

NRT/KS/19/5762

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

COMPULSORY ENGLISH

(Compulsory)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note :—All questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Rewrite the following sentences as directed :— 16
- (i) You can write faster than Gopal. (Change into Positive Sentence)
 - (ii) Abdul is more honest than any other boy. (Change into Superlative Sentence)
 - (iii) He denied beating the boy. (Change into Negative Sentence)
 - (iv) If you don't run, you can't catch the bus. (Change into Affirmative Sentence)
 - (v) Who can bear such cruelty ? (Change into Assertive Sentence)
 - (vi) This is not the kind of dress to wear in College. (Change into Interrogative Sentence)
 - (vii) How quickly he walks ! (Change into Assertive Sentence)
 - (viii) The holiday has passed very quickly. (Change into Exclamatory Sentence)
- (B) Give one word for any **FOUR** of the following :— 4
- (i) The story of a person's life written by himself
 - (ii) Occurring yearly
 - (iii) Money paid for a piece of work
 - (iv) One who trains people for games and sports
 - (v) Line at which the earth and sky appear to meet
 - (vi) A child whose parents are dead
2. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75 words** each :—
- (i) What is the significance of the argument that the two sisters have ? How is it related to what happens later ?
- OR**
- What kind of a person was Kalam's mother ? What was her lineage ? 5
- (ii) What did the tradesman, returning from the land of the Bashkirs, tell Pahom ?
- OR**
- What is the power of prayer, according to Kalam's father ? 5
- (iii) At what price do the Bashkirs agree to sell the land to Pahom ? How is it to be measured ?
- OR**
- Describe Abdul Kalam's childhood house. 5
- (B) Answer the following questions in **ONE** or **TWO** sentences each :—
- (i) How did the Bashkirs treat Pahom when he reached their area ?

- (ii) What happened during the cyclone ?
- (iii) What were the qualities that Abdul Kalam's father possessed ?
- (iv) Why did Pahom fail to reach the hillock in time to claim his land ?
- (v) Why was steward hated by the peasants ? 5

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

- (i) Bring out the symbolism of the banyan tree and how it is linked to the theme of the poem.

OR

What descriptions tell you that God created Heaven and Earth in joy ? 5

- (ii) What is the attitude of the speaker towards the cutting down the banyan tree ?

OR

Write the central idea of the poem 'Laugh and Be Merry'. 5

- (iii) Summarise the poem 'The Felling of the Banyan Tree'.

OR

How will partaking of the joys of the earth and the sky help humanity ? 5

(B) Answer the following questions in **ONE** or **TWO** sentences each :—

- (i) What kind of personality does the father have ?
- (ii) Why do you think the Poet's father requested the tenants to Leave ?
- (iii) What is referred to as 'the deep blue cup' in the poem 'Laugh and Be Merry' ?
- (iv) When does the life come to an end according to John Masfield ?
- (v) How many days did it take the workmen to cut the branches of the tree ? 5

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

- (i) Why did Wasserkopf want his tuition fee back ?

OR

How did the Physics teacher justify Wasserkopf's answer ? 5

- (ii) Why was the Principal surprised and perplexed ?

OR

How did the history teacher justify Wasserkopf's answer ? 5

- (iii) How did Wasserkopf greet the teachers in the beginning of the play ? Why ?

OR

How did the geography teacher prove Wasserkopf's answer correct ? 5

(B) Answer the following questions in **ONE** or **TWO** sentences each :—

- (i) Who gave Wasserkopf the idea of getting a refund from the school ?
- (ii) How many questions did the mathematics master ask Wasserkopf ?
- (iii) According to the principal, what will be the School's proudest boast ?
- (iv) What was the Principal's reaction to the former Pupil's demand ?
- (v) When did Wasserkopf call a 'numbskul' ? 5