

I Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Examination, Nov/Dec. 2007
(Semester Scheme) (New)
GENERAL ENGLISH
Language English (Paper0I)

Time 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 90

Instructions: 1) Answer all Questions.

2) Mention the Sections and question numbers Correctly.

SECTION-A

I. Answer any five of the following in two or three sentences. (5x2=10)

- Why is the dead Gull considered 'a cruel recompense'?
- What were the Conditions of sale agreed upon by Jenks and Solomon?
- Why does the Whiteman not seem to notice the air he breathes?
- Who are the five men that drive the wagon in the vachana of Allama Prabhu?
- What did the boy dream of having in Ruskin Bond's story?
- Why was gangadhar not mugged and robbed of his shoes in New York?
- Identify the two Contrasting voices heard by the poet in the poem 'Snake'.

II. Answer any four of the following in half-a-page each. (4x5=20)

1. Why was Jenks considered a 'dandified individual'?
2. How are the rich and the poor treated by the bankers?
3. Why does Lawrence say that he has something to expiate in his poem 'Snake'?
4. How, according to the beggar, are one's dreams realized and lost?
5. What is the central idea of the poem 'Asleep'?
6. How does Gangadhar substantiate his observation that disparity in spending among different classes of people lead to tragedy?

III. Answer any two of the following in a page each. (2x10=20)

1. How did the boy's family react to his 'almighty kick' and why?
2. Narrate the circumstance that led Jenks to buy back his own whiskers.
3. How is Chief Seattle different from the Whiteman in his attitude towards nature?
4. Discuss the significance of the Mahar Struggle.

SECTION-B

IV. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free".

These are the words inscribed on the stature of Liberty in New York. But ironically, those who go there are not the poor and the wretched but the skilled and the highly qualified doctors, engineers, scientists, nurses and technicians, from other countries including India.

The urge to go to West has become compelling in India in Post-Independence years. Both the world and Political upheavals like civil wars and revolutions spawned large migrations during the first half of this century. The migrations in the latter half stem from economic motivation. People in power like scientists and skilled persons have, from the very beginning, played a key role in international migration. The conscious policy to encourage migration of high quality man power from other regions and countries is related to the positive contribution made by the immigrants to their country of adoption, resulting in a net advantage to it. This phenomenon of gaining qualified and skilled personnel at the cost of the donor country is generally termed brain drain.

Perhaps the most important reason for the brain drain phenomenon is an educational pattern which does not serve the needs of the country. The others are unrecognized or unrewarded talents and lack of job opportunities for trained professionals. For example, the emoluments drawn by a research worker are far less than those of a factory hand. This is the start of the brain drain of the young. Lure of Higher salaries in hard currency, good living and favourable conditions of settling down with the family also prompt highly qualified Indians to look to the west for jobs. The migration of Indian man power to the U.S. IN the 1950's and the first half of the 1960's was limited by the U.S. Immigration Act of 1952 which set the annual quota at 100 for Indian nationals. The total number of Indian engineers, Scientists and Physicians admitted during 1964-65 numbered more than 1000. However, the scene changed drastically in 1965 when the U.S. immigration laws eliminated preferential treatment accorded to West Europeans and gave priority to immigrants with skills in short supply. As a result, between 1966-1970, thousands of Indian professionals made their way to the U.S.

What is disconcerting is that after India has proved to be the fount of more than one fourth of the skilled immigrants to the U.S., the major part of this brain drain is being borne by the medical faculties. According to the World Health Organization, India is the largest donor of medical manpower in the world.

Our country thereby loses not only these professionals but also the resources invested in their training. For instance the government spends Rs. 2 lakhs on every I I T graduate and it is seen that one out of every three of settles in the U.S. after going there for, higher studies.

The specific objectives of the anti-brain drain policies, with the frame work of independent development are to bring back to a limited extent, the lost talents and skills from abroad and reduce the outflow in the short run and finally end it except that necessitated by genuine, multi-lateral international dependence.

Glossary: Spawned –Produced in large numbers Fount-Source.

A. Answer the following questions in a word, a phrase or a sentence each. (1x4=4)

1. Why did people migrate in large numbers during the first half of the century?
2. Define brain-drain.
3. Mention two reasons for the brain drain.
4. How does the country suffer on account of brain drain?

B. Answer the following in 4 to 5 sentences. (3x2=6)

1. How does the present situation make a mockery of the words inscribed on the statue of Liberty?
2. What are the major objectives of the anti-brain drain policies?

C. Answer the following: (1x5=5)

1. What is 'hard currency'?
2. All others-the poor and the wretched migrate to the U.S. (accept/except)
3. People in power have played a key role in international migration. (Change the voice)
4. Out of the thousands that migrate to the U.S. only_____ return to India. (a few, few)
5. Either higher salaries or good living (lure/lures) Indians to go abroad.

SECTION-C

(Basic Communication Skills)

V. Rewrite as directed (Answer any five):

1. Old people need food more for their _____ than growth.
(Use the appropriate form of 'Survive')
2. People cannot recycle paper permanently. (Change the sentence into positive)
3. The blind boy found it difficult to cope up with the stress.
(Correct the error)
4. Neither Aman nor Amit _____ (was/were) invited to the party.
5. He was interested in _____ (do) a course in French.
(Use the appropriate form of the verb 'do')
6. Add 'un' or 'in' to the following words to form their opposites.
a) Convenient X _____ b) believable x _____

VI. Answer the following questions: (1x5=5)

A. Write the Sentence using the appropriate phrases/expressions for each of the following situations given below.

1. Offering help to an old man to cross the road.
2. Requesting your friend for a pen.
3. Permitting your brother to use your mobile phone.
4. Refusing to go with your friend for a late night movie.
5. Asking the clerk for an extra copy of the marks card.

B. Give clear instructions for any one of the following in 5 or 6 sentences: (1x5=5)

1. How to draw a rangoli
2. How to use a public phone.
3. How to prepare coffee.

C. Give direction to your mother to help her reach the BMTC Bus stand from point A as marked on the given map. (1x5=5)

D. Write a dialogue of telephone conversation based on the following information. (1x5=5)

Mohan have an urgent meeting to attend and hence not able to attend his mother's birthday party. He leaves a message with his secretary Lara to convey his wishes to his mother and also inform his wife to attend the party without fail.

II Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Examination, June. 2007

(Semester Scheme) (Freshers)

GENERAL ENGLISH

Language English (Paper-II)

Time 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 90

Instructions: 1) Answer all Questions.

2) Mention the Sections and question Correctly.

SECTION-A

I. Answer any five questions. Each question carries two marks. (5x2=10)

- 1) Mention any two things we do simultaneously when we communicate.
- 2) Give two examples of verbal communication.
- 3) Write one sentence illustrating informal speech.
- 4) What are the formal expressions for a) Look-into b) Extra?

- 5) What opening phrase and closing phrase would you use when writing a letter to your close friend, Mohan?
- 6) Give two examples of positive body language.
- 7) Change the following informal sentence into a formal sentence: We've been invited to lunch with them.

SECTION-B

I. 1) You had promised your friend that you would attend his son's Naming Ceremony. However, you are now unable to attend it. 10

Write an e-mail to your friend, including the following:

- Apologizing for disappointing her.
- Explaining that you have to attend to some urgent work in your office.
- Assuring her that you would drop in at her home, some other time.

2) CBM Technologies require graduated in Electronics for the post of Sales Executives for their Bangalore branch. Candidates should have, at least two years experience in sales, excellent communication skills, and be willing to travel.

Prepare: a) a resume using an appropriate format 10

b) a cover letter for the resume. 10

3) As a Tour Manager, of 'SUMUKH' Travel Agency, you have been asked to make a presentation on-an educational tour to Delhi and Agra. The final year students are your target audience.

Prepare: a) A Title-slide, with a suitable heading and sub-heading.

b) An introduction to your presentation. 10

4) The Principal of your college has asked a group of students to conduct a survey on the banning of the of mobiles in the college premise. Some of the opinions gathered were that using mobiles leads to

Distraction in class

Misuse in the Examination-hall.

Creates disturbance in the library.

Cuts into study-time

Prepare a report. Use an appropriate format. Analyse the reasons and make suitable recommendations. 10

5) Read the following passage and make notes using either a linear pattern or any diagram of your choice. 10

Bringing up children is a great responsibility that demands a lot of caution. It is important, because the upbringing of children shapes the future of country. Bringing them up is difficult today. Because both parents are employed. Children have a lot of diversions and when their parents are out, they are glued to the TV at home and the time they spend with their parents is very little. The attitudes of parents should also change. The old attitude of stern parenting cannot work now, because children need a lot of attention and this strengthens the parent-children bond. This kind of bond should depend on the understanding of the parent's concerns and children's responsibilities.

The focus should be on the discipline of children-discipline for becoming and being a good human being. Children must be made to understand this on their own. This should be the

many options available to them. However, this is not the only method of good parenting. Every parent has to evolve his own method depending on the emotional needs of each child.

SECTION-C

I. Answer any two of the following questions: (2x10=20)

- 1) What makes a news items high priority and which items are given the least space?
- 2) How does the radio compare with the newspaper as a media of Mass-Communication?
- 3) Advertisements have both a positive and negative impact. Discuss.
- 4) How would you explain the enormous popularity of Soap Operas?
- 5) What is the relevance of English in Indian newspapers?
- 6) The internet with its easy access to chat rooms and entertainment sites, seems to be more a distraction than a useful tool for learning. Do you agree?

III Semester B.A./B.Sc./ Examination, Nov/Dec. 2008

(New Scheme)

ENGALISH

Language English –III

Time 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 90

Instructions: 1) Answer all Questions.

2) Mention the Sections and question numbers Correctly.

PART-A

I. Answer any five of the following in two or three sentences. (10x2=20)

What is the advantage enjoyed by human beings over their animal rivals according to Desmond Morris?

How has man been genetically modifying crops in the last ten thousand years?

Which revolver is best suited for committing suicide according to the shopkeeper?

What is the devotee seeking from God in Tagore's poem?

What according to Mr. Bigger is the significance of possessing a painting by an old master?

How much did the Lord of the Manor pay for the Portrati?

What did the writer want to know from the publisher of the book?

How did Lord Louis Mountbatten react to the news of Gandhi's death, when informed by the A.D.C.?

How did the eiditor of 'Hindustan Standard' describe the death of Gandi?

What is the generl reaction of the people to the ships sailing towards the shore?

What was the condition imposed by Phillip's father to inherit his wealth?

What action of Phillip scares uncle James in the dream?

II. Answer any three of the following questions in a page and a half each: (3x10=30)

1) What is Desmond Morris's attitude towards food?

2) Describe the sales talk of the shopkeeper to promote the sale of the revolver in 'The Avenger'.

3) What is true devotion to God according to Tagore?

4) Comment on Earl Hurtmore's discovery of his wife's betrayal and his reaction to it.

5) Discuss 'Next, Please' as a poem of expectations and disappointments.

PART-B

III. Do as directed:

a) Rewrite as directed: 1

1) He stayed for a long time. He was bored. Begin with: The longer.....

b) Complete the sentences below using the appropriate defining clause: ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)

i) He is the boy who _____

ii) She wants to go to the village where _____

c) Complete the following sentences using the appropriate tense form of the words: ($\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$)

1) When he is in a good mood _____

2) When we were climbing _____

3) When Shyla was in Amritsar _____

4) When they went to a dog show _____

IV. a) Complete the following sentences using appropriate phrase from the list given below: 3

Note that there is an extra phrase.

(to look after, look down, look into, look on)

1) We should not _____ on the poor.

2) The Police commissioner told he would _____ the case.

3) The grandmother agreed _____ children.

b) Punctuate the following passage correctly: 3

if you were meeting him for the first time the initial reaction will be the guy cannot be this normal in the world of sport there are champions and then there are the chess champions.

V. a) Substitute 'very' in the following sentences with a more appropriate word from the list given below. Make any other changes if necessary.

($\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$)

(agreeably, politely, absolutely, sadly, consistently)

After a trek through the forest a glass of lemonade is very refreshing.

A young boy who had fallen into a well died under very tragic circumstances.

The hosts were very pleasant to the visiting foreign dignitaries.

The boy who joined I.I.T. was known for his very good performance.

b) Fill in the blanks given below in sentences with the right form of the noun.

($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

1) Fair, a fair

i) It is _____ deal.

ii) The judge is _____ to both the parties.

2) a fancy, fancy:

i) He has taken _____ to horse riding.

ii) The boy participated in the _____ dress competition.

3) look, a look

i) He had _____ of disappointment.

ii) The doctor gave a surprised _____, when the patient began to walk.

c) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the idiom from the list given below: (1x2=2)

(to stand up for, to keep in touch with, to be in the good books of)

1) Narendra is not _____ his boss.

2) The Finance Minister is _____ stock market.

VI. You are in charge of a sight seeing tour to north India. But you cannot organize the trip as your father is ill. Leave a note to the treasurer of the trip to make proper arrangements.

Include the following points in your note.

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- i) The reason for your sudden departure to your village.
- ii) To make traveling arrangements such as booking of train tickets.
- iii) Boarding and lodging arrangements in different towns.

OR

You are in charge of a seminar on environment. Due to a state wide bandh it has to be postponed. Send a message to all the delegates about the postponement of the seminar. Mention the new dates and any other changes made in the programme.

VII. Composition:

The information technology sector has created islands of wealth in an ocean of poverty. Discuss how and why a large segment of the population is not the beneficiary of this technological revolution. Write an essay suggesting ways to improve the quality of life of the masses through the use of information technology.

OR

To-day people are fond of learning the English language. A regional language such as Kannada is being neglected. They say good Hindi literature is no longer being produced in North India. Discuss how we can enrich regional languages and literature in your essay.

VIII. The placement officer of your college has requested a multinational I.T. Company to conduct a training programme for Final Semester Degree Students, so as to enable them to qualify for jobs. As Personnel Manager of the HRD department. 10

Write a letter to the college placement officer expressing your willingness to conduct such a training programme. Discuss the main features of the programme such as,

- a) The duration of the training programme.
- b) The fee charged for training.
- c) Guidelines given for personality development
- d) Interview skills.

OR

You are the administrative officer of the college. A Parent has written a letter requesting you to send his son/daughter home for a family function. Write a letter to the parent explaining that you cannot send the student home as internal examinations are going on.

IV Semester B.A./B.Sc. Examination, June 2008

(New Semester Scheme)

GENERAL ENGLISH

Language English -IV

Time 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 90

Instructions: 1) Answer both Sections A and B.

2) Mark the question numbers Correctly.

SECTION-A

I. Answer any four of the following in a paragraph each: (4x5=20)

- 1) What role did Jacopo and Nicola play during the resistance movement?
- 2) How does Antony make use of Caesar's will to influence the mob?
- 3) Describe the experience of the Director's son when Malacca was hit by Tsunami.
- 4) Write a note on Alan Trevor.
- 5) What does Bertrand Russel say about 'self esteem'?

- 6) In the poem 'Mirror' what are the changes that have taken place in the woman?
- 7) What does Channa tell Siddhartha about death?

II. Answer any three in a page and a half each: (3x10=30)

- 1) 'Hughie played an important role in transforming the millionaire model to a model millionaire'. Discuss.
- 2) Bring out the central theme of the poem 'Mirror'.
- 3) Contrast the speech of Brutus with that of Antony.
- 4) In the poem 'The Affliction of Margaret' why is the mother in great sorrow?
- 5) Why does A.J. Cronin call the boys 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'?

SECTION-B

III. Do as directed: (2x1=2)

1) Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word from the words below:

a) He enjoyed the sight of _____ stars in the sky.

(glimmering, twinkling, gleaming, glistening)

b) Self motivation is very important to _____ in life.

(success, succeed, successful, successfully)

2) Construct a single meaningful sentence by using the following words in any order.

(3x1=3)

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| a) mobile | bag | stolen |
| b) book | academy award | selected |
| c) yoga | god health | necessary |

IV. Read the following passage and write a summary of it:

A great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science as we have seen, has given us powers fit for the Gods, yet we use them like small children. For ex, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines, were made to be man's servants: yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in a fair way to become his masters. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after machines. And the machines are strict masters. They must be fed with coal and given perrol to drink, and oil to wash with, and must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, and blow up, and spread ruin and destruction all around them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and a time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals.

V. Write a newspaper report about the honest auto driver who returned a suitcase containing valuables, in about 80-100 words giving the necessary details about the incident.

VI. Read the poem Abou Ben Adhem by Leigh Hunt and answer the questions below:

(5x1=5)

Abou Ben Adhem

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase)

Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,

And saw within the moonlight in his room,

Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,

An angel writing in a book of gold:

Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the presence in the room he said,
“What writest thou?”- The vision raised its head,
And, with a book made of all sweet accord,
Answered, “The names of those who love the Lord”.
“And is mine one?” said Abou, “Nay, not so,
“Replied the Angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerly still; and said, “I Pray thee, then
Write me as one that loves his fellow-men”.
The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blessed,
And lo! Ben Adhem’s name led all the rest.

- 1) Whom did Abou ben Adhem see one night?
- 2) What was being written in the book?
- 3) What was the second question Ben Adhem asked?
- 4) What was shown to Ben Adhem the next day?
- 5) Why does the poet say ‘Ben Adhem’s name led all the rest’?

VII. In the lesson ‘The model millionaire’ Hughie meets the old beggar in Alan Trevor’s Studio and gives him a sovereign. Develop a dialogue between Laura and Hughie when he tells her about it.

(About five questions and answers to be framed).

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VIII. Write the following dialogue in the form of narrative.

Raju goes to a shop to buy a gift for his friend.

Raju : Can you show me a good pen?

Salesman: Oh, sure. Look at this. This is the latest and the most user-friendly pen.

Raju :It it? How is it different from others?

Salesman: You can write in six different colours. If you pull this cap it becomes a camera and if you push this red button it becomes a mobile.

Raju: Amazing ! I’ll buy it.

IX. Write a short story in about two pages based on the points using the dialogue form and the narrative form. Also suggest a suitable title to the story.

Lokesh is a college student-always a back bencher-irregular-not interested in studies-failed twice in PUC-very talented but poor-wins many prizes in singing competitions-a teacher gives him money to join music academy-very hard working-years later they meet-he is a celebrity-he is invited as a chief guest-college alumini association.

OR

Imagine that you, as the Principal of a college, have been asked to address the students on Fresher day. Prepare a speech using the following hints.

Importance of discipline-Participation in extra curricular activities – Sports facilities in College- importance of attendance- Scholarships etc.