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II Semester B.A. Examination, May 2016
(F + R) (CBCS) (2014-15 and Onwards)
ENGLISH
Language English – II

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

Instruction : Read the instructions **carefully**. Answer **all** the questions.

PART – A
(Course Book – Literary Component)

- I. Answers **any five** of the following in a **word**, a **phrase** or in **one** or **two** sentences **each**. (5×2=10)
- 1) Who are Fred and Bill in the poem, "Letter to Mama" ?
 - 2) What does the excellent machine reveal ?
 - 3) Who was Captain N ?
 - 4) What does active ahimsa include according to Gandhi ?
 - 5) Where are the Pagodas situated ?
 - 6) Where did Mriganko Babu go after he took leave ?
 - 7) Expand SLASC.
- II. Answer **any three** of the following in about **80-100** words : (3×5=15)
- 1) Briefly explain the suffering and helplessness of the children as depicted in 'Letter to Mamma'.
 - 2) Explain the features of the Excellent Machine.
 - 3) "Two young men come of age", says the narrator of 'Night Train to Chittagong'. How did they do so ?
 - 4) What are the risks faced by the mountaineers in 'Everest's Fate' ?
 - 5) How are "the smaller people" taken care of in U.S. and India in the lesson, "Extras" ?

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III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200-250** words : **(1×10=10)**

- 1) Bring out the meaninglessness of war from the two poems you have studied.
- 2) What do you learn from the conversation between the English officer and native Indian from the story, "Night Train to Chittagong" ?
- 3) How did the idea of reverse evolution prove detrimental in the life of Mriganko Babu ?

IV. Do as directed :

a) Use the words given in brackets to fill the blanks in the following sentences : **(4×½=2)**

- 1) The Central Government is introducing _____-oriented courses.
- 2) Self appraisals in all professions are based on _____.
- 3) At a very young age has acquired _____ over technology.
- 4) The resource persons are the ones who have _____ in their respective fields.

(expertise, skill, performance, competence)

b) Use the suitable words given in brackets and fill the blanks : **(3×1=3)**

- 1) Modern man is after _____ rather than _____. (naturalness, artificiality)
- 2) _____ the stick, _____ the child goes the saying. (spare, spoil)
- 3) One can learn _____ without learning _____. (grammar, English)

PART – B

(Work Book – Communication Skills)

V. 1) Change the following into Indirect Speech : **2**

- a) The manager said, "I will not come to the office tomorrow".
- b) My friend said, "Will you help me complete my assignment" ?

2) Change to Passive Voice : **2**

- a) The Government is laying the roads for the upcoming programme.
- b) The police chased the thief till the jungle.



- 3) Rewrite the following in a single sentence using the linker : 'although'. 1

Ramesh is a good singer. He prefers to sing in group.

- 4) Frame a suitable 'Wh' question to get the underlined as answer : 1

The chief guest came to college on time.

- 5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement : 1

Kannada cinema industry is seeing many promising directors these days.

VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

First, a warning. The journey is tough, steep and peppered with hairpin bends. If you are not a hardened traveller, by the time you reach Tawang your head is likely to be spinning. Add to it the breeze which pierces through all your protective clothing and you could well be wondering what prompted you to make this arduous trip to such Himalayan heights.

To get acclimatized to high altitude, the recipe is simple and strict – take it easy on the first day, lest you find yourself out of breath and panting. Tuck yourself in a warm bed and sip some Thupka (Tibetan noodle soup) and begin your adventures the following day.

In fact when you get up the next morning, you will scarcely believe what you see. The picture postcard beauty of the hill station in Arunachal Pradesh will simply take your breath away. The scenery is pristine and the Himalayan ranges are lush with pine, oak and rhododendron forests. There is also a rich growth of bamboo, which is the favourite food of the red panda found in this part of the Northeast.



Located about 10000 feet above sea level, the Tawang monastery is the second oldest monastery in Asia, which explains the rush of tourists to this remote settlement. The magnificent monastery overlooks the valley and surrounded by mountains that seem to be towering around it like guards. The monastery's enormous yellow roof and white walls stand out like a beacon. The place is completely isolated from the world.

One of the biggest attractions of the monastery is the three storey dukhang (assembly hall) that has a magnificent eight-meter-high gilded image of Buddha.

The ancient library, leading onto the parkhang (main courtyard) has an excellent collection of old scriptures, images and thankas (traditional paintings and monastery – or gompa in local language) – is over 350 years old and is an important centre of pilgrimage for Buddhists.

The sixth Dalai Lama was born here. Also known as the Galden Namgyan Lhatse, the monastery is a repository of Tibetan Buddhist culture.

Tawang does not have an airport or railway station of its own. It is connected with other town in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam by road. Reaching Tawang from Kolkata is braving a long but rewarding journey. The drive through the picturesque mountain country is spectacular and can leave you breathless as you wind around steep hill-roads and maneuver sharp hairpin bends. In parts, the road can be rather treacherous. This is definitely not a drive for the faint-hearted.

The journey to Tawang starts from Guwahati on a bus or a taxi to Bomdila. Past the Dirang valley with its old dzong (fort), the road climbs sharply to Sela Pass at 13940 feet. This barren, desolate landscape is softened by a serene lake that lies below Sela Pass.

Twang has one main street and a warren on alleys to the houses that climb up the hillside towards the towering monastery. It also has one quaint little bazaar which sells products ranging from talismans and prayer wheels to garish sunglasses and transistors. The snack stalls are a plenty offering solja, the yak butter tea, thupka and hot momos, the delicious steamed meat dumpling with chilly sauce.

- 1) Is the journey up Twang very arduous ? (5×1=5)
- 2) Pick out words or phrases which convey the same meaning as the following :
Extremely attractive
- 3) What is the biggest attraction of the monastery ?
- 4) What does parkhang mean ?
- 5) What are the articles sold in the bazaars ?

VII. Write a paragraph in about **100** words using the following hints : 5

Planning a successful trip – calculate expenditure – carry general medicines – light luggage – avoid deep fried food stuffs – not to trust strangers.

OR

Write a persuasive paragraph of about 100 words maintaining good health in the hot summer.

VIII. Summarize the following paragraph : 5

Lies can be divided into two types : white lies and black lies. A black lie is a statement we make that we know is false. A white lie is a statement we make is not in itself false but that leaves out a significant part of the truth. The fact that a lie is white does not in itself make it less of a lie or any more excusable. White



lies may be every bit as destructive as black ones. A government that withholds essential information from its people by censorship is no more democratic than one that speaks falsely. The woman who conveniently forgets to mention that she has used up all the money in the family bank account is no less guilty than if she had lied directly. Indeed because it may seem less reprehensible, the withholding of essential information is the most common form of lying and because it may be the more difficult to detect and confront, it is often even more pernicious than black-lying. White-lying is considered socially acceptable in many of our relationships because “we don’t want to hurt people’s feeling”. Yet we may bemoan the fact that our social relationships are generally superficial. Parents often feed their children white lies. This is not only considered acceptable but is thought to be loving and beneficent. Even husbands and wives who have been brave enough to be open with each other find it difficult often to be open with their children.

IX. Do as directed :

a) You meet the manager of your college. You want to know whether the education fees can be paid in installments. 2

b) Prepare a message for the following conversation between a student and the assistant of a photographer in the given format. 3

Rajesh : Hello! I’m Rajesh from GCP college. Could I speak to Sundar ?

Assistant : He is busy and has asked me to attend the calls, could you leave a message for him ?



Rajesh : Yes. He had told me that my college cultural programme photographs will be ready by today. Ask him to check and let me know when I should come to your studio to collect them. Also ask him to contact me at this number for any further orders : 9988711223

Message from : _____

Message for : _____

Information : _____

Contact No. : _____

c) You have to attend an official meeting all of a sudden. You leave in a hurry. Leave a message to your friend telling him.

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- Why you are not at home
 - Which branch are you attending the meeting in ?
 - You may not be able to come till the work is over.
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