

**Credit Based II Semester B.Com. Examination, April/May 2018
(Common to All Batches)**

GENERAL PROFICIENCY AND COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

**SECTION – A
(Prose and Poetry)**

- I. Answer **any one** of the following in **not more than two** pages : (1×10=10)
- 1) What changes do you find in the nature of the selfish giant ? What are the reasons for it ?
 - 2) What is the importance of good manners ? Elaborate on the basis of the essay "Good Manners".
 - 3) How is freedom contrasted against confinement in "Princess September" ?
- II. Answer **any two** of the following in **not more than a page each** : (2×5=10)
- 1) What does Robert Lynd say about the tendency of forgetfulness among sportspersons ?
 - 2) How, according to J.C. Hill, can young boys and girls help their parents ?
 - 3) What makes Princess September cage her little bird ? What is the consequence ?
 - 4) Comment on the second meeting of the giant and the little boy. What symbolic value does it add to the story ?
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in **not more than two** pages : (1×10=10)
- 1) How does the poet bring out the pathetic condition of the "blind child" ?
 - 2) What emotions does the poem "The Chimney Sweeper" evoke ? Discuss with reference to the point of view in the poem.
 - 3) How does Keats personify the Autumn Season in his poem ?



IV. Select **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions set on them in **one** or **two** sentences **each** : (2×5=10)

- 1) The presence of a stiffened corse
Is sad enough; but, to my mind,
The presence of a child that's blind,
In a green garden, is far worse.
 - a) What does 'stiffened corse' mean ? 1
 - b) Why does the speaker say that the presence of a blind child is worse ? 2
 - c) Explain the comparison in the passage. 2

- 2) Two girls, Honey and Bunny, go to school
on half fees. Wife, hairloom pearl in her nose-ring,
pregnant again, His first son trainee in telegraphy,
has telegraphed thrice already for money.
 - a) Whose wife is referred to in the passage ? 1
 - b) What do the names of the girls signify ? 2
 - c) What has his first son done ? What does it signify ? 2

- 3) If I cannot carry forests on my back,
Neither can you crack a nut.
 - a) Who is the speaker ? 1
 - b) How does the speaker analyse his strength as against that of the listener ? 2
 - c) What is the wisdom expressed in these lines ? 2

- 4) When my mother died, I was very young,
And my father sold me while yet my tongue
Could scarcely cry "Weep ! Weep ! Weep ! Weep !"
So your chimneys I sweep, and in soot I sleep.
 - a) Who is the speaker ? 1
 - b) What was the speaker's condition when he was sold ? 2
 - c) What does the passage tell you about chimney sweepers ? 2

V. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than a page **each** : (2×5=10)

- 1) How does Ramanujan depict the disintegration of the Mughal Dynasty in his poem ?
- 2) How does the poem "The Chimney Sweeper" bring out the reassuring love of God towards children ?
- 3) How does the squirrel present its argument in favour of its tinyness ?
- 4) How does Keats bring out the glory of the Autumn Season ?



SECTION – B
(Grammar)

VI. Do as directed :

- 1) In **each** of the following sentences a word is underlined. Choose the synonym of the words underlined from the options given below : (2×1=2)
 - a) After retirement, he settled in a tiny village.
a) Clean b) Short c) Small d) Vast
 - b) The Manager was reluctant to make any concessions.
a) Unwilling b) Overjoyed c) Unable d) Compelled
- 2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate antonyms of the words underlined : (2×1=2)
 - a) Very often we find simple answers to _____ problems.
 - b) Be proud of your achievements but _____ in your behaviour.
- 3) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of words given in brackets. (2×1=2)
 - a) It was a _____ sight. (marvel)
 - b) He _____ does not want you to talk. (probable)
- 4) Fill in the blanks using the appropriate words given in the brackets : (2×1=2)
 - a) The _____ meets every month. (counsel, council)
 - b) The _____ of the cyclone was felt everywhere. (affect, effect)
- 5) Write **one** word substitutes for the following : (2×1=2)
 - a) A symbolic head gear worn by the king.
 - b) Something that is easily broken or delicate.

VII. 1) Do as directed :

(6×1=6)

- a) Ravi is intelligent but he failed in the exam. (Change from compound to simple)
- b) What an exciting match it was ! (Change into assertive sentence)
- c) "Where do you live?" the teacher asked. (Change into indirect speech)
- d) Calcutta is the oldest city in India. (Change into positive degree of comparison)
- e) The firemen took the injured to hospital. (Rewrite into passive voice)
- f) The knife is sharp. (Change into negative statement without changing the meaning)



- 2) Complete the sentences using question tags : (2x1=2)
- a) They played very well, _____ ?
- b) She often goes to the movies, _____ ?

- 3) Fill in the blanks choosing the right linkers from the options given below : (2x1=2)
- a) Those village people are poor, _____ they seem contented.

- a) and b) while c) yet d) as
- b) I like English, _____ I like Kannada very much.
- a) however b) so c) for d) because

- 4) Write a paragraph of about **8-10** sentences on **any one** of the following topics : 5
- a) Higher Education
- b) Information Revolution
- c) Media in the Modern World.

- 5) Interpret the following diagram in about **8-10** sentences : 5
- The diagram shows literacy rate in some of the Indian States in the year 2012.

