



UG – 031

II Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, September/October 2022
(Repeaters) (2014-15 and Onwards) (CBCS)

ENGLISH
Language English – II

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

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



PART – A
(Course Book – Literary Component)

- I. Answer **any five** of the following in **a word or a sentence each** : **(5×2=10)**
- 1) The teacher in the poem “To a Student” addresses her students who are both ___ and _____.
 - 2) How does the poem “Survivors” explore the effect of war ?
 - 3) Who is Sergeant Hornus ? What is his ambition ?
 - 4) When did Pele get his thousandth goal ?
 - 5) Why is Mount Kailash important ?
 - 6) What was the topic of the Prize poem ?
 - 7) How does Bill Cosby try to adapt himself ?
 - 8) What is Gandhi’s view on Non Violence ?
- II. Answer **any three** of the following in about **a page each** : **(3×5=15)**
- 1) The Poem ‘Survivors’ presents the reader with a haunting image of faces from the past. Explain.
 - 2) “To a student” by the Srilankan poet Kamala Wijeratne is a plea for peace and harmony. Emphasize.
 - 3) Explain briefly the tragic death of Sergeant Hornus in the story “The Ensign”.
 - 4) The thousandth goal was a goal like any other goal. Elaborate.
 - 5) What is the secret of Mount Kailash ?

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- III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages. (1×10=10)
- 1) Why Pele is the greatest of all time ?
 - 2) The Prize poem is a comedy of errors. Summarise.
 - 3) Narrate Pele's journey to attain his thousandth goal.
- IV. Do as directed :
- A) Choose the appropriate word/expression closest in meaning to **each** of the words given below : 2
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| 1) Ascetic | a) Monk | b) Spiritual | c) Diet |
| 2) Ironic | a) Sincere | b) Appreciation | c) Sarcastic |
- B) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words : 2
- i) He was a _____ old man and wouldn't hurt a fly. (Benevolent, Beneficent)
 - ii) He likes to ___ people. (Surprise, Disappoint)
- C) Use the following phrase in a sentence of your own : 1
- "Don't cry over spilt milk".

PART – B

(Work Book-Communication Skills)

- V. 1) Change the following into indirect speech : 2
- a) Harry said, "Please be on time for the meeting".
 - b) Margaret said, "I am going to Bangalore tomorrow".
- 2) Rewrite the following in the passive voice : 2
- a) Meera ate six eggs at dinner.
 - b) The two kings are signing the treaty.
- 3) Combine the following into a single sentence using the linker 'Though'. 1
- Bheema worked very hard, He failed.
- 4) Frame a suitable 'Wh' question to get the underlined words/as the answer : 1
- He missed the class as he was ill.
- 5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement : 1
- Virat is the best cricketer.



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

Once a man saw three masons along with some laborers constructing a temple. He observed the masons for three days and found that though the three of them were doing the same kind of work, there was a marked difference in their approach to their job. He saw that the first mason reported for his work late, did his work half-heartedly and sluggishly, enjoyed a longer respite, frequently checked the time on his wristwatch and left the work before time. The second mason was very punctual in arriving and leaving and did his work methodically. The third mason, however, would come before time, take little rest in the interval and often worked overtime. The man naturally got curious and wanted to know the three masons' outlook on their work. He asked them what they were doing. The first mason tapped his big belly with his hand and said, "I am earning food for myself" The second said, "I am constructing a building." The third mason looked at the huge building and said, "I am building the house UNSEEN POEMS of God."

- a) What were the three masons doing ?
- b) For how long did 'a man' observe them ?
- c) What made the man curious ?
- d) How did the first mason do his job ?
- e) What was the second mason's approach towards his job ?

VII. Write a paragraph in about **80-100** words on **one** of the following topics using the hints given. 5

Environmental pollution

- 1) Effects
- 2) Impacts on the ecosystem and ecology
- 3) Water pollution, air pollution and sound pollution
- 4) Ways to salvage.

OR

Inflation

Hints

- 1) Rising costs
- 2) Employment/unemployment
- 3) Value of money
- 4) Policies aimed at controlling inflation.



- VIII. Prepare a summary of the following passage and bring out **at least four** important points. Suggest a suitable title for the summary” 5

Smoking is the single largest preventable cause of death worldwide. It is killing about 2200 people in India everyday that means one every Forty seconds. It is alarming that inspire of this smoking is increasing among the youth of India. According to World Bank study, India, Indonesia and China are the only countries in the world where incidence of smoking is going up. It is increasing not only in cities but also in towns and villages. Higher education groups are also taking to smoking more readily. Since smoking enjoys social acceptance, it is easy to get cigarettes. What starts as an experiment, soon turns into a habit. It is difficult to give up smoking because unlike other drugs, craving for it is immediate. Nicotine in cigarettes brings structural changes in brain. Its non-availability can cause symptoms of agitation. Smoking also has a strong associational aspect. People smoke while reading, after meals or with a cup of coffee.

- IX. Do as directed :

- 1) What enquiries will you make in the following situations ? Write a sentence each : 2

- a) To know the place being decided for college field trip.
- b) To know the last date to file Income Tax Returns.

- 2) Read the following telephone conversation and organize the message in the format given : 3

Minal : Good Morning ! I am Minal from Ikea Furniture Store. May I speak to the Manager ?

Receptionist : He is in a board meeting and will be available only after 1 p.m.
Any message ?

Rajesh : He had given me an appointment to meet him today, to finalise the supply of 100 Office Chairs. I will leave my number with you. Please call me when he is free. My no. is 9954615487.

Message for :

Message from :

Information :

Contact No. :

- 3) You have to attend a VIVA session. You are unable to attend it as you are not well. Send a message and papers relevant to the meeting through a batchmate. 3

- * The reason for your inability to attend the session.
- * Information that you have sent the relevant papers and documents.
- * Assure that you will attend the next VIVA session.