



II Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.C.A./B.Com./ B.Sc. (FAD) Examination, May/June 2013
(Prior to 2010-11) (Semester Scheme)
(Repeaters) LANGUAGE ENGLISH (Paper – II)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 90

- Instructions :** 1) Answer **all** the questions.
2) Mention the Sections and question numbers **correctly**.

SECTION – A

- I. Answer **any five** of the following. Each question carries **two** marks. **(5×2=10)**
- 1) What are the two types of communication ?
 - 2) What is formal communication ? Give examples.
 - 3) Write formal expressions for the following :
a) fix b) end
 - 4) What is body language ?
 - 5) Verbal communication can be either _____ or _____
(Fill in the blanks)
 - 6) Give two examples in the use of vocabulary in an informal situation.
 - 7) How would you address your friend in an Informal letter ?

SECTION – B

- II. 1) You had scheduled your Dasara holidays for a week in Mysore with your close friend but you are not able join him due to an urgent official work in your office.

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Write an e-mail to your friend

- apologising for disappointing him
- explaining the circumstances.
- whether attending last two days of Dasara would be acceptable.

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2) The following advertisement appeared in The Hindu on 3rd February 2013.

Global Network connect requires smart young graduates with excellent communication skills in English for their customer support team. Candidates should have previous work experience for atleast two years.

a) Prepare a resume 10

b) Write a cover letter 10

3) Health Club in your college has planned various activities for the year 2013. You are the Youth President of your college and a senior student. Introduce the concept of Health Club and its activities to the Freshers. 10

a) Prepare a title slide with suitable heading and sub-heading.

b) Give an introduction to your presentation.

4) Imagine that you are a Project Manager for a construction company for a certain period of time. 10

Submit a report considering the following points :

- How much of the work is complete
- What part of work is in progress currently
- What work remains to be done
- What problems or unexpected things if any, have arisen.
- How is the project going on in general.

5) Read the following passage carefully and make notes using either linear pattern or any diagram of your choice : 10

The first flags were probably in China. People flew flags in China over 4,000 years ago. Each part of the army had its own flag so the soldiers could see their leaders. Early flags were sticks of wood. They had pictures cut into the wood . Iran had metal flags about 3,000 years ago. Old Greek coins show pictures of flags. People in Rome also used flags over 2,000 years ago. People in Rome also used flags over 2,000 years ago. People first made flags of cloth about 2,000 years ago. Those flags looked like today's flags. . Flags are important at sea. Most ships fly their own country's flag and the flag of the



country they are visiting, when a ship flies only its own flag, It is ready to fight. Every country now has a flag. Every US state has a flag. Clubs, teams and schools have flags. The Olympics flag has five rings of five colours. Each ring stands for, or represents a continent. It means that people from five continents-Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America come to play. Railways also have flags. Railways flags tell the trains what to do, for example a red flag tells the train to stop just like a stop sign. A blue, white or green flag tells the train to go. A blue, white or green flag tells the train to go. A blue flag on the side of a train means someone is working on the train. It means nobody can move the train.

SECTION – C

III. Answer **any two** of the following :

(2×10=20)

- 1) Why do Politics, economics and business get top priority in newspapers ?
 - 2) 'Gossip columns have attracted readers in newspapers'. Discuss.
 - 3) What is the relevance of newspapers with low literacy rates in India ?
 - 4) How are the radio and the television an advantage to the public ?
 - 5) How can Internet become an effective tool to enrich one's knowledge ?
 - 6) What are the five elements of advertising ?
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SECTION – A

1. Put the following jumbled sentences in the correct logical order in a paragraph : **5**
- i) It keeps us depressed and gloomy.
 - ii) We must understand that the fruits of labour are sweeter than the gifts of fortune.
 - iii) Moreover, too much of thinking is also a disease.
 - iv) The best of life, therefore is lived both in thought and deed.
 - v) Indeed, thought and action can never be separated.
2. Identify the **topic** and **four** supporting sentences : **5**
- There have been a series of reports on climatic changes in recent years, and the message that comes out of them is clear that the world is heading for a disaster as result of climatic change. The emission of the greenhouse gases such as carbon-di-oxide in the atmosphere. As the planet gets warmer, many areas are becoming dry and deserts will spread over. Many forests will suffer damage and the sea level will rise. Many countries will come under the sea. The world's poor will be the worst sufferers. There would be a new class of refugees – environmental refugees.
3. Write a paragraph of **not** more than **150** words on your college excursions to South India. **5**
4. Write a paragraph of about **150** words on : **5**
- Felling down of Trees to make way for Metro rail in Bangalore.

OR

'Knowledge is Power'.



SECTION – B

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

The advancements in science and technology have enabled man to roam in sky like birds and move in the water like fish. But he has not mastered the art of living well on earth. If man has not learnt how to lead a worthy human life, what is the value of his existence ? The man who is not proud of the land of his birth is worse than a corpse. Learn to love your country without any hatred for other countries. Get rid of differences based on community , creed or caste and give up feelings of aversion and hatred. Regard all mankind as one family.

Students need both faith in God and determination. There is the example of a great American scientist, Thomas Alva Edison. He was born in a poor family on February 11, 1847, in the state of Ohio. Although he made no progress in his studies, he became a great inventor, thanks to his supreme self-confidence and his perseverance and determination in the pursuits of his experiments. His early experiments had untoward results, which provoked his parents to punish him and ultimately to send him out of the home. For a time he earned a living by selling sweets in trains. Once, a guard slapped him for causing explosion in the closet of a train. His hearing was affected there by. A benefactor came into his life after he had saved a child from being run over by a train. He got a job in a telegraph company and was free to carry on his experiments.

From such beginnings, Edison became the greatest inventor of our times because of his tremendous perseverance and tireless experiments. The world owes to him the electric bulb, the gramophone, the telephone and many other inventions. If without any regular schooling, Edison could achieve all this, it; was because of his confidence in himself, his firm determination and tireless energy. In addition to their academic studies, these are the qualities a student should acquire. They should associate with right-minded persons, whose company will improve their mind and character. They should bear in mind that from the point of view of individual or the community , they to cultivate good qualities along with the pursuit of their studies. Virtues alone can help one to elevate himself in life. A man without virtues and gratitude is bound to fail in life.

Whatever may be one's scholarship or intelligence, without the strength of character they are likely to de-humanize man. You must fortify yourself with the strength of character, along with the acquisition of knowledge. There is nothing that cannot be achieved by a righteous person. One seeks education for earning a living. But one cultivates virtues for sublimating life. It is only when education is combined with good qualities that you can experience the bliss of fullness.

A) Answer the following questions in a **word**, a **phrase** or a **sentence** each :

(10×1=10)

- 1) How have the advancements in science and technology enabled man ?
- 2) When can a man lead a worthy life ?
- 3) Where was Thomas Alva Edison born ?
- 4) What qualities led Edison to be a great inventor ?
- 5) Why did the guard slap Edison ?
- 6) Where did he carry on his experiments ?
- 7) Edison became the greatest inventor because of his tremendous _____ and _____.
- 8) Why should a student associate himself with right-minded persons ?
- 9) What can elevate a man in life ?
- 10) When can one experience the bliss of fullness ?

B) Answer **two** of the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences each: (5×2=10)

- 1) How can a man enhance the value of his existence ?
- 2) Narrate Edison's life as a boy.
- 3) How did Edison become partly deaf ?
- 4) What inventions does the world owe to Edison ?
- 5) When can one acquire knowledge ?

SECTION – C

6. Answer **any five** of the following questions in a word, a phrase or a sentence each :

(5×2=10)

- 1) What circumstances led to the sale of Jenks' Whiskers ?
- 2) According to the poem 'Buying and Selling', what are the gifts of the earth and how would they exchange ?
- 3) Why couldn't the tenants believe that Vicomte de-B could be so generous in the essay 'The Accursed House' ?
- 4) What is the "one rule" that all bankers follow ?
- 5) How did Elisha find money for the pilgrimage according to the story 'Two Old Men' ?
- 6) In the essay 'Money and Changing Life Styles' why does the author find it hard to believe that India is a poor country ?
- 7) Why did the poet regret on hitting the snake ?