



I Semester B.Com. / B.B.M. Examination, November/December 2014
(Freshers) (2014 – 15 & Onwards)
(CBCS)

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)

(40 Marks)

I. Answer **any five** of the following in **one** or **two** sentences **each** : (5×2=10)

- 1) What was Rachel Carson's area of specialization? Where did she begin her professional career?
- 2) Name the two forms of traditional protests observed in Indian villages, against environmental degradation.
- 3) What is the punishment meted out to the tenant in the poem 'Ballad of the Landlord'?
- 4) Why had Carmen missed two days of work that month in the story 'The Advance'?
- 5) Mention two instances in which the inspector jotted down Alarakkhi's name in 'Penalty'.
- 6) Who gave Jerome the news of his father's death? Why was he amused?
- 7) In the past societies were based on _____. The new fast-moving society of the present is based on _____.

II. Answer **any three** of the following in about **a page each** : (3×5=15)

- 1) Give a brief account of any two books written by Rachel Carson.
- 2) According to Guha, what is the difference in the 'origin of the environmental impulse' in the North and in the South.
- 3) How is the cruelty and greed of man expressed in the poem 'Tiger, Tiger Revisited'?
- 4) Why is Carmen unable to provide balanced food for her son, Hector?
- 5) Why does Alarakkhi feel remorseful at the end of the story 'Penalty'?

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III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages : (1×10=10)

- 1) Rachel Carson was a scientist and a writer. Discuss.
- 2) How is the theme of discrimination brought out in the story 'The Advance' ?
- 3) Using the example of the Barbie doll, how does Toffler prove that man's relationship with things are increasingly temporary ?

IV. Do as directed :

- a) Identify the suitable synonym from the bracket for each of the given words : (1×2=2)
 - i) conservation (destruction, preservation, competition)
 - ii) persuade (confuse, coax, decide)
- b) Use the appropriate forms of the word in the brackets to fill in the blanks : (1×2=2)
 - i) The children were asked to solve the problem _____. (method)
 - ii) Soldiers face war _____. (brave)
- c) Add '-ist' or '-or' to the word given in the bracket and fill in the blank suitably. (1×1=1)
Ravi wants to become a _____. (direct)

PART – B

(Workbook – Communication Skills)

(30 Marks)

- V. 1) Fill in the blank with an appropriate article : 1
_____ honest man speaks the truth.
- 2) Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition : 1
I travel _____ bus regularly.
- 3) Fill in the blank with the correct verb : 1
Anita _____ a very sincere student (were / was)
- 4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with an appropriate tense form of the verb given in the bracket : 2
- a) Ali _____ melodiously at the program yesterday. (sing)
 - b) This dog _____ only Pedigree. (eat)
- 5) Rewrite the following with appropriate punctuation marks wherever necessary : 2
did you paint the picture asked his teacher



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

Throughout the century, palanquin has played a large part in Anglo-Indian life. It was the regular mode of conveyance from the house to office, and on all small journeys of business or pleasure, and on long expeditions across country. With the growth of roads, carriages of various sorts were used for afternoon airings but the palanquin remained the essential means of transport within the settlements. Everyone down to the writer just arrived from England possessed a palanquin if he could.

The original palanquin was the *dooly*, which was an ordinary string bedstead, five feet by two, covered with a light bamboo frame and draped with red curtains. From this the ornate palanquin of Calcutta and Madras was developed. First, the shape was changed to that of a hexagon. Then the sides were raised, more ornament was added and the canopy was arched. Cushions were added inside and also curtains which could completely close the palanquin if desired. The occupant reclined at full length, and was often supplied with a specially designed hookah, at which he could puff as he was borne along to business.

In Calcutta, Oriyas were usually employed as bearers, but their monopoly was later broken by men from Patna and Dhaka. The usual number in a set was seven, one cooking for the rest, one being the *sirdar* or head bearer. The actual carrying was therefore done by five men. The palanquin bearers were very independent and on occasions went on strike.

- 1) 'Monopoly' means 1
 - a) being very independent
 - b) anything over which one person or group has a right
- 2) The palanquin was used as a conveyance only from house to office (T/F). 1
- 3) The palanquin bearers worked in groups of _____ (five / six / seven). 1
- 4) Which sense does the following expression evoke ? 1
a light frame draped with red curtains (touch / sight).
- 5) Who were employed as palanquin bearers ? 1

VII. Write a paragraph on one of the following in about 80-100 words using the hints given below : 5

Narrate the details of Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations you organized in your college. You may use the following guidelines :

- planning and distribution of work
- competitions conducted
- the actual celebration

OR

Describe a place of tourist interest that you have visited

Name and location of the place – places of tourist importance – importance – description – facilities.



VIII. Make notes on the following passage by choosing either a linear or a diagrammatic format :

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India produces 4.5 million tonnes of bamboo in about 8.96 million hectares of forest. But lack of proper harvesting gives us low yields.

Bamboo is one of the World's best natural engineering materials. Though lesser in weight than teak wood and steel, bamboo is stronger than the others. Bamboo grows much faster than wood and requires relatively little water. It can also be recurrently harvested. Ample bamboo cover enriches the soil by arresting erosion and taming flash floods.

It offers support to weak trees, fodder to animals and food to humans. This makes bamboo a key element in maintaining ecological balance and providing livelihood security. Thus bamboo is found to be an invaluable material.

IX. Do as directed :

- a) Introduce your junior to your principal at your college. 2
- b) Write a set of instructions for the following in five or six sentences. 3
How you would make a seat reservation at a bus station ?
- c) Give directions (in 5 or 6 sentences) to reach ABC college from Popular Mall. 3

