

I Semester B.A. Examination, November/December 2013
(Fresh+Repeaters) (2010-11 and Onwards)
LANGUAGE ENGLISH – I

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100/90

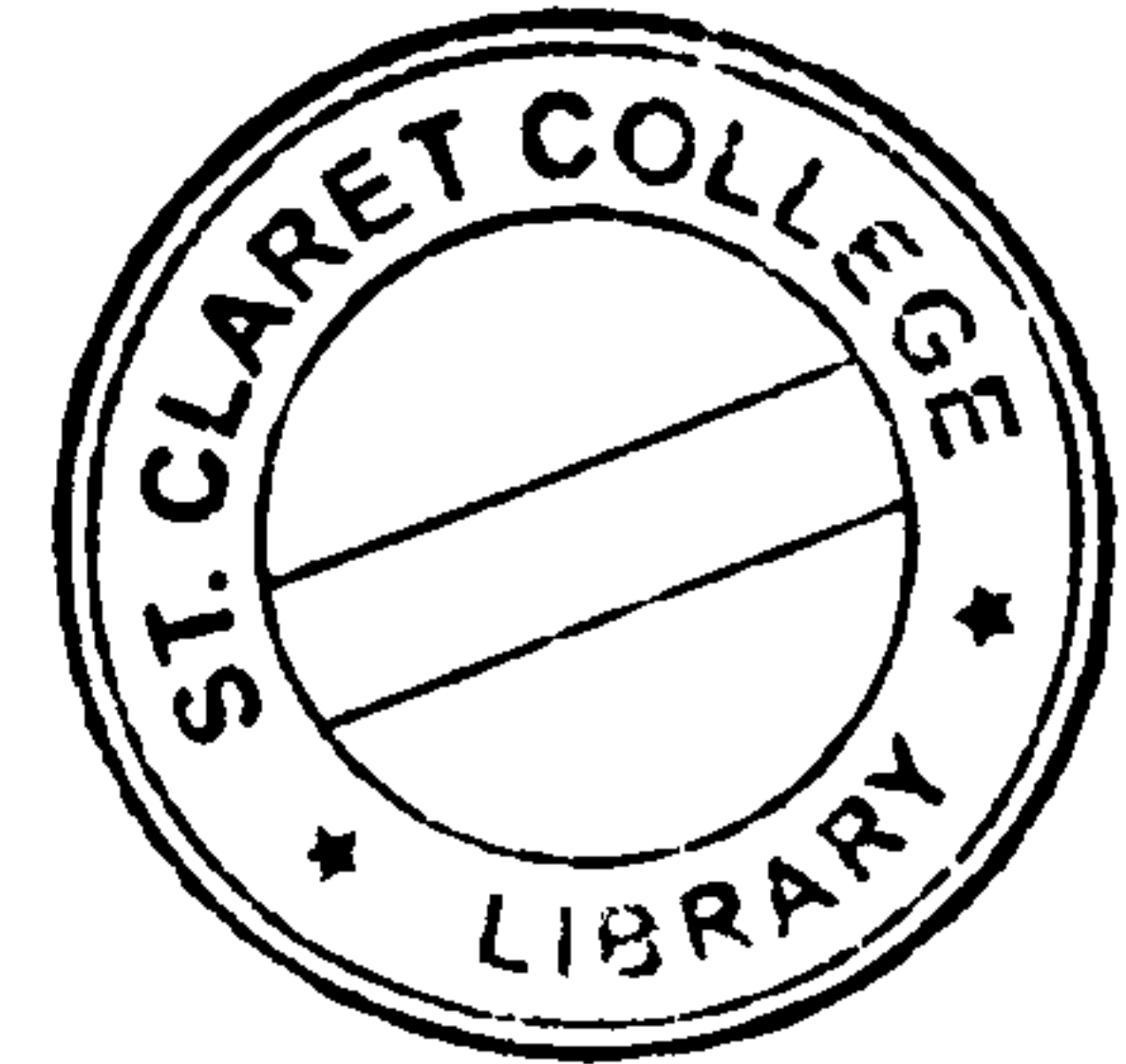
- Instructions :** 1) Read the instructions carefully.
2) **100** marks for **Freshers** 2011-12 and onwards.
3) **90** marks for **Repeaters** prior to 2011-12.

PART – A

Marks : 60/50

(Course Book – Literary Component)

- I. Answer **any seven** of the following in **one** or **two** sentences **each** : (7×2=14)
1. Why were Salim Ali's methods so unique ?
 2. According to Ramachandra Guha, environmentalism must be viewed as _____
 3. A man with blue Sandals said that elephants
 - a) are cousins to the clouds
 - b) belong to Lord Indra
 - c) once had wings
 - d) all the above
 4. What does the poet portray in the poem "Another Woman" ?
 5. Why was Majunga taken away by the police ?
 6. Gopalam was more affectionate as a young boy. (True/False)
 7. How is Vera described by the writer ?
 8. According to Murphy, what do aboriginal people listen to ?
 9. Which book is described as "the founding event of the modern environmentalism" ?
- II. Answer **any four** of the following in about a page **each** : (4×5=20)
1. Write a note on Salim Ali's first two decades when he started his ornithological journey.
 2. Describe the first wave of environmentalism.
 3. How does the poet bring out the maltreatment of elephants right from the mythical to the present time ?
 4. What arrangements did Ransonli make for his departure ?
 5. Bring out the condition of the daughter-in-law in "Another Woman".
 6. Who is Greg Lehman ? What observations does he make ?
- III. Students answering for **100** marks should answer **2** out of **4** questions in about **two** pages **each** : (2×10=20)
- Students answering for **90** marks should answer **1** out of **4** questions in about **two** pages : (1×10=10)
1. "The life of Dr. Salim Ali has stood a model for the young people" discuss.
 2. Bring out the effects of industrialization in impoverishing nature.
 3. Discuss the significance of the title "Another Woman".
 4. How did the paper writers change Ransouli's life ?





IV. Vocabulary :

Rewrite as directed :

a) Match the expressions in Column A with their meanings in Column B. (6×½=3)

A	B
i) Acquit	To grow steadily
ii) Emigrate	To collect and arrange in a book/a list
iii) Devise	To declare someone innocent in a court.
iv) Compile	To leave motherland and settle in a foreign land
v) Evolve	Satisfied with the situation
vi) Content	To invent a plan/system cleverly

b) By adding the right prefixes (un, in, ir) to the words given in brackets, fill in the blanks with words which have opposite meaning. (3×1=3)

- i) There is a great deal of _____ (decision) over how to tackle corruption.
- ii) Smoking has caused _____ (reversible) damage to the lungs.
- iii) The murderer was (aware) _____ that the police were watching him.

PART – B

Marks : 40

(Work Book – Communication Skills)

- V. 1. Fill in the blank with an appropriate articles : 1
He is _____ university professor.
2. Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition : 1
It takes _____ five minutes to iron a shirt properly.
3. Fill in the blank with the correct verb : 1
The team _____ putting on their uniforms. (is/are)
4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate verb forms :
a) He met with an accident when he _____ the road (be, cross) (2×1=2)
b) I _____ a pair of shoes last week (buy).
5. Punctuate the following sentence : 2
Persuasion is one of the six novels written by jane austen

VI. Read the following passage⁴carefully and answer the questions set on it.

Thomas Alva Edison lit up the world with his invention of the electric light. Without him, the world might still be a dark place. However, the electric light, was not his only invention. He also invented the photograph, the motion picture camera and over 1200 other things. About every two weeks he created something new.

Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio on February 11, 1847. His family moved to Fort Huron, Michigan when he was seven years old. Surprisingly, he attended school for only two months. His mother, a former teacher, taught him a few things, but Thomas was mostly self-educated. His natural curiosity led him to start experimenting at a young age with electrical and mechanical things at home. When he was twelve years old, he got his first job. He became a news boy in a train that ran between Fort Huron and Detroit. He set up a laboratory in a baggage car of the train so that he could continue his experiments in his spare time.



Thomas worked for five years as a telegraph operator, but he continued to spend much of his time on the job of conducting experiments. He got his first patent in 1868 for a vote recorder run by electricity. However the vote recorder was not a success. In 1870, he sold another invention, a stock-ticker, for \$ 40,000. A stock-ticker is a machine that automatically prints stock prices on a tape. He was then able to build his first shop in Newark, New Jersey.

Thomas Alva Edison was totally deaf in one ear and hard of hearing in the other, but he thought of deafness as a blessing in many ways. It kept conversations short, so that he could have more time for work. He called himself a “two-shift man” because he worked every sixteen out of every twenty-four hours. Sometimes, he worked so intensely that his wife had to remind him to sleep and eat.

Thomas Alva Edison died at the age of 84 on October 18, 1931 at his estate in West Organge, New Jersey. He left numerous inventions that improved the quality of life all over the world.

1. What would have happened if Thomas Alva Edison had not invented the electric light ? 1
2. Mention any two inventions of Edison apart from the electric light. 2
3. Edison was mostly educated _____ 1
 - a) in school
 - b) by his father
 - c) on his own
4. Which human tendency led Edison to start experimenting at a young age ? 1
5. Why did Edison set up a lab in the train ? 1
6. Edison spent most of his time on _____ 1
 - a) reading books
 - b) writing novels
 - c) conducting experiments
7. When did he get his first patent ? Why ? 2
8. What made Edison consider his deafness a blessing ? 1

VII. Write a paragraph of **each** about **80 – 100** words using the hints given below : (5+5=10)

- a) Narrate briefly the life of Nehru :
 - ★ born in Allahabad on 4 November 1889.
 - ★ school education in the native.
 - ★ In 1907, join Trinity College, Cambridge and took degree in law.
 - ★ returned to India and joined the INC and became its President in 1936.
 - ★ the first prime minister of Independent India.
- b) Describe the Maharaja’s palace in Mysore :

The Mysore palace – one of the tourist attractions – 150 kms from Bangalore – grandeur of art, architecture and paintings – paintings across the world and Ravi Varma – the golden throne – Darbar Hall – grand interiors – royal palace worth seeing.



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

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Superstition has plagued mankind from time immemorial. Since they are traditional beliefs passed on from one generation to another, irrational though they may be, feeble minds follow them blindly. There is also the element of fear that one could incur the wrath of Gods if superstitious customs are not followed. At the basis of such fear are ignorance, illiteracy and lack of scientific knowledge. One of the examples of superstition is the common belief that a cat crossing someone's path or an owl being present in someone's courtyard is the sign of bad luck. It's common knowledge that such beliefs are meaningless and hence proper measures should be taken to eradicate them. If scientific clarifications are offered to some of the so called miraculous happenings, awareness will be created among people. The best way to tackle superstition is to have a literacy drive so that people will exercise their rational power of thought and discard blind faith and dogma as superstition.

IX. Do as directed :

a) Imagine you are a B.A. graduate attending a walk in interview for the post of a senior assistant in an NGO.

How would you introduce yourself when you are asked to give a brief introduction about yourself by the interviewer (s) ?

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b) Write a set of instructions you would give to your sister on how to get a student bus pass.

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c) Give directions to the stranger on how to reach the Vidhana Soudha (point B) from the majestic city bus stand (point A). (five or six sentence)

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