

Q.P. Code – 13207

**Second Semester B.Com.(N)/B.C.A.(N) Degree Examination,  
September 2020**

*(New Scheme – Upto 2015-2016)*

**English**

**Paper II – GENERAL ENGLISH**

*Time : 3 Hours]*

*[Max. Marks : 80*

*Instructions to Candidates :*

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

**PART – A**

**(COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND MEDIA AWARENESS)**

I. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence : **(5 × 1 = 5)**

1. What is non-verbal communication?
2. When do we use informal communication?
3. Give informal expression for any **ONE** of the following :
  - (a) Purchase
  - (b) Commence
4. What is ellipsis?
5. What is the aim of advertisement?
6. Which news gets prominence in newspapers?

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II. Write an E-mail to your mother expressing your inability to visit your home for Ugadi festival due to heavy work pressure. But wish her that you'll visit her very soon. **(1 × 5 = 5)**

Write the subject line, pre-closing and closing.

III. Coral Software Company, Bengaluru-20 needs smart, young, dynamic post graduate with good communication skills and computer knowledge for the post of Manager.

- (a) Write a cover letter.
- (b) Prepare a resume to suit this requirement.

**(5 + 5 = 10)**



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IV. What are the points to be remembered during the interview? (1 × 5 = 5)

V. Read the following passage and make notes using either a linear pattern or a diagram : (1 × 5 = 5)

There are many different kinds of musical instruments. They are divided into three main classes according to the way they are played. For example, some instruments are played by blowing air into them. These are called wind instruments. In some these the air is made to vibrate inside a wooden tube and these are said to be the woodwind family. The examples of this family are the flute, the clarinet and the bassoon. Other instruments are made of brass : the trumpet and the horn are the examples. There are also various other wind instruments such as the mouth organ and the bagpipes. Some instruments are played by banging or striking them. One obvious example is the drum, of which there are various kinds. Instruments like this are called percussion instruments. The last big group of instruments are the ones which have strings. There are two main kinds of stringed instruments those in which the music is made by plucking the strings and those where the player draws a bow across the strings. Examples of the former are the harp and the guitar and that of the latter are the violin and the cello.

VI. Write a report to the Municipal Commissioner, Tumakuru about the water and sanitary problems in your area. (1 × 5 = 5)

Consider the following points :

- Irregular supply of water
- Purification of water
- Proper drainage system and taps

### PART - B

#### (GENERAL ENGLISH)

VII. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in one or two sentences each : (5 × 1 = 5)

1. What was the greatest desire of little fir tree?
2. Name the hill where turmeric is found in 'A Symbiotic Bond'.
3. How many people were killed in 'The Diameter of the Bomb'?
4. When will the master spirit of the earth be satisfied in 'Buying and Selling'?
5. Name the Prophet in 'Buying and Selling'.
6. Whom did Amanda marry in 'The Accursed House'?
7. What do the murderers wear in 'Saviours'?



VIII. Answer any **FOUR** of the following :

(4 × 5 = 20)

1. How was fir tree decorated on Christmas Eve?
2. Write a short note on the non-acquisitive nature of adivasis.
3. Bring out the central theme of the poem 'Saviours'.
4. Describe the destruction caused by the bomb in 'The Diameter of the Bomb'.
5. Why are the gifts of artists important according to Khalil Gibran?
6. How did Bernard's family react to the Vicomte's decision to lower the rents?

IX. Answer any **TWO** of the following :

(2 × 10 = 20)

1. "The Diameter of the Bomb" effectively brings out the futility and meaninglessness of modern wars. Justify.
2. Explain the difference between the Adivasi concept of religion and that of the so called civilized society.
3. Narrate the tragic story of the fir tree.
4. Discuss the story "The Accursed House" as a subtle satire on human nature.

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