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I Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, December - 2019
(CBCS) (F+R) (2018-19 and Onwards)

LANGUAGE ENGLISH - I

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (i) Answer **all** the Sections.
(ii) Write the **correct** question numbers.



SECTION - A
(Prose and Poetry)

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5x2=10

I. Answer **any five** in **one** or **two** sentences each.

1. Who is Behrman ?
2. Who was Mabel and why did the grandfather dislike her ?
3. Who is the friend of the Sun and the Sky ?
4. Only Deepa was alarmed at reading the will, because... (complete the sentence)
5. How old was Helen Keller when she met her teacher for the first time ?
6. How can one change one's destiny ?
7. Who were the common customers at the second hand bookshop ?
8. What was the reader's first remark on the book ?

II. Answer **any four** of the following in about **one** page each.

4x5=20

1. What was Behrman's master piece according to Sue ?
2. Bring out the humour with reference to Aunt Mabel and the Python in "All Creatures Great and small".
3. How does Nation grow by planting trees ?
4. How is patriarchy reflected in the story "Daughter" ?
5. What are the misconceptions about work ? Explain.
6. How did the introduction of the word "Water" awaken Helen Keller's soul ?
7. Comment on the dramatic change in the author's opinion about himself in the essay, "A conversation with A Reader".

III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages.

1x10=10

1. Justify the title "The Last Leaf" with reference to the theme of sacrifice.
2. How is the theme of environmental awareness brought out in the poem, "Heart of The Tree" ?
3. Bring out the humour in the essay "A Conversation With a Reader".

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SECTION - B
(Grammar and Composition)

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IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

The Indian Army is the land-based branch and the largest component of the Indian Armed Forces. The President of India is the Supreme Commander of the Indian Army. It is commanded by the Chief of Army Staff (COAS), who is a four-star general. Two officers have been conferred with the rank of field marshal, a five-star rank, which is a ceremonial position of great honour. The Indian Army originated from the armies of the East India Company, which eventually became the British Indian Army, and the armies of the princely states, which finally became the national army after independence. The units and regiments of the Indian Army have diverse histories and have participated in a number of battles and campaigns across the world, earning a large number of battle and theatre honours before and after Independence.

The primary mission of the Indian Army is to ensure national security and national unity, defending the nation from external aggression and internal threats, and maintaining peace and security within its borders. It conducts humanitarian rescue operations during natural calamities and other disturbances, like Operation Surya Hope, and can also be requisitioned by the government to cope with internal threats. It is a major component of national power alongside the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force. The army has been involved in four wars with neighbouring Pakistan and one with China. Other major operations undertaken by the army include: Operation Vijay, Operation Meghdoot and Operation Cactus. Apart from conflicts, the army has conducted large peace time exercises like Operation Brasstacks and Exercise Shoorveer and it has also been an active participant in numerous United Nations peacekeeping missions including those in: Cyprus, Lebanon, Congo, Angola, Cambodia, Vietnam, Namibia, El Salvador, Liberia, Mozambique and Somalia.

The Indian Army has a regimental system, but is operationally and geographically divided into seven commands, with the basic field formation being a division. It is an all-Volunteer force and comprises more than 80% of the country's active defence personnel. It is the 2nd largest standing army in the world, with 12,37,117 active troops and 9,60,000 reserve troops. The army has embarked on an infantry modernization programme known as Futuristic Infantry Soldier As a System (F-INSAS), and is also upgrading and acquiring new assets for its armoured, artillery and aviation branches.

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| 1. Who is the Supreme Commander of the Indian Army ? | 1 |
| 2. From where did the Indian Army originate ? | 1 |
| 3. What is the Primary Mission of the Indian Army ? | 1 |
| 4. Write on peace time exercises taken up by Indian Army. | 1 |
| 5. Indian Army is the Second largest standing army in the world with _____ and _____. | 1 |



- V.** (a) Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence. **2**
- (i) Injuries will _____ over time. (heel, heal)
- (ii) We could _____ the singer performing without any distractions. (hear, here)
- (b) Choose the correct Synonym for the **underlined** word. **2**
- (i) The toys were so fragile that my baby broke them within minutes.
(A) tough (B) weak (C) strong (D) firm
- (ii) He spoke with contempt in his voice.
(A) care (B) regard (C) respect (D) hatred
- (c) Choose the correct form of the verb given in the brackets. **1**
- The patient _____ before the doctor came. (died, had died)
- VI.** (a) Do as directed.
- (i) How do you make an enquiry to open an account in a bank ? **1**
- (ii) Introduce yourself to your employer. **1**
- (b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate verb, an article and a preposition. **3**
- Sohrab Saheb remembered _____ day Suresh _____
(has invited/had invited) him _____ the Turf Club. **3**
- (c) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense form of the verb given in the brackets.
- (i) My mother _____ newspaper daily. (read)
- (ii) Mr. Prasad _____ to London last year. (go)
- (iii) Veena _____ all the chocolates by the time we returned. (have, eat)
- VII.** Develop a short story by using the hints given below and suggest a suitable title for the same. **4**
- - - greedy rich man - - - meeting a fairy - - - fairy's hair - - - caught in tree branches - - - helped fairy - - - wish in return - - - He said, ' All I touch should turn to gold', - - - his wish granted - - - greedy man - - - touching stones and pebbles - - - converting them into gold. - - - Once he got home, - - - touched his daughter - - - turned into a gold statue - - - he realized his folly - - - searching for the fairy to take away his wish.
- VIII.** Write an essay on **any one** of the topics given below in about a **page**. **4**
1. Swatch Bharath Mission.
 2. Women empowerment in India.



- IX.** Summarize the following passage in about **120** words and give a suitable title.

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The Titanic, in its watery grave, is a great museum of human history and is at risk of being lost forever because of curious voyagers and treasure hunters, fears Bob Ballard, who first discovered the remains of the iconic ship in 1985. Famous for discovering the great ship, Ballard is a former US Navy Officer and professor of oceanography.

"Titanic is a museum of human history without door and guard. I am deeply concerned about not only the Titanic but all the ancient history that is now at risk. If we cannot save this iconic ship, then there is very little hope we can save ancient ships. The world should realize that you don't have to go down and take everything and you do not have to do a treasure hunt. This is a common heritage of all of us and if we really want to take steps to preserve human history in the ocean, we need to start with Titanic," Ballard said in a telephonic interview from London. Ballard, as part of a tie-up, is presenting a documentary called "Save the Titanic" on the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the great ship - April 15, 1912. The ship and her fate continue to fascinate, largely because of the horror that took place that night, with 1,522 passengers and crew losing their lives.

Ballard says that despite being on the ocean floor for 100 years, the ship is full of human footprints. "You will find pairs of shoes everywhere. The sea and the life below has claimed everything but they do not know what to do with shoes so you will find a pair of mother's shoes next to her little daughter and that's their gravestone. At her wreckage, we almost felt that we were surrounded by the lifeboats of all the people that were in the water at that spot".

Talking about his discovery, which came after great research and 75 years later, Ballard, says it was a somber moment when they first spotted the boiler of the Titanic. "In the 90s, advanced technology gave us double diving capabilities in the Atlantic Ocean. I knew that the Titanic was sitting at almost 12,000 feet. What led me to her discovery was a simple technique that I followed. We decided to look for the debris trail instead of the ship".

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