

[BA – S 1134]

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION.

(Under CBCS Semester System)

First Semester

Part I : ENGLISH

(Common for B.A., B.Sc., B.Com., B.B.A., B.C.A. and
B.H.M. & CT/B.Sc. Home Science)

(Effective from 2016–2017 admitted batch)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

1. Answer any THREE of the following in about 75 words each : (3 × 5 = 15)
 - (a) Why did India lose its traditional knowledge and how would its rediscovery help India, according to Kalam?
 - (b) Why is a knowledge society important for a nation?
 - (c) What is Ngugiwa Thiong'o's contribution to language debate?
 - (d) What are the views of Ngugiwa Thiong'o on language and its role in national culture?
 - (e) How does Ngugiwa Thiong'o discuss the language question in African Literature?

2. Answer any THREE of the following in 75 words each : (3 × 5 = 15)

- (a) Discuss 'Night of the Scorpion' as a satire on superstition.
- (b) "... my background makes me an outsider circumstances and decisions relate me to India" – Discuss the statement of Ezekiel with reference to the poem prescribed for your study.
- (c) How does frost distinguish between the two roads, in front of him?
- (d) Why did Frost take the second road?
- (e) What was the result of Frost's choice?

3. Answer any THREE of the following in 75 words each : (3 × 5 = 15)

- (a) What was the feeling of the little boy in looking at the fields, in Anand's "The Lost Child"?
- (b) What does the little boy do with a sympathetic man who tries to console him?
- (c) How does Anand depict the natural bond between parents and children in his "The Lost Child"?

- (d) What is the special method devised by miners in 'The Loaded Dog', to catch fish?
- (e) Write a note on the three miners in 'The Loaded Dog'.
4. Answer any TWO of the following in 75 words each : (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) What is the Duke's opinion of Shylock?
- (b) What does Antonio say about the "Jewish heart" of Shylock?
- (c) How does Gratiano blame Shylock?
- (d) What are Portia's views in favour of mercy above law?
- (e) What does Antonio say to Bassanio by way of a seeming farewell?
5. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable verb forms : (5 × 1 = 5)
- (i) I _____ (see) him, while he _____ (run) away.
- (ii) The train _____ (start), when the green signal was _____ (give).

- (iii) I _____ (bear) the burden as I noticed there _____ (is) no one else to bear it.
- (iv) He _____ (drink) so much that he _____ (can) not drive the bike.
- (v) Many people _____ (believe) that he was the criminal police were _____ (look) for.
- (b) Convert the following statements into full question forms as directed : $(2 \times 1 = 2)$
- (i) They wanted to know the cause of the agitation.
(Change it into a 'why' question)
- (ii) The thief accepted that he stole the necklace.
(Change it into a 'who' question)
- (c) Add question tags to the following statements : $(3 \times 1 = 3)$
- (i) She was taken ill.
- (ii) Honesty is judged by deeds.
- (iii) This building is very strong.

(d) Rewrite the following sentences, correcting the erroneous part : $(5 \times 1 = 5)$

- (i) Linguistics are an interesting subject.
- (ii) He preferred chess than badminton.
- (iii) As they could not run quick, they could not catch the thief.
- (iv) He is too clever so be deceived.
- (v) They were asked to refrain with hostilities.

6. Study the following passage and answer the questions that follow : $(5 \times 1 = 5)$

I, who am blind can give one hint to those who see one admonition to those who would make full use of the gift of sight : use your eyes as if tomorrow you would be stricken blind. And the same method can be applied to the other senses. Hear the music of voices, the song of a bird, the mighty strains of an orchestra, as if you would be stricken deaf tomorrow. Touch each object you want to touch as if tomorrow your tactile sense would fail. Smell the perfume of flowers, taste with relish each morsel, as if tomorrow you could never smell and taste again. Make the most of every sense : glory in all the facets of pleasure and beauty which the

world reveals to you through the several means of contact which Nature provides. But of all the senses, I am sure that sight must be the most delightful.

- (a) How should we use your eyes?
 - (b) How should we smell flowers?
 - (c) Which is the most delightful among the senses?
 - (d) How should one take delight in the objects of nature?
 - (e) What should we do, in anticipation of deafness?
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