

**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 :

- (i) Gopi is not as strong as Rohan. (Change into Comparative Degree)
- (ii) No other city in India is as cold as Srinagar. (Change into Superlative Degree)
- (iii) I will always remember that terrible day. (Change into Negative Sentence)
- (iv) Gold is not so hard as iron. (Change into Affirmative Sentence)
- (v) Can we ever forget our good teachers ? (Change into Assertive Sentence)
- (vi) Mother will never allow us to eat junk food. (Change into Interrogative Sentence)
- (vii) What a brave soldier he is ! (Change into Assertive Sentence)
- (viii) He runs very fast. (Change into Exclamatory Sentence)

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(B) Give one word for any four of the following :

- (i) A place where milk is kept and butter made.
- (ii) A large sports-ground with seats all round it.
- (iii) One who makes things out of wood.
- (iv) One who practises law.
- (v) Not able to read or write.
- (vi) A list of subjects to be considered at a meeting.

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

- (i) Why did Pahom and his wife decide to buy the first twenty acres of land ? How did they manage it ?

**OR**

How did Jallaluddin and Samsuddin influence the young Kalam ? 5

- (ii) At what price do the Bashkirs agree to sell the land to Pahom ? How is it to be measured ?

**OR**

What were the two aspects of the sea that Kalam came to understand through his childhood experience ? 5

- (iii) What fears does Pahom experience close to the sunset ?

**OR**

What are the good points of adversity, according to Kalam's father ? 5

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

- (i) Why was the steward hated by the peasants ?
- (ii) Who was one of Kalam's father's closest friends ?
- (iii) What would Jallaluddin call Kalam ?
- (iv) Who alerted Pahom about the Bashkir's land ?
- (v) What happened during the cyclone ? 5

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

- (i) Describe the attitude of the poet towards the cutting down of the Banyan tree.

**OR**

What are the ways in which an ordinary person can make the world a better place, according to John Masefield ? 5

- (ii) What is the central theme of the poem, "The Felling of the Banyan Tree" ?

**OR**

How will partaking of the joys of the earth and the sky, according to John Masefield, help humanity ? 5

- (iii) How was the Banyan tree different from the other trees ? How does the poet describe the tree ?

**OR**

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

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

- (i) How many days did the workmen take to cut the branches of the Banyan tree ?
- (ii) What is referred to as 'the deep blue cup' in the poem 'Laugh and Be Merry' ?
- (iii) How old was the Banyan tree ?
- (iv) What according to Masefield, did God fill the heaven and earth with ?
- (v) What was the grandmother's opinion about the felling of the trees ? 5

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

- (i) Write the character sketch of Wasserkopf.

**OR**

Why did Wasserkopf want his tuition fee back ? 5

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

**OR**

How did the teachers save the reputation of the school ? 5

- (iii) How did the Mathematics teacher prove Wasserkopf an excellent student ?

**OR**

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

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

- (i) What did Wasserkopf demand from the Principal ?
- (ii) Whom did Wasserkopf call a cannibal ?
- (iii) What was the 'difficult question' asked by the Mathematics teacher ?
- (iv) Why did the Principal congratulate his colleagues ?
- (v) What, according to the Principal, will be the school's 'proudest boast' ? 5