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**First Semester B.Sc./B.C.A./F.A.D. Degree Examination,  
December 2018**

(CBCS Scheme – Freshers – 2018-19 and onwards)

**English**

**Paper I – LANGUAGE ENGLISH – I**

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

Instructions to Candidates :

- 1) Answer **ALL** the questions.
- 2) Write the correct question numbers.



SECTION – A

(COURSE BOOK – 40 marks)

- I. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in two or three sentences : **(5 × 2 = 10)**
1. Why does the poet prefer bamboo fence in 'I shall go Back in the New Year'?
  2. When did the father find moments of tranquility in the 'Sonnet' (My Father)?
  3. In the lesson 'The Wolf', what does freedom demand?
  4. What advice did Mr. Velji give to the mother?
  5. How did the mother react when the author said that she never ate *garri* before school?
  6. What was Jainulabdeen's dream for his son Kalam?
  7. Women are inferior to women in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  8. Name the occasion when Steve jobs delivered the address?
- II. Answer any **FOUR** in about a page each : **(4 × 5 = 20)**
1. What is the wisdom the father intends to pass on to his son in the 'Sonnet' (My Father)?
  2. Elaborate on the decisive resolutions taken by the poet in 'I shall go back in the new year'.
  3. Why is the author grateful to God in the lesson 'The Wolf'?
  4. How does the mother ensure that Aloo leaves for further studies with a happy frame of mind in the lesson 'Leaving'?
  5. Write about the relevance of the title 'Real Food'.
  6. How did Kalam's parent influence his childhood?
  7. Comment on the female firmness of mind as told by Raja Ram Mohan Roy.

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III. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about two pages each : (1 × 10 = 10)

1. What does the concept of "going back in this new year" elucidate in the poem?
2. We have to fight our demons and wolves individually. Wolves are strong as one imagines them to be. Substantiate.
3. Explain how hunger and the concept of death made Jobs a role model to entrepreneurs.

SECTION - B

(GRAMMAR AND COMMUNICATION COMPONENT - 30 marks)

IV. Fill in the blanks choosing appropriate word given in the brackets : (5)

The place has changed beyond \_\_\_\_\_. (recognise/recognition) Sonu kept \_\_\_\_\_ the fallen house. (watchful/watching) She looked rather \_\_\_\_\_ at her brother. (anxious/anxiously) She shared this sad news \_\_\_\_\_ her friends. (among/between) the friends \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to make arrangements to repair it immediately. (happy/happily)

V. 1. Combine the sentences using any of the following : (1)

(who, what, that, or which)

The oranges are bad. I bought them yesterday.

2. Fill in the blank using the correct form of the verb : (1)

The players \_\_\_\_\_ (was/were) celebrating their victory.

3. Fill in the blank using the correct form of the word : (1)

Smoking is \_\_\_\_\_ to health. (danger)

4. Correct the sentence : (1)

He fell of his bicycle.

5. Fill in the blank choosing the correct option : (1)

He is the \_\_\_\_\_ for the property. (heir, hair, air)



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VI. Read the following passage and answer the questions :

Many great inventions are initially greeted with ridicule and disbelief. The invention of the airplane was no exception. Although many people who heard about the first powered flight on December 17, 1903 were excited and impressed, others reacted with peals of laughter. The idea of flying an aircraft was repulsive to some people. Such people called Wilbur and Orville Wright, the inventors of the flying machine, impulsive fools. Negative reactions, however, did not stop the Wrights. Impelled by their desire to succeed, they continued their experiments in aviation.

Orville and Wilbur Wright had always had a compelling interest in aeronautics and mechanics. As young boys they earned money by making and selling kites and mechanical toys. Later, they designed a newspaper-folding machine, built a printing press, and operated a bicycle-repair shop. In 1896, when they read about the death of Otto Lilienthal, the brothers' interest in flight grew into a compulsion.

Lilienthal, a pioneer in hang-gliding, had controlled his gliders by shifting his body in the desired direction. This idea was repellent to the Wright brothers, however, and they searched for more efficient methods to control the balance of airborne vehicles. In 1900 and 1901, the Wrights tested numerous gliders and developed control techniques. The brothers' inability to obtain enough lift power for the gliders almost led them to abandon their efforts.

After further study, the Wright brothers concluded that the published tables of air pressure on curved surfaces must be wrong. They set up a wind tunnel and began a series of experiments with model wings. Because of their efforts, the old tables were repealed in time and replaced by the first reliable figures for air pressure on curved surfaces. This work, in turn, made it possible for the brothers to design a machine that would fly. In 1903 the Wrights built their first airplane, which cost less than \$1000. They even designed and built their own source of propulsion—a light weight gasoline engine. When they started the engine on December 17, the airplane pulsated wildly before taking off. The plane managed to stay aloft for 12 seconds, however, and it flew 120 feet.

By 1905, the Wrights had perfected the first airplane that could turn, circle, and remain airborne for half an hour at a time. Others had flown in balloons and hang gliders, but the Wright brothers were the first to build a full-size machine that could fly under its own power. As the contributors of one of the most outstanding engineering achievements in history, the Wright brothers are accurately called the fathers of aviation.

1. What were the various reactions of people who heard about the first powered flight? (1)
2. How did the Wright brothers earn money? (1)
3. Wrights built their first airplane, which cost more than \$1,000. True/False. (1)
4. What were the results of the study made by the Wright brothers? (1)
5. Why were the Wright brothers called the fathers of aviation? (1)

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VII. Write a paragraph using the topic sentence and the hints given : (5)

**Topic Sentence** - No media more powerful and popular than Cinema.

**Hints** - entertainment to masses — provides recreation — people forget — their problems — tiresomeness — miseries for a while — amusement — message — experiences — easily understood by people — cheapest means of entertainment — also has drawbacks — loss of money — time — craze for — heroes — heroines — can be improved — theme based.

VIII. Write a letter of complaint : (10)

You are an old man without any property or income with married children who are unable to help you. Write a letter to the District Collector, mentioning him about enclosing certificates from members of Panchayat and Headmaster of a primary school and asking him to grant old age pension.

