

**NRT/KS/19/5714**

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) First Semester Examination**  
**COMPULSORY ENGLISH**  
**(Compulsory)**

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

**N.B. :—**All questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :

- (i) My Uncle is \_\_\_\_\_ doctor.
- (ii) I will be back in \_\_\_\_\_ hour.
- (iii) Ramesh is \_\_\_\_\_ brilliant student.
- (iv) We enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ lunch.
- (v) He can play \_\_\_\_\_ guitar very well.

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(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

- (i) The book is \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
- (ii) She is suffering \_\_\_\_\_ malaria.
- (iii) Children are fond \_\_\_\_\_ sweets.
- (iv) She has been studying \_\_\_\_\_ three 'O' clock.
- (v) He was angry \_\_\_\_\_ me.

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(C) Give synonyms for any **five** of the following :

- (i) Battle
- (ii) Final
- (iii) Grief
- (iv) Correct
- (v) Brave
- (vi) Marriage
- (vii) Huge
- (viii) Unlawful

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(D) Give antonyms for any **five** of the following :

- (i) Sad
- (ii) Won
- (iii) Come

(iv) Early

(v) Different

(vi) Careful

(vii) Easy

(viii) Narrow

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

(i) 'The children wanted to learn about computers in Kannada language. What does this tell you about their mindset ?

**OR**

Is Uncle Podger accident prone ? Give examples.

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(ii) What is the importance of Thandappa in the tribal community ?

**OR**

Write a character sketch of Uncle Podger.

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(iii) What change in landscape did the writer observe when she visited the school for the second time ?

**OR**

From the hints given in the story trace how many people lived in Uncle Podger's house ?

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

(i) Who are the Thandas ?

(ii) What gifts did Murty bring when she visited school in winter ?

(iii) What gift did Thandappa offer to the writer ?

(iv) What did Uncle Podger send his daughter out for ?

(v) Around what time did the picture finally go up on the wall ?

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

(i) What are some of the qualities that a land of freedom should have, according to Tagore ?

**OR**

Why did the speaker in the poem 'The Toys' punish his son ?

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(ii) What does Tagore say about stangnation and decay of the mind ?

**OR**

Why had the boy arranged all his toys on the table ?

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- (iii) Is the poem 'Where Mind is Without Fear' the song of a Patriot ? Give reasons for your answer.

**OR**

What do we learn of the speaker's conception of religion from the poem 'The Toys' ? 5

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

- (i) What does Tagore mean by 'narrow domestic walls' ?  
(ii) How can people achieve perfection ?  
(iii) How many times did the boy disobey his father ?  
(iv) How was the little boy Punished ?  
(v) How did the father react when he visited his son ? 5

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

- (i) What is the code of conduct recommended for wives when the guests arrive ?

**OR**

Why did the garden fall into perpetual winter ? 5

- (ii) What is the wife supposed to do with regard to the bringing up of the children and take care of the family ?

**OR**

How did the children feel after the Giant walled off the garden ? 5

- (iii) What are the responsibilities a wife has, towards her husband as implied in the lesson 'Why I want a Wife' ?

**OR**

Describe the experience of Jesus, the giant had. 5

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

- (i) What duties is a wife expected to perform for the sake of children in the family ?  
(ii) How is a wife expected to handle culinary needs of the family ?  
(iii) Why did the little boy not run away when the giant came out into the garden ?  
(iv) Why did the Giant build a wall around the garden ?  
(v) Who were the only two happy to see that there were no children in the garden ? 5