

(ENG 2001)
B.A./B.Com/BBA/B.Sc Degree (CBCS) Examinations
OCTOBER - 2020
EXAMINATION AT THE END OF II SEMESTER
PART - I ENGLISH
GENERAL ENGLISH - II

TIME : Two hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

SECTION - A

I. Answer any TWO of the following questions in about 75 words each: $2 \times 7 = 14 M$

- a) What according to Haldane, is the scientific point of view?
- b) What does Haldane accuse the 'enemies of science' of doing?
- c) What according to Gardiner, are some of the qualities of a greeting that go with a handshake?
- d) Why do some people hesitate to shake hands with others?

II. Answer any TWO of the following in about 75 words each: $2 \times 7 = 14 M$

- a) How does Keats personify autumn in the poem 'Ode to Autumn'?
- b) Examine the theme of ripeness or fruition in the poem 'Ode to Autumn'.
- c) In what sense, according to Kishwar Naheed, is a woman crushed?
- d) Why does the poet compare herself with a commodity in the poem "I am not that woman"?

III. Answer any ONE of the following in about 75 words each : $1 \times 7 = 7 M$

- a) How is Nathu connected to the bank and Sitaram?
- b) How did the people react to the rumour of the imminent collapse of the bank?
- c) Describe Subbiah's relationship with his father.
- d) What is the significance of the title of the story, "Half a rupee worth" ?

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IV. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 75 words each:

1x7 = 7M

- What kind of a person is Lomov?
- Why did Chubukov call back Lomov even using insulting words?
- Why did Lomov want to marry his neighbour Natalia?
- Describe the arguments between Lomov and Natalia.

SECTION-B

V. Rewrite the following as directed:

A. Change any **FOUR** of the following as directed

4x1 = 4M

- Cows give milk. (Change the voice)
- The boy has broken the jug. (Change the voice)
- Dinesh is painting the door. (Change the voice)
- He said, "I have passed the examination." (Change into Indirect Speech)
- I said to my friend, "I am glad to be here this evening". (Change into Indirect Speech)
- He said to her, "What is your name?" (Change into Indirect Speech)
- Iron is the most useful metal. (Change this sentence into positive degree)
- A sword is not as strong as a pen. (Change this sentence into comparative degree)
- No other poet in Sanskrit is as great as Kalidasa. (Change it into superlative degree)
- Rahim is not as intelligent as Karim. (Change it into comparative degree)

B. Read the following conversation and fill in the blanks:

4x1 = 4M

Waiter: Hi. How _____ this afternoon?

Customer : _____. Can I see a menu, please?

Waiter: Certainly, _____.

Customer: Thank you. _____ special?

Waiter: Grilled tuna and cheese on rye.

Customer: _____. I'll have that.

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Or

ii. Write a dialogue with 3 minimum exchanges on the given context:

Write a dialogue between two friends who meet after a long time at a music fest.

C. Develop the following hints into a paragraph:

1x7 = 7M

A father with three daughters - wants to know how much they love - first daughter loves him like honey - second daughter loves him like sugar - third daughter loves him like salt - father deserts his third one - later other daughters deceive - eventually, realises the true love of the youngest one.

D. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

3x1 = 3M

There was a Guru who had mastered the Scriptures. One day when he was teaching the Vedas to his disciples, a cat started moving around. This did not disturb the Guru, but was a distraction to some of his disciples. So the Guru instructed his disciples to get hold of the cat and tie it to pillar. As the nuisance recurred on the following days, the cat was regularly tethered to the pillar before the Guru began his teaching.

Some years later the Guru died. One of his disciples became the new head. The practice of tethering the cat to the pillar continued. After a few months the cat died. When the Guru began his teaching the next day he noticed that the cat was missing. He said, "Don't you know that a cat must be tied to the pillar during my teaching? That is our tradition. Go and find a cat". The disciples immediately obeyed the order. Blindly following traditions, thus, is foolish and serves no purpose.

1. Why were the disciples distracted?
2. What was done to prevent the cat from roaming about?
3. Who became the new head?
4. What practice continued after the new Guru took charge?
5. The new Guru was foolish because _____
