

NRJ/KW/17/6820

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

COMPULSORY ENGLISH

Compulsory Paper—1

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

N.B. :— All questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Rewrite the following sentences as directed :— 16
- (i) Sita is as beautiful as Lakshmi. (Change into Comparative degree)
 - (ii) Very few cities in India are as big as Chennai. (Change into Superlative degree)
 - (iii) I was doubtful whether he would marry her. (Change into Negative sentence)
 - (iv) Anil is not so tall as Vijay. (Change into Affirmative sentence)
 - (v) Is that the way a gentleman should behave ? (Change into Assertive sentence)
 - (vi) We can never forget our national heroes. (Change into Interrogative sentence)
 - (vii) How fast he speaks ! (Change into Assertive sentence)
 - (viii) Gopal writes very beautifully. (Change into Exclamatory sentence)
- (B) Give **one** word for any **FOUR** of the following :— 4
- (i) a place where dead people are buried.
 - (ii) a person who makes the plans for new buildings.
 - (iii) a doctor who does medical operations.
 - (iv) a person who is unable to pay his or her debts.
 - (v) the science of the structure of the body.
 - (vi) the scientific study of animal life.
2. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :—

- (i) Whose conversation does the devil overhear ? What does he decide to do ?

OR

Point out the chief qualities of Kalam's father.

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- (ii) What did the tradesman who was returning from the land of the Bashkirs tell Pahom ?

OR

Who were the people who influenced Kalam in childhood ? 5

- (iii) Describe the life of the Bashkirs.

OR

What is the power of prayer, according to Kalam's father ? 5

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

(i) Why did the younger sister claim that the life of a farmer was better ?

(ii) What were the qualities that Abdul Kalam's father possessed ?

(iii) What is Rameswaram famous for ?

(iv) How did the Bashkirs treat Pahom when he reached their area ?

(v) What would Jallaluddin call Kalam ? 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

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

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

OR

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

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

(i) Along with the banyan tree which other trees were cut down ?

(ii) Who do you think is the poem 'Laugh and Be Merry' addressed to ?

(iii) What kind of a personality does the father have in the poem 'The Felling of the Banyan Tree' ?

(iv) What did God fill the heaven and the earth with in the poem 'Laugh and Be Merry' ?

(v) What is referred to as a 'problem' in the poem 'The Felling of the Banyan Tree' ? 5

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

(i) Why was the Principal surprised and perplexed ?

OR

How did Wasserkopf greet the teachers in the beginning of the play ? Why ? 5

(ii) How did the History teacher justify Wasserkopf's answer ?

OR

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

(iii) How did the Geography teacher prove Wasserkopf's answer correct ?

OR

How did the Mathematics master trick Wasserkopf into giving the right answer ? 5

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

(i) What did Wasserkopf demand from the principal ?

(ii) Who gave Wasserkopf the idea of getting a refund from the school ?

(iii) Why was the Physics master called the cannibal by the students ?

(iv) How many questions did the Mathematics master ask Wasserkopf ?

(v) What was the 'difficult question' asked by the Mathematics teacher ? 5