



I Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, Nov./Dec. 2015  
(Semester Scheme) (2014-15 and Onwards) (CBCS) (Fresh + Repeaters)  
**ENGLISH**  
**Language English – I**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** 1) Answer *all* the Parts.  
2) Write the **correct** question number.

**PART – A****(Course Book – Literary Component)**

- I. Answer **any five** of the following in **one** or **two** sentences **each** : **(5×2=10)**
- 1) Who was Rachel Carson ?
  - 2) Name the traditional forms of protest used in India in Guha's essay.
  - 3) What does 'sulphurous cauldron' in the poem 'Tiger Tiger Revisited' refer to ?
  - 4) What was the complaint against the tenant in 'Ballad of the Landlord' ?
  - 5) Why did Carmen not take her son to a doctor ?
  - 6) Why was Alarakkhi anxious on pay day ?
  - 7) How did Jerome's father die ?
- II. Answer **any three** of the following in about **one** page **each** : **(3×5=15)**
- 1) How did Jerome narrate the death of his father to his friends in the lesson 'A Shocking Accident' ?
  - 2) Why didn't Carmen want to take her child to the fetishist ? What was his advice to her in the story 'The Advance' ?
  - 3) Describe the three circumstances in which Alarakkhi was scolded by the Inspector in 'Penalty'.
  - 4) Comment on the unkindness of humankind in 'Tiger Tiger Revisited'.
  - 5) Why are things important according to the author of "A Throw-Away Society" ?
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages **each** : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) Discuss how Rachel Carson's childhood contributed towards her growth as a scientist and a writer.
  - 2) How are the Blacks dominated and exploited by the Whites according to the poem 'Ballad of the Landlord' ?
  - 3) Explain the significance of the title 'Penalty' with respect to the story.

P.T.O.





## IV. Do as directed :

- a) Identify suitable synonyms from the brackets for the given word : (1×2=2)
- Transcience [adaptable, temporary, throw-away]
  - Startled [ashamed, confused, surprised].
- b) Use the appropriate forms of the words in the brackets to fill in the blanks : (1×2=2)
- He responded to the teacher's comments \_\_\_\_\_ (sharp).
  - I will attend to the problem \_\_\_\_\_ (short).
- c) Add '\_ ist' or 'er' to the word given below and fill in the blanks. (play) 1
- Being a talented \_\_\_\_\_, Saina Nehwal deserves our respect.

## PART - B

## (Work Book-Communication Skills)

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- V. 1) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate article : 1
- Bengaluru is one of \_\_\_\_\_ most fast developing cities in India.
- VI. 2) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition : 1
- The President will visit our city \_\_\_\_\_ friday.
- VII. 3) Fill in the blanks with the correct verb : 1
- One of my teachers \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore (visited).
- 4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate tense forms of the verb given in the brackets : 2
- When I arrived, my friend \_\_\_\_\_ to take me to a movie (wait).
  - The guest \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow (arrive).
- 5) Rewrite the following with appropriate punctuation marks whenever necessary : 2
- However Industrial land is not available in Mysuru anymore and hence investors can opt for Nanjangud as a viable option said Mr. Jain

## VIII. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it :

The piranha is a much-maligned fish. Most people think that this is a deadly creature that swarms through rivers and creeks of the Amazon rainforest looking for victims to tear apart. And woe betide anyone unlucky enough to be in the same water as a shoal of piranhas. It takes only a few minutes for the vicious piranhas to reduce someone to a mere skeleton. The truth is that the piranha is really a much more nuanced animal than the mindless killer depicted in the media. In fact, piranhas are a group made up of approximately twelve different species. Each piranha species occupies its own ecological niche. One type of piranha takes chunks out of the fins of other fish. Another type eats fruit falling





from trees into the river. Each piranha species plays a unique role in the ecology of the rainforest floodplains. So what should you do next time you hear someone talking about the “deadly piranha”? You can remind them that the piranha is not always the notorious killer fish that the tough, muscular heroes of popular nature television shows would have us believe.

- 1) The primary purpose of the author is to 1
  - a) correct misconceptions about the piranha
  - b) illustrate the importance of piranhas in rainforest ecology
  - c) describe two different species of piranhas
  - d) instruct the reader on what to say if someone describes the piranha as “deadly”.
- 2) Which is the best definition for unique in the paragraph ? 1
  - a) irreplaceable
  - b) important
  - c) individual
  - d) unusual
- 3) Which is the best synonym for notorious in the paragraph ? 1
  - a) celebrated
  - b) disreputable
  - c) notable
  - d) renowned
- 4) Why are the piranhas called ‘deadly’ ? 1
- 5) Give one example to illustrate that the piranha species plays a unique role in the ecology of the rainforest floodplains. 1

IX. Write a paragraph of **each** about **80-100** words using the hints given below : 5

Abdul Kalam – President of India – born 15 October 1931 – Rameswaram – 1954 – graduation – Tiruchirapalli – 1955 – Madras MIT aerospace engineering – four decades as a scientist and science administrator – awarded Bharat Ratna 1998 – Padma Vibhushan in 1990 – Padma Bhushan in 1981 – died 27 July 2015.

OR

Describe your college following the guidelines :

- location
- facilities
- general impression

X. Make notes on the following passage by choosing either linear or diagrammatic format. 5

### COFFEE AND ITS PROCESSING

The coffee plant, an evergreen shrub or small tree of African origin, begins to produce fruit 3 or 4 years after being planted. The fruit is hand-gathered when it is fully ripe and a reddish purple in colour. The ripened fruits of the coffee shrubs are processed where they are produced to separate the coffee seeds from their covering and from the pulp. Two different techniques are in use : a wet process and a dry process.



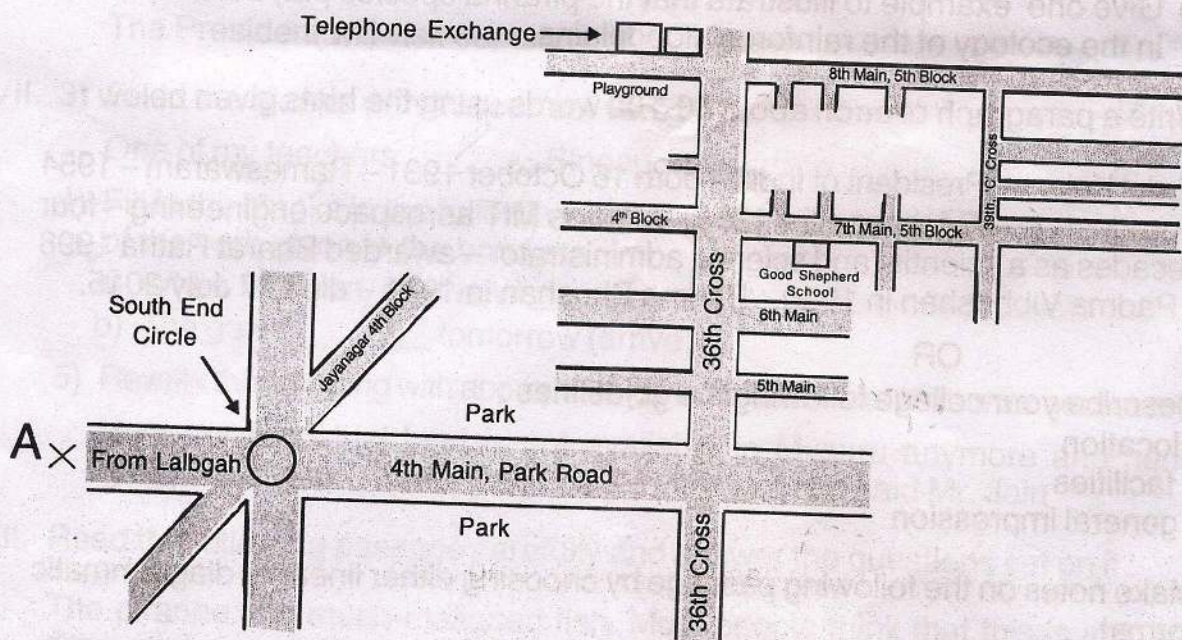


*The wet process* First the fresh fruit is pulped by a pulping machine. Some pulp still clings to the coffee, however and this residue is removed by fermentation in tanks. The few remaining traces of pulp are then removed by washing. The coffee seeds are then dried to a moisture content of about 12 percent either by exposure to the sun or by hot-air driers. If dried in the sun, they must be turned by hand several times a day for even drying.

*The dry process* In the dry process the fruits are immediately placed to dry either in the sun or in hot-air driers. Considerably more time and equipment is needed for drying than in the wet process. When the fruits have been dried to a water content of about 12 percent the seeds are mechanically freed from their coverings.

XI. Do as directed :

- a) Introduce yourself before an interview panel. 2
- b) Write a set of instructions to give First-Aid for a wound or cut. 3
- c) Give directions to reach Good Shepherd school from Point A. 3



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