

**Second Semester B.Com./B.B.M./B.C.A./B.S.W. 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 should be relevant and critical.*
- 3) *Mention the question numbers correctly.*

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**PART - A**

(POETRY AND ESSAYS)

1. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in a word or a phrase : (5 × 1 = 5)
  - (a) What is more delightful than the breath of the Poet's mistress in Sonnet : 130?
  - (b) What question does the speaker ask the Knight-at-arms in 'La Belle Dame Sans Merci'?
  - (c) Who is the speaker in the poem 'Once Upon a Time'?
  - (d) What is breaking in the poem 'Break Break Break' by Tennyson?
  - (e) Mention any two raw materials used to make garments in How Wealth Accumulates and Men Decay.
  - (f) What did Hardy find on his table on one morning?
  - (g) Whom did the narrator want to meet in order to open an account?
2. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in a sentence or two : (5 × 2 = 10)
  - (a) What did the Knight-at-arms hear in his dream?
  - (b) How should work be done according to the poet?
  - (c) Why does the poet set himself in contrast with the sea in 'Break Break Break'?



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- (d) What are the defects of capitalist system according to G.B. Shaw?
- (e) What was the free time activity of Mr.S in 'The Best Investment I Ever Made'?
- (f) How did the narrator end up his transaction in 'My Financial Career'?
- (g) Why Nehru praise Mahatma Gandhi as the architect of India's Freedom?
3. Answer any **THREE** of the following in about 100 words each : **(3 × 5 = 15)**
- (a) Write a critical appreciation of Sonnet 130.
- (b) Comment on the mood of the speaker in 'Break Break Break'.
- (c) How does G.B. Shaw bring out the hypocrisy of modern man in 'Once Upon a Time'?
- (d) Comment on G.B. Shaw's views on capitalist system.
- (e) What are the pledges that Nehru calls upon Indians?
4. Answer any **TWO** of the following in about 200 words each : **(2 × 10 = 20)**
- (a) Consider 'La Belle Dame Sans Merci' as a Ballad.
- (b) 'Work should be like an absorbing game'. Substantiate with reference to D.H. Lawrence poem 'work'.
- (c) 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' is a tale of compassion and human decency. Illustrate.
- (d) Write a note on Ramanujan's contribution to the field of mathematics.

**PART – B**

**(DEVELOPING GRAMMATICAL COMPETENCE)**

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable verb forms given in brackets : **(4 × 1 = 4)**
- (a) People \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) willing to help each other.
- (b) Minu has \_\_\_\_\_ (master) the art of speaking.
- (c) We are \_\_\_\_\_ (face) a national disaster.
- (d) The boy was \_\_\_\_\_ (to bite) by a stray dog.



6. Do as directed :

(4 × 1 = 4)

- (a) The poet glorifies the beauty of Nature. (Change into present perfect tense)
- (b) Samhitha is playing violin. (Change into simple past tense)
- (c) The epidemic caused panic. (Change into present continuous tense)
- (d) Phalguna had gone to school. (Change into simple present tense)

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :

(3 × 1 = 3)

- (a) I am writing \_\_\_\_\_ essay.
- (b) My daughter is \_\_\_\_\_ singer.
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ earth is round.

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8. Rewrite the following sentences by inserting appropriate articles :

(3 × 1 = 3)

- (a) She has vehicle.
- (b) The island is piece of ground with water round it.
- (c) Taj Mahal is beautiful monument.

9. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions given below :

(3 × 1 = 3)

(at, to, with, in)

- (a) The boat moved \_\_\_\_\_ the shore.
- (b) What is the time \_\_\_\_\_ your watch?
- (c) The work begins \_\_\_\_\_ 9 O'clock.

10. Identify the prepositions in the following sentences :

(3 × 1 = 3)

- (a) He is a citizen of India.
- (b) Tara is blessed with great Talent.
- (c) The monkeys lives on the trees.

11. Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions given below :

(3 × 1 = 3)

(but, or, and)

- (a) She is wise \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful.
- (b) He is efficient \_\_\_\_\_ has no work to done.
- (c) Srija goes to college either by car \_\_\_\_\_ by bus.



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12. Identify the conjunctions in the following sentences :

**(3 × 1 = 3)**

- (a) As I am tired, I cannot walk long distance.
- (b) If you complete the project you will be promoted.
- (c) The college remains closed because of the pandemic disease.

13. Add appropriate affixes given below to the following words :

**(6 × 1 = 6)**

(dis, ful, en, ism, im, able)

- (a) use
- (b) capital
- (c) appear
- (d) courage
- (e) prefer
- (f) patient

14. Add appropriate question tags to the following sentences :

**(8 × 1 = 8)**

- (a) We like sweets.
- (b) The boys did not laugh.
- (c) Hithavarshini has corrected the paper.
- (d) Rahul is not efficient.
- (e) The students have donated generously.
- (f) She is interested in music.
- (g) You have not written the assignment.
- (h) The girls do not watch cricket.