

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (Part—I) First Semester Examination

COMPULSORY ENGLISH

(Compulsory)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note :— All questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :— 5
- (i) He goes to Hyderabad twice _____ month.
 - (ii) I met him in _____ morning.
 - (iii) The visitors came out of _____ prison.
 - (iv) My uncle is _____ doctor.
 - (v) He is _____ honest man.
- (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :— 5
- (i) I met him _____ the station.
 - (ii) The keys are _____ the table.
 - (iii) We have been playing _____ four O' clock.
 - (iv) The two countries are constantly _____ war.
 - (v) The whole house is _____ fire.
- (C) Give synonyms for any **FIVE** of the following :— 5
- (i) bold
 - (ii) cause
 - (iii) fault
 - (iv) hard
 - (v) join
 - (vi) marriage
 - (vii) sad
 - (viii) mute
- (D) Give antonyms for any **FIVE** of the following :— 5
- (i) fit
 - (ii) obey
 - (iii) literate
 - (iv) painful
 - (v) accept
 - (vi) cruel
 - (vii) quick
 - (viii) remember

2. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :—

- (i) Give a brief description of the tribal village school visited by Sudha Murty. 5

OR

Is Uncle Podger accident-prone ? Give examples.

- (ii) 'There is a grace in accepting also.' Explain this statement in the context of the story by Sudha Murty. 5

OR

How did Uncle Podger finally manage to hang the picture ?

- (iii) The children wanted books in Kannada to learn about computers. What does this tell you about their mindset ? 5

OR

Describe how the whole family got involved in putting up the picture.

- (B) Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences each :— 5

- (i) Who introduced Sudha Murty to the Thandappa ?
(ii) What did Uncle Podger ask his wife not to worry about ?
(iii) Why were the Thandas reluctant to talk to the writer ?
(iv) When did Uncle Podger call all the others 'Fools' ?
(v) What gifts did Murty bring when she visited the school in winter ?

3. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :—

- (i) Is 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' a prayer ? Give reasons. 5

OR

What did the speaker notice when he went to see his son later in 'The Toys' ?

- (ii) How does the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' achieve meaning in the context of the freedom struggle ? 5

OR

Explain the phrase 'of what toys/we made our joys'.

- (iii) Give a brief summary of 'Where the Mind is without Fear'. 5

OR

What are the two persons that the speaker takes on in the poem 'The Toys' ?

- (B) Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences each :— 5

- (i) What importance does Tagore ascribe to truth and reason ?
(ii) How was the boy punished for disobeying his father in the poem 'The Toys' ?
(iii) What does Tagore say about acquiring knowledge ?
(iv) Why does Patmore go up to see his son ?
(v) Why does the poet repudiate the idea of narrow domestic walls ?

4. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :—

- (i) What are the responsibilities a wife has towards her husband as implied in 'Why I want a wife' ? 5

OR

How did the children feel after the Giant walled off the garden ?

- (ii) What are the specific duties of a wife that belittle her freedom or individuality ? 5

OR

How and when did spring return to the garden ?

- (iii) What are the duties expected of a wife that clearly show gender discrimination ? 5

OR

Describe the experience of Jesus that the Giant had.

- (B) Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences each :— 5

- (i) What is the wife supposed to do when the family visits friends ?
(ii) Why did the little boy not run away when the Giant came out into the garden ?
(iii) What are the duties that a wife needs to perform for the sake of the children in the family ?
(iv) Who came to visit the garden of the Giant at last to take him to the paradise after his death ?
(v) How will the presence of a wife help to take care of the needs of the guests ?