



**I Semester B.B.A. Examination, April 2021  
(Choice Based Credit System) (2019 – 20 Batch Onwards)**

**ENGLISH**

**Compulsory Foundation Course in English**

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) Consider R. K. Narayan's '*Toasted English*' as an essay on the subtle variations in the use of the English language based on geographical locations.
- 2) Do you think that the narrator did the right thing by shooting the elephant? Substantiate your answer based on the lesson 'Shooting an Elephant'.
- 3) Discuss the central theme of Narayana Murthy's address titled '*The Need for Excellence*'.

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

- 1) Describe Shaw's first experience of public speaking as stated in 'How I Became a Public Speaker'.
- 2) What are the effects of globalization and liberalization on consumers as discussed by Vandana Shiva in 'The Social Cost of Economic Globalisation'?
- 3) Describe the sad end of the elephant in Orwell's essay '*Shooting an Elephant*'.
- 4) What does R. K. Narayan mean by saying that there should be 'Bharat brand of English' as explained in 'Toasted English'?

III. Do as Directed :

1) In each of the following sentences a word is underlined. Choose the right **synonym** of the word underlined from the alternatives given below the sentences. **(2×1=2)**

1) He made a resolute decision to quit smoking on the eve of the New Year.

- a) new                      b) firm                      c) usual                      d) right

2) Though she was speaking in public for the first time she tried her best to conceal her nervousness.

- a) show                      b) overcome                      c) forget                      d) hide



- 2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate **antonyms** of the words underlined. (2×1=2)
- a) The arrival and \_\_\_\_\_ time of the train is not known.
- b) The price of the commodities is reasonable in small shops but \_\_\_\_\_ in the big malls of the city.
- 3) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate forms of the words given in brackets. (2×1=2)
- a) After a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ we agreed to go to the party. (persuade)
- b) No, this is not a \_\_\_\_\_ idea. (conceive)
- 4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate words given in brackets. (2×1=2)
- a) The snowy \_\_\_\_\_ (peak/peek) of the mountains is beautiful.
- b) She would \_\_\_\_\_ (dessert/desert) her friend and go away unexpectedly.
- 5) Write **one** word substitutes for the following. (2×1=2)
- a) Quick and light in motion.
- b) The act of allowing more freedom in laws, systems or opinions.

SECTION – B  
(Poetry)

- IV. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages : (1×10=10)
- 1) How does Lawrence criticize the materialistic outlook of the contemporary society in 'Money Madness' ?
  - 2) How many different ways of loving does the speaker identify in the poem 'How Do I Love Thee' ? Do these ways of loving overlap, conflict or complement one another ? Explain.
  - 3) "The central theme of the poem *Richard Cory* is the gap between perception and reality". Discuss.
- V. Select **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions set on them : (2×5=10)
- 1) *We quail, money makes us quail.  
It has got us down, we grovel before it in strange terror.  
And no wonder, for money has a fearful cruel power among men.*
    - a) What does "it" in the second line refer to ? 1
    - b) Mention two things that money has done to human beings. 2
    - c) What idea of money do you get from the last line ? 2





- 2) *I love thee with a love I seemed to lose  
with my lost saints, - I love thee with the breath,  
smiles, tears, of all my life! – and if God choose,  
I shall but love thee better after death.*
- a) Which word in the first two lines has a religious reference ? 1
  - b) How does the speaker promise to love the “thee” mentioned in this passage ? 2
  - c) What wish does the speaker express in the last line of the stanza ? 2
- 3) *From hence, ye beauties, undeceived,  
Know, one false step is ne’er retrieved  
And be with caution bold.  
Not all that tempts your wandering eyes  
And heedless hearts is lawful prize;  
Nor all that glitters, gold.*
- a) Who should be “undeceived ?” 1
  - b) Mention any two suggestions given by the speaker to beauties in this passage. 2
  - c) What is not lawful prize according to this passage ? What is not gold according to this passage ? 2

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

- 1) What is the soul’s prayer ? What is the soul hoping to gain through its prayer in the poem ‘The Soul’s Prayer’ ?
- 2) Write a note on the element of humor in Gray’s ‘Ode on the Death of a Favorite Cat’.
- 3) What are the attributes of Richard Cory that impressed people on the pavement as stated in ‘Richard Cory’ ?
- 4) Write a note on the ending of the poem ‘Money Madness’.

SECTION – C  
(Grammar)

VII. Do as Directed :

- 1) Rewrite the following sentences as directed. (5×1=5)
  - a) Some one has stolen my new watch. (Change into passive voice)
  - b) Radha presented me a lovely bag. (Change into passive voice)
  - c) Reema said, “The neighbour’s cats are a nuisance”. (Change into indirect speech)
  - d) No other city in India is as large as Delhi. (Change into comparative degree)
  - e) Solomon was the wisest person in the ancient world. (Change into positive degree)



- 2) Choose the right word given in brackets and rewrite the following sentences. (5×1=5)
- a) \_\_\_\_\_ (Me and my father/My father and I) went to the farmhouse.
  - b) In the last ten years our \_\_\_\_\_ (maid/servant maid) has not touched a single rupee that does not belong to her.
  - c) Most of the ice \_\_\_\_\_ (melt/melts) in the spring.
  - d) The price of these jeans \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) reasonable.
  - e) Some pizza \_\_\_\_\_ (have/has) been saved for later.
- 3) Fill in the blanks with right articles or prepositions as required. (5×1=5)
- a) This is \_\_\_\_\_ man who stole a loaf of bread. (Fill in the blank with suitable article)
  - b) Chess is \_\_\_\_\_ game which requires loads of patience. (Fill in the blank with suitable article)
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_ honest person is the noblest work of God. (Fill in the blank with suitable article)
  - d) Quite accidentally, the leopard fell \_\_\_\_\_ the well. (Fill in the blank with suitable preposition)
  - e) They congratulated us \_\_\_\_\_ our success in the tournament. (Fill in the blank with suitable preposition)
- 4) Interpret **any one** of the following in **one** or **two** sentences. (1×2=2)
- a) Beware of Pickpocket.
  - b) School Zone : Drive Slow.
  - c) Plucking Flowers Forbidden.
- 5) Rearrange the following details in bibliographical format. 3
- Title of the Book : *Outcast : A Memoir*  
Name of the author : Narendra Jadhav  
Publication data : Viking, New Delhi, 2003.
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