Madhugiri.
 - (b) The old man stood _____ the tree.
 - (c) The cat sat _____ the wall.
10. Identify the prepositions in the following sentences : (3 × 1 = 3)
- (a) The boys threw stones into the water.
 - (b) Ravana was killed by Rama.
 - (c) They walked till evening.
11. Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions given below : (3 × 1 = 3)
- (but, because, or, as)
- (a) _____ it was raining we waited for sometime.
 - (b) The lion was badly injured _____ it did not die.
 - (c) The teacher shouted at the student _____ he came late to the class.
12. Identify the conjunctions in the following sentences : (3 × 1 = 3)
- (a) Even though Gopal worked hard, he failed in the examination.
 - (b) You work hard or you will fail.
 - (c) I met my uncle after I went to Bangalore.
13. Add appropriate affixes to the following words : (6 × 1 = 6)
- (en, tri, ment, dis, in, ous)
- (a) appear
 - (b) colour
 - (c) gold
 - (d) develop
 - (e) courage
 - (f) sufficient

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14. Add appropriate question tags to the following sentences : (8 × 1 = 8)

- (a) Rajesh is a hard worker.
- (b) Disha has written a poem.
- (c) They work in a factory.
- (d) Our teachers are sincere in their work.
- (e) She does not sing well.
- (f) Veena was not in Bidhar yesterday.
- (g) He has not closed the door properly.
- (h) Corona is not a deadly virus.