



SS – 066

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**I Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, Nov./Dec. 2018**  
**(2014-15 and Onwards) (CBCS) (Repeaters)**  
**ENGLISH**  
**Language English – I**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions** : 1) Answer **all** the questions.  
2) Write the **correct** question numbers.



**SECTION – 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) Ms. Medha Patkar was associated with the
    - a) Upper Bhadra Project
    - b) Sardar Sarovar Project
    - c) Yamuna Project
    - d) Tunga Project.
  - 3) What does the phrase 'Moral Poverty' mean in 'Tiger Tiger Revisited' ?
  - 4) What are the problems faced by the tenants in the poem 'Ballad of the Landlord' ?
  - 5) Name the Madam's daughter and Carmen's son in the lesson 'The Advance'.
  - 6) Mention any two instances in which the inspector would jot down Alarakkhi's name in the lesson 'Penalty'.
  - 7) How did Jerome's father die in the story 'A Shocking Accident' ?
- II. Answer **any three** of the following in about **one** page **each** : **(3×5=15)**
- 1) What was the book Silent Spring about ?
  - 2) What are the two kinds of environmentalism referred to in the essay by Ramachandra Guha ?
  - 3) Sketch the character of Carmen.
  - 4) Alarakkhi felt remorseful in the end for having abused the inspector. What were her reasons for feeling guilty ?
  - 5) Explain the concept of the 'Throw-Away Society'.
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages **each** : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) What are the scientific concepts used in 'Silent Spring' by Rachel Carson ?
  - 2) How is the theme of discrimination prominent in the poem 'Ballad of the Landlord' ?
  - 3) The economics of permanence must be replaced by the economics of transience in 'The Throw-Away Society' Discuss.

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IV. Do as directed :

- a) Identify the suitable synonym from the brackets for each of given word : (2×1=2)  
i) Curtail (reduce, rise, strengthen)  
ii) Downcast (discourage, courage, encourage)
- b) Use the appropriate form of the words in the brackets to fill in the blanks: (2×1=2)  
a) My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (work) as a teacher.  
b) He does his exercises \_\_\_\_\_ (easy).
- c) Add 'un' or 'er' to the word given below and fill in the blanks : (1×1=1)  
The murderer was \_\_\_\_\_ (aware) that the police were watching him.

**SECTION – B**  
**(Work Book – Communication Skills)**

- V. 1) Fill in the blank with an appropriate article : 1  
Several ships cross \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific Ocean.
- 2) Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition : 1  
You should explain this \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- 3) Fill in the blanks with correct verb : 1  
Siddharth \_\_\_\_\_ (has, had) fun at the party last Saturday.
- 4) Fill in the blank in the following sentences with the appropriate tense forms of the verbs given in the brackets : 2  
a) If he \_\_\_\_\_ (work) hard, he will pass.  
b) Time and tide \_\_\_\_\_ (waits) for none.
- 5) Rewrite the following with appropriate punctuation marks wherever necessary. 2  
you dont look happy to see me do you

VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it : (5×1=5)

Books are of different kinds. Each kind has its own peculiar pleasure . Reading creative literature provides not only diversion, but also a deep insight into life and human character. Literature acquaints us with a large number of things and situations of which we have no direct experience. The experience gained through books widens our outlook, broadens our sympathies, and enlarges our mental horizon. Thus, it makes us a better human being. Good novels, plays and poems do another service to us. They enable us to face life cheerfully and courageously. They teach us glad acceptance of life. Even popular fiction gives us at least a temporary escape from the problems of life.



Reading of serious books like those on philosophy, psychology, sociology etc. has joys of its own. They increase our knowledge, sharpen out intellect and enable us to think for ourselves. Books on history take us into the past and prove useful in many ways. One learns not only from the achievements but also from the failures of the great men and rulers of by gone ages. Reading is, thus, helpful to man in many ways. This fact should not, however, blind us to the disadvantages of reading, too much reading in particular. A man who reads too much is somehow, cut off from real life. He loses the pleasures of life in pursuing the pleasures of reading. It is important to remember that books cannot be substitutes for life. Let us, therefore, use them as aids to a good and pleasant life.

- 1) What is the advantage of reading literature ?
- 2) Describe the advantage of reading history books.
- 3) Are there disadvantages of reading books ?
- 4) How should the books be used ?
- 5) The synonym of acquaint is
  - a) useful
  - b) familiar
  - c) highlight
  - d) distract

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

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Kuppalli Venkatappa Puttappa – Kuvempu – known for his – novels, poems, plays, and thoughts – regarded – poet of the century – was Vice-Chancellor – Mysore University – adorned with – prestigious Jnanpith Award/Numerous awards.

OR

Write about the Independence Day held in your college using the following hints :

- Inviting the guests.
- Programme arrangement.
- Student's speech.
- Swadeshi Awareness by the students.
- Planting the saplings.

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

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Many animals are able to communicate with each other very well - but none of them can talk as we do. That is, no animals use words. Birds cry out and make sounds that other birds understand. smells, movements and sounds are used for communication by animals, through which they express joy, anger, or fear. Human speech is a very complicated process, which no animal can perform. One reason is that in a very special way we use a whole series of organs to produce the sounds we want to make when we utter words. The way our vocal



ords are made to vibrate, the way the throat, mouth and nasal cavities are adjusted, the way the lips, teeth, lower jaw, tongue and palate are moved – just to make vowel and consonant sounds, is something animals can't do. They cannot produce a whole series of words to make a sentence. In addition, there is another, perhaps more important reason why animals can't talk. Words are only labels for objects, actions, feelings, expressions and ideas. For example, the word 'bird' is a label for a living, flying object. Other words describe its colour, shape, flying and singing. Still other words would be used to tell what the speaker thinks or feels about the bird or its actions. For human beings, therefore, the use of words means the use of labels or symbols, and then organizing them in a certain way to communicate something. This requires a degree of intelligence and logical thinking that no animals have. Therefore, they cannot talk the way people do.

IX. Do as directed :

- a) Introduce your friend to the MLA of your constituency. 2
- b) Write simple instructions to the following : 3  
How to make lemon juice in your home ?
- c) Give directions to reach Mount Carmel College from Shivaji Nagar. 3

