

**Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Semester—I Examination****ENGLISH****Compulsory Paper—1**

Time : Three Hours]

[Full Marks : 60

**N.B. :**— All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each :

(A) How did the people of the town contribute to the collapse of the Pipalnagar bank ?

**OR**

Narrate Parveen's feelings when her husband introduced two fat wives. 6

(B) What are the different beautiful sights described by the poet ? Why does the poet wish to pass on his eyes ?

**OR**

How does Gray's Elegy reflect on the lives of humble and unnoticed people buried in the cemetery of a Church ? 6

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

(i) Why did Mahadevan sell the house ?

**OR**

How did Parveen get the proposal of marriage ? 3

(ii) How did Deep Chand and Ganpath react to the rumour of the bank going broke ?

**OR**

Why was there only Winter in the Giant's Garden ? 3

(B) Answer the following questions in about 75 words each :

(i) How does Gray create a sad atmosphere in the beginning of the poem ?

**OR**

What does Ulysses see and know while roaming ? 3

- (ii) What is the intention of the poet behind the donation of his eyes ?

**OR**

How did the Champak trees come into existence ? How does it benefit the poet's family ? 3

3. (A) Make the correct use of tense in each of the following sentences :

- (i) That evening he \_\_\_\_\_ an irrepresible urge to see his old house. (feel)  
 (ii) But when he \_\_\_\_\_ to his old house he was surprised to see it still intact. (get)  
 (iii) The sun \_\_\_\_\_ in the east. (rise)  
 (iv) The Director's face \_\_\_\_\_ tense. (become)  
 (v) He sat at the window and \_\_\_\_\_ out at his cold white garden. (look)  
 (vi) He was really very sorry for what he \_\_\_\_\_ (do) 6

- (B) Change the voice of the following sentences :

- (i) He was carrying a ration card.  
 (ii) Nathu banged the pan against the dustbin.  
 (iii) People were turned back from the counter.  
 (iv) He cannot allow you to live with your child in the hostel.  
 (v) Spring has forgotten this garden.  
 (vi) The Giant loved him the best. 6

4. (A) Write an application to the principal of a school for the post of a teacher,

**OR**

Write a letter to your father telling him about the prize you won in the science exhibition. 6

- (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

As a boy, I was very fond of the old soldier in our little town. He only had one leg, having lost the other somewhere in Assam in 1942. He used to sit on the bank of our small river and tell

me about his adventures. He told me that he had run away from home to join the army when he was eighteen. He had experienced his first battle in the Libyan Desert in the Second World War. He used to tell me dozens of war stories, but the one I like best was the 'one of his escape from a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp in Burma. He has told me again and again how he walked two hundred miles in two weeks. On the way he was bitten by a poisonous snake and he had to cut off a part of the toe in order to survive. But the wound did not heal and by the time he got to an Indian Camp it had turned septic and the leg had to be amputated. He is apparently quite contented with his lot : He says that his pension is enough for his needs; and the fish which he catches from the river and sells, provide him with the money for his cigarettes.

**Questions :**

- (i) When did the soldier join the army ?
- (ii) Where was his leg amputated ?
- (iii) What kind of stories did the soldier tell the narrator ?
- (iv) Which story did the narrator like best ?
- (v) How did he fulfill his daily needs ?
- (vi) Suggest a suitable title to the passage. 6

5. (A) Answer the following questions in a sentence or two :

- (i) Why did the constable catch hold of Mahadevan ?
- (ii) Who owned the Pipalnagar bank ?
- (iii) Where did Rehman go on deputation ? 3

(B) Answer the following questions in a sentence or two :

- (i) What froze the genial current of the soul ?
- (ii) What annoys the dim sea ?
- (iii) Why did the poet's mother not allow the champak trees to be cut down ? 3

(C) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions in each of the following sentences :

- (i) She is adept \_\_\_\_\_ music.
- (ii) To him the radio and TV were just miracles \_\_\_\_\_ science.
- (iii) People were turned back \_\_\_\_\_ the counters and told to return the following day.

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(D) Do as directed :

- (i) Didactic (Give Synonym)
- (ii) Accept (Give Antonym)
- (iii) Laugh (Give Antonym).

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