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BCMENL 103

**Credit Based I Semester B.Com. Degree Examination,
October/November 2017
(Semester Scheme)
(Common to all Batches)
ENGLISH**

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) How does Datta damage the photograph brought to him by the customer ?
What does he do to repair the damage ?
 - 2) How does Kalpana Jain expose the prejudices of the medical establishment and the armed forces towards HIV-positive people in the lesson, 'Stigma, Shame and Silence' ?
 - 3) How does A.G. Gardiner show that liberty is a social contract and not a personal affair ?
- II. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than a page **each** : **(2×5=10)**
- 1) How does R.K. Laxman show that Datta is a silent, hardworking man ?
 - 2) How does Ashok come to know that he is HIV-positive ?
 - 3) Why does Jade Snow Wong find the new kind of learning difficult to cope with ?
 - 4) Describe A.G. Gardiner's experience with the rather loud-mouthed man on the train, in the lesson, 'One the Rule of the Road'.
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) Explain the significance of the act of felling the banyan tree.
 - 2) How does W.H. Auden present the sufferings of the German Jews in the poem, 'Refugee Blues' ?
 - 3) How does Shakespeare celebrate the presence of love in 'Sonnet 29' ?

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IV. Select **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions set on them :

1) Soon afterwards we left Baroda for Bombay
 Where there are no trees except the one
 Which grows and seethes in one's dreams, its aerial roots
 Looking for the ground to strike.

- i) What does the expression, "Soon afterwards" refer to ? 1
- ii) What kind of trees are there in Bombay ? 2
- iii) How does Baroda differ from Bombay ? 2

2) Say this city has ten million souls,
 Some are living in mansions, some are living in holes :
 Yet there's no place for us, my dear, yet there's no place for us.

- i) Who speaks these words ? 1
- ii) What do 'mansions' and 'holes' refer to ? 2
- iii) What does the speaker mean by saying, "Yet there's no place for us" ? 2

3) She has a world of ready wealth.
 Our minds and hearts to bless-
 Spontaneous wisdom breathed by health,
 Truth breathed by cheerfulness.

- i) Who is 'she' in the passage ? 1
- ii) How does she fill our hearts and minds ? 2
- iii) Explain the figure of speech used in the passage. 2

4) When in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes
 I all alone be weep my outcast state,
 And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries,
 And look upon myself, and curse my fate

- i) What does 'heaven' in the third line refer to ? 1
- ii) What does the expression "in disgrace with fortune" mean ? 2
- iii) Why does he call his cries bootless ? 2

V. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than a page each : (2x5=10)

- 1) How is the theme of movement dealt with in the poem, 'The Felling of the Banyan Tree' ?
- 2) How does the poem 'The Tables Turned' establish nature as the best teacher ?



- 3) How does the thought of love change the speaker's perspective in 'Sonnet 29' ?
- 4) How does Walter De La Mare make a contrast between the 'worldly' and the other worldly in the poem, 'The Listeners' ?

SECTION – B
(Grammar)

VI. 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 sentence. 2
 - a) He rested his arm jauntily on a studio prop.
 - i) carelessly
 - ii) confidently
 - iii) angrily
 - iv) cheerfully
 - b) He called me at an unearthly hour.
 - i) early
 - ii) unnatural
 - iii) undisclosed
 - iv) unexpected
- 2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate antonyms of the words underlined : 2
 - a) Many promptly claimed their photos, but some remained in the shop _____.
 - b) A shallow gasp broke from the patient who was in _____ trouble.
- 3) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate forms of the words given in brackets : 2
 - a) He emptied its _____ (slime) contents.
 - b) They are placed in a _____ (health) environment.
- 4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate words from those given in brackets : 2
 - a) The nurse would look for his _____ (vein, vain) and plunge in the needle.
 - b) He kept the photo on a wooden _____ (plank, blank).
- 5) Write one-word substitutes for the following : 2
 - a) A mixture, especially of heterogeneous elements.
 - b) Thin watery swellings on the skin.

Do as directed :

- 1) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the right articles : 4
- You have to cross _____ Persian Gulf to go to Dubai.
 - Mohan is _____ MBA student.
 - It has been _____ one-man show.
 - It is _____ honour to be present here on this occasion.
- 2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the right prepositions from those given in brackets : 4
- The teachers discussed the matter _____ themselves.
 - The child sat _____ the fire.
 - We often meet _____ Saturdays.
 - _____ being a writer, Sheela is a very good singer.
(on, beside, besides, at, among)
- 3) Rewrite the following sentences after replacing the underlined phrases with clauses . : 4
- The student was felicitated for securing a rank.
 - Let us wait till the teacher's arrival.
 - Manoj is too weak to walk.
 - An empty mind is a devil's workshop.
- 4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets : 4
- After she committed the mistake yesterday, she _____ (hang) her head in shame.
 - I will come to your house, if you _____ (invite) me.
 - I _____ (write) an article and I want to publish it.
 - I _____ (wake) up early last Sunday.
- 5) Choose from the brackets the word that agrees with the subject in each of the following sentences : 4
- Slow and steady _____ the race. (win/wins)
 - The producer and director _____ decided to shoot a new movie. (has/have)
 - Mr. Wright is one of the teachers who _____ to know everything. (pretend/pretends)
 - Everyone of them _____ got a prize. (has/have)