I Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, April 2021
(Choice Based Credit System)
(2019-2020 Batch Onwards)
ENGLISH (Group – III)
Compulsory Foundation Course in English Language

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A
(Prose)

I. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages :   (1×10=10)

1) How does Goldsmith describe the people in the pub in the essay 'On National Prejudices' ?

2) 'The Eyes Are Not Here' is a touching story. Discuss.

3) In the lesson 'A Simple Philosophy' how does the speaker contrast the lives and attitudes of the Native Americans with those of the white settlers encroaching on their land ?

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

1) In the essay 'On National Prejudices' what is Goldsmith's opinion on prejudice in a gentleman ?

2) In the lesson 'Quality' show the ways in which the narrator realizes that Mr. Gessler is aging and that his business is not doing well.

3) In the lesson 'The Eyes are Not Here' compare how the narrator and the new passenger each form an impression of the girl.

4) Briefly sketch the character of the schoolmaster in the lesson 'Socrates and the Schoolmaster'.

III. Do as directed :

1) Choose the synonym of the underlined word from the choices given below **each** sentence :   (2×1=2)

   a) A dozen gentlemen were engaged in a warm <u>dispute</u>.

      i) discussion   ii) speech   iii) conversation iv) argument

   b) I wonder when the rains will <u>cease</u>.

      i) start   ii) stop   iii) continue   iv) spread

2) Fill in the blanks, using the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words :   (2×1=2)

   a) The photograph made the <u>pretty</u> face look _____

   b) After a series of <u>defeat</u>, the team finally tasted _____

3) Fill in the blanks using the appropriate form of the words given in brackets :   (2×1=2)

   a) Prolonged _____ made him steal a loaf of bread. (starve)

   b) The teacher was _____ forever. (complaint)

4) Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from those given in brackets :   (2×1=2)

   a) He is happy when people _____ him. (falter/flatter)

   b) He_____ the reason for the traffic congestion. (new/knew)

5) Write one-word substitutes for the following :   (2×1=2)

   a) A long walk usually for exercise or pleasure.

   b) A person who protects or defends something.

SECTION – B
(Poetry)

IV. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages :   (1×10=10)

   1) Analyse the poem 'He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven'.

   2) In the poem 'Snake' how does D. H. Lawrence present his admiration and respect for the snake ?

   3) Describe the role played by Victorian women in the poem 'Women's Rights'.

V. Choose **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions set on them in **one** or **two** sentences **each** :

1) When can their glory fade ?

O the wild charge they made !

All the world wondered.

Honour the charge they made !

   a) Whose glory is being referred to here ?   1

   b) What is their glorious act ?   2

   c) Who is to be honoured ? Why ?   2

2) He reached down from a fissure in the earth-wall in the gloom

And trailed his yellow-brown slackness soft-bellied down, over the edge of the stone trough,

And rested his throat upon the stone bottom,

   a) Identify the colour of the snake from these lines.   1

   b) Where does he come from ? Why ?   2

   c) How does the speaker describe the movement of the snake in these lines ?   2

3) Fortune-teller, memsaib !

Tell fortune very well,

Past, present, future tell,

A only one rupee

My fortune-telling fee-

Fortune-teller memsaib !

   a) Whom does the fortune-teller address ?   1

   b) What does he promise to do ?   2

   c) Explain the context of the passage.   2

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

1) What is expected of the soldiers of the light brigade ? How do they respond ?

2) How is 'He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven' a romantic poem ?

3) What is Annie Louisa Walker's view on womanhood in the poem 'Women's Rights' ?

4) Write a note on the fortune teller.

SECTION – C
(Grammar)

VII. Do as directed :

1) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles : (4×1=4)

    a) Rajeev was taken to _____ operation theatre at 11 a.m.

    b) Reetha is _____ sub-inspector.

    c) It has been _____ one-man army from the start.

    d) Ken is _____ honest police officer.

2) Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate prepositions given in brackets : (4×1=4)

    a) The flag was hoisted _____ top of the mountain.

    b) The people of Meghalaya shared food _____ themselves.

    c) People will have to walk _____ the stream to reach the highway.

    d) He ran _____ the Classroom.

    (on, into, across, off, among)

3) Add appropriate question tags to the following : (4×1=4)

    a) Rima cares for the elderly, _____ ?

    b) She was present yesterday, _____ ?

    c) Everyone liked the idea, _____ ?

    d) Let us learn a new trade, _____ ?

4) Frame questions so as to get the underlined words as answers : (4×1=4)

    a) <u>Sandra</u> can't join us for the picnic.

    b) Jigar sold his car <u>because he wanted to buy a new one</u>.

    c) We went <u>to Khatmandu</u> on a vacation.

    d) You can get an application <u>at the first counter from the office</u>.

5) Rewrite the following sentences after correcting the grammatical errors found in them : (4×1=4)

    a) The Indian team defeated Australia, isn't it ?

    b) The old man divided his wealth between his three children.

    c) Where he is going ?

    d) She is a English teacher.

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