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II Semester B.Com./B.B.M./B.H.M. Examination, May 2017  
(Repeaters) (2010 – 11 and Onwards)

English  
LANGUAGE ENGLISH – II



Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

- Instructions :** A) Answer **all** questions.  
B) Mention **all** question numbers clearly.

PART – A

I. Answer **any seven** of the following questions :

(7×2=14)

- 1) What are the two virtues of positive ahimsa ?
- 2) Why is Manasa sarovar so called ?
- 3) Why does Cosby think the burglar would have a wonderful time in his room ?
- 4) Who do you think is the narrator of the poem 'To a Student' ?
- 5) What kind of medicine does the speaker suggest for mass lunacy in the poem, "Survivors" ?
- 6) Who was Stanley ?
- 7) Name the Jain philosopher who influenced Mahatma Gandhi.
- 8) Who are the 'decibel hungry darlings' in the lesson 'The way it was and is' ?
- 9) What was the final decision taken by the board in 'The prize poem' ?

II. Answer **any four** questions in a paragraph :

(5×4=20)

- 1) How does Gandhi define ahimsa and its two forms ? Discuss.
- 2) How does Pele make his thousandth goal ?
- 3) How does Gandhi substantiate his notion of positive ahimsa ?
- 4) Justify the title of the poem 'To a Student'.
- 5) How did Cosby become a victim of the great American Trap ?
- 6) How does Stanley make preparation for his expedition to find Living stone ?

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III. Answer **any two** questions in **a page** and **half each** : **(10×2=20)**

- 1) Describe the writer's expedition to Kailas Manasa sarovar yatra.
- 2) Discuss how Pele reached his magical number of one thousandth goal ?
- 3) How does the poem 'Survivors' reflect the horror of war ?

IV. Do as directed : **(6×1=6)**

- A) Choose the appropriate word/expression closest to the meaning of each of the words given below :
- 1) Nervous –
    - a) sick
    - b) frighten
    - c) daring
  - 2) Expedition –
    - a) journey
    - b) reading
    - c) laughing
- B) Fill in the appropriate word :
- 1) Rita and her friends decided to go on a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Vindhyas. (Trail, trek)
  - 2) The Camel is the \_\_\_\_\_ (sheep, ship) of the desert.
- C) Use the following phrases in sentences of your own :
- 1) To cope with
  - 2) Passed away

**PART – B**  
**(Communication Skills)**

- V. 1) Change the following into indirect speech. **2**
- a) The teacher told the students, 'You have won the prize'.
  - b) The teacher asked Ravi, "Who wrote 'Macbeth' ".
- 2) Change to Passive voice. **2**
- a) The court found him guilty.
  - b) The workers are building the bridge.
- 3) Rewrite the following in a single sentence using the linker 'and'. **1**
- She is a good dancer. She sings well.
- 4) Frame a suitable Wh question to get the underlined words as answer. **1**
- Mohan worked as a clerk.
- 5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement. **1**
- She sings well, \_\_\_\_\_ ?



VI. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

The solar system is the name that astronomers give to the sun and all the planets which move round the sun. The word 'Planet' comes from the Greek word meaning 'wanderer', because the planets behave like wandering stars. If we look at the sky we can see not only the stars but also the planets. The planets do not twinkle as the stars do because they are much closer to us, and are not just pin points of light in the sky. This makes their light steadier than star light.

The planets do not just wander anywhere about the sky; they move in orbits round the sun, just as our Earth does. Some are much nearer the sun than others; the nearest is the planet Mercury, then comes Venus and next the Earth. Further out from the Sun than the Earth is Mars, then the giant Jupiter and then Saturn, which was the most distant planet which could be seen without telescopes. There is a wide space between the orbits of the planets Mars and Jupiter. In this space there are hundreds of very tiny planets called Asteroids. which can be seen only through a telescope.

- A) 1) What is the name given to the sun and all the planets ? (6×1=6)  
2) What does the word 'planet' mean ?  
3) Why is the light of the planets steadier than star light ?  
4) Planets move in orbits like \_\_\_\_\_  
5) Name the planet nearest to the Sun.  
6) Name the planet that can be seen without a telescope.

- B) 1) Why don't the planets twinkle like stars do ? (2×2=4)  
2) What are Asteroids ?

VII. 1) Write a paragraph in about **80 – 100** words persuading your friend to use a bicycle as a means of transport. You may base your paragraph on the following points :

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- Reduces pollution - air and sound
- No parking problems
- Inexpensive maintenance
- Health benefits
- Cost benefit.

2) Write a paragraph in about **80 – 100** words reflecting on the introduction of dress code in colleges. You may use the hints given below.

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Some colleges have dress code - 'decent' clothes for college students - (give examples) - sense of 'decency', 'propriety' should come from within - cannot be imposed by external authorities.



VIII. Summarize the following passage. Your summary must have at least four main points. Give a suitable title to the summary.

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An average person eats about half a kilogram of food every day. The digestion of this food starts in the mouth. The enzymes in the saliva start the process, but most of the work gets done in the stomach and intestines. Once the food is swallowed, it enters the stomach. Here it mixes with strong acids, these acids are very strong. However, the stomach remains unaffected because its lining is coated with a thick layer of mucus. After six hours in the stomach, the food enters the intestine. Some sugar, salt and water are absorbed by the stomach. These enter the blood stream. In the intestine, thousands of good bacteria work on the food. All the good properties of the food are absorbed by the small and large intestines. The food is broken into carbohydrates, proteins and fats and distributed to the various parts of the body.

IX. Do as directed :

1) What enquiries would you make in the following situations ?

a) You want to know the arrival time of the Kacchigudda express.

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b) You want to know the way to Lalbagh.

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2) Read the telephone conversation and organize the message in the format given :

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Radha : Good morning, I am Radha from Bosch India Foundation Ltd. May I speak to your placement officer ? Please.

Receptionist : Sorry Sir. The placement officer is on leave today. Would you like to leave a message ?

Radha : Please inform him that Bosch would like to hire freshers from your institute. We will visit you at 11.30 a.m. on 20<sup>th</sup> of March. He can call me at 9999888809 for further details.

Message for :

Message from :

Information :

Contact no. :

3) You have to leave for your home town on an emergency. You are expecting an important parcel book from the amazon. Leave a message for your friend.

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- Informing him/her why you have to leave.

- Asking him/her to collect the parcel.

- Asking him/her to call you and inform you once the parcel arrives and collect it.