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**Choice Based Credit System IV Semester B.Com./B.Com. (e-com.) Degree
Examination, September 2022
(2020-21 Batch Onwards)
ENGLISH
Compulsory Foundation Course in English**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

**SECTION – A
(Novel)**

I. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than **3** pages **each** : **(2×15=30)**

- 1) How does Indira Bai explore the issue of widowhood in the erstwhile 19th century South Canara region ?
- 2) Describe the rise and fall of Bhima Raya in the social life of Kamalapura in the novel Indira Bai.
- 3) Sketch the character of Bhaskara Raya in the novel Indira Bai.
- 4) Elaborate on how Indira Bai idealizes the characters of Bhaskara and Indira.

II. Answer **any three** of the following in **not** more than **a** page **each** : **(3×6=18)**

- 1) Analyse the relationship between Bhaskara and Amritha Raya in the novel Indira Bai.
- 2) Comment on the police investigation and the trial of the case concerning the murder of Sundara Raya.
- 3) Write a note on Indira's early education and the influence of western values on her.
- 4) Sketch the character of Sundara Raya.
- 5) What light does the conversation of the washer women of Kamalapura throw on the plight of young girls ?

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III. Write a short note on **any three** of the following :

(3×4=12)

- 1) The role played by prostitutes in Indira Bai.
- 2) Bhaskara's views on widow remarriage in the novel Indira Bai.
- 3) The childhood of Bhaskara in the novel Indira Bai.
- 4) Anthony Souza, Boggu and Jarappa.
- 5) Indira's escape from her home in the novel Indira Bai.

SECTION – B
(Composition)

IV. Do as directed :

- 1) Interpret **any one** of the following notices in **two** sentences : 2
 - a) Do not pluck flowers.
 - b) Silence Please.
 - c) Trespassers are Prosecuted.
- 2) Arrange the following details in the correct bibliographical order. 3

Title of the book : Brave New World
Name of the author : Aldous Huxley
Publication : Chatto and Windus
Year of publication : 1932
Place of publication : London
- 3) Prepare an advertisement on **any one** of the following with USP, Slogan and Logo within a frame. 5
 - a) A new face cream launched by Nivea.
 - b) A new car launched by Honda.
- 4) Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it as directed :
Rubber plays a vital part in modern man's life. Because of its versatile qualities, it can be used for a great number and variety of different products: tyres, hose, surgeon's gloves, the soles and heels of shoes, conveyor, belts, toys, rubber based paints, and self- sealing fuel tanks, to mention



only a few. It adheres readily to other materials; it is resilient, impermeable to gases and water proof. Furthermore, either as a conductor of electricity or a non-conductor, to wear out quickly or to resist abrasion. It can be processed so as to be elastic; soft and foamy or hard and tough.

People became aware of the possibilities of rubber and there was a boom of sorts in the 1830s. It soon collapsed, because all too evident that products made from rubber could not be relied on.

The erratic material was soft and evil smelling in the summer, hard and stiff in the winter. Experiments had sought to make rubber more dependable, but they had met with no success. Charles Goodyear devoted so much time to his rubber experiments that his hardware business failed and he was jailed for debts. But he never lost his heart. One was sure that the defects of rubber could be overcome by processing it with some other substance. He treated rubber with various chemicals to no avail. Finally, he decided to mix it with sulphur since sulphur had been successfully used as a drier of gum elastic.

Goodyear's first experiments with the rubber sulphur mixture were unsuccessful. One day, in the year 1839, he accidentally dropped some of the mixture on a hot stove. When he examined the rubber 'pan cake' that resulted he found that it had not become sticky; it had remained perfectly flexible too. He nailed it to the outside of his kitchen door and left it overnight in the cold. It did not become brittle or hard like his earlier preparations. He made many tests to find out how much heat, sulphur and time were needed for best results. He found that he could obtain a better product by adding lime magnesia and lead compounds to the sulphur-rubber mixture. In 1843, Goodyear applied for a patent for his process for curing rubber. This process was called "Vulcanization" after "Vulcan".

Now the scientists have found synthetic rubber which almost resembles natural rubber and it is being used in the production of many things in which natural rubber was used formerly. But the synthetic rubber cannot replace the natural one. Another product that has potential to replace rubber is plastic. These things are much cheaper than the natural rubber and can be recycled. This has resulted in the decline of the use of rubber. So many rubber growers are thinking of switching over to something else.



A) Answer the following questions in a **word, phrase** or a **sentence** : (4x1=4)

- 1) What change did rubber undergo in summer and winter ?
- 2) Where did Goodyear keep the rubber pan cake at night ?
- 3) When did Goodyear apply for patent ?
- 4) Why was Goodyear jailed ?

B) Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences **each** : (3x2=6)

- 1) How is rubber versatile ?
 - 2) Why did the boom in the use of rubber in 1830s collapse ?
 - 3) Mention the reason for the failure of Goodyear's hardware business.
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