

I Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, April/May 2023
(CBCS) (Repeaters)
ENGLISH
General English – I

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

Instructions : 1) Answer *all* the Sections.

2) Write the correct question numbers.

SECTION – A

(Prose and Poetry – 40 Marks)



I. Answer **any five** in **one** or **two** sentences **each**.

(5×2=10)

- 1) The two artists who owned the studio in the lesson 'The Last Leaf' were _____ and _____.
- 2) Where did the grandfather and the cook finally leave the python ?
- 3) Mention any two things a man does when he plants a tree.
- 4) How much was the value of Deepa's father's assets ? How much was Deepa's share ?
- 5) According to Kahlil Gibran, what is it to work with love ?
- 6) What was the gift of the teacher to Helen Keller ? Who had sent it ?
- 7) How did the narrator feel when he saw five to ten thousand books at a time ?
 - a) The sweet smell of the decaying paper attracted him.
 - b) He felt bored and sick.
 - c) He felt joyful in their company.
- 8) What was the reader's first remark on the narrator's book during his conversation with the narrator ?

II. Answer **any four** of the following in about **one** page **each**.

(4×5=20)

- 1) What was bothering Johnsy as she lay on her sick bed in 'The Last Leaf' ?
- 2) How did the grandfather finally succeed in caging the python in the lesson 'All Creatures Great and Small' ?

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- 3) Discuss how planting a tree contributes towards the nation's growth as narrated in the poem 'Heart of the Tree'.
- 4) Why was the summer of 1887 special for Helen Keller ? How did Helen learn the joy of nature ?
- 5) Deepa's brothers were only an extension of their father's mind set. Explain with reference to the lesson 'Daughter'.
- 6) Comment on the types of people who visit the narrator's bookshop : George Orwell's 'Bookshop Memories'.
- 7) Why wasn't the narrator satisfied with his own book in the lesson 'A Conversation with a Reader' ?

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

- 1) How is the 'The Last Leaf' by O. Henry a story of hope, friendship and sacrifice ?
- 2) Work is love made visible. Explain this with reference to Kahlil Gibran 'The Ploughman'.
- 3) "Humour is not merely laughing at other, but also laughing at one-self. Explain with reference to the lesson 'A Conversation with a Reader'.

SECTION – B

(Grammar and Composition – 30 Marks)

IV. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

Once upon a time there was a little red fox. One day he was very thirsty and he went to river to have a drink. When he peered into the water, he became very angry. There was another fox looking at him. He growled at it to go away and said it was his river.

Little brown duck said, "Don't do that, in the middle of the river lives a terrible crocodile. He will grab you and eat you for his dinner. His teeth are long white spears." The fox laughed and said, "I am not scared of any stupid crocodile." Then, the fox jumped into the river.

- 1) Why was little fox angry ?
- 2) Who heard the little red fox shouting ?
- 3) How did the little brown duck describe the crocodile's teeth ?
- 4) What do you think the little red fox was wise or foolish ?
- 5) Who lived in the middle of the river ?



V. a) Choose the correct homophone to complete the sentence. 2

1) People went _____ lot of difficulties during the Covid Pandemic.
(threw/through)

2) The _____ of the wrist-watch is very high.
(prize/price)

b) Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word. 2

1) The girl's achievements were laudable.
i) Pleasant ii) Flattering
iii) Commendable iv) Powerful

2) The old man had chronic infection.
i) Slight ii) Severe iii) Recent iv) None of the above

c) Choose the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets. 1

The teacher cleverly _____ the naughty students in the class.
(manage, manages)

VI. a) Do as directed.

1) What enquiries would you make in the following situations ?
You want to know the departure time of Brindavan Express to Chennai. 1

2) How do you introduce your friend to your father ? 1

b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles/prepositions. 3

I go into _____ library three times _____ week _____ read
magazines.

c) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense form of the verb given in the
brackets. 3

1) Many people were _____ to death by the cold winds. (freeze)

2) Rita _____ for eight hours last night. (sleep)

3) The policeman has _____ this fact all along. (know)

