

Bachelor of Computer Application (B.C.A.) Semester—I Examination**SUPPLEMENTARY ENGLISH****Paper—II****(Other Compulsory Language)**

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 60

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

1. (A) Answer the following questions in about **150** words each :

Which aspects of Mahatma's personality does Raja Rao highlight through the image of the divine cow ?

OR

Discuss the optimism in "Smaller Gandhis". 6

- (B) Answer the following questions in about **150** words each :

Describe Santiago's fight with the sharks.

OR

Give a critical account of "The Old Man and the sea". 6

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

- (i) What was Gandhi's elixir that transferred people into leonine heroes ?

OR

Consider Abdul Rahman as a wandering fakir. 3

- (ii) What is Gandhi's idea of religion ?

OR

Give an account of Sacrifice made by Gauri. 3

- (B) Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **75** words each :

- (i) How is Marlin as a character central to the novel ?

OR

Why was Santiago considered as an unlucky fisherman ? 3

- (ii) Why do other fisherman make fun of Santiago ?

OR

Why did Santiago not want to look at the mutilated Marlin ? 3

3. (A) Give the meanings of the following foreign words and phrases :

(i) pro rata

(ii) sanctum Sanctorum

(iii) lingua franca

(iv) viva-voce

(v) vox populi

(vi) en route.

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(B) Give **one** word substitutes for the following :

(i) Being all powerful

(ii) One who flies aeroplane

(iii) One who is very reserved in speech

(iv) A story that can hardly be believed

(v) Restore a person to his former position

(vi) Financially ruined.

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4. (A) Expand the idea contained in any **two** of the given proverbs in about 50 words :

(i) Work is worship

(ii) The Child is the father of the man

(iii) A drowning man catches at straws.

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(B) Change the following noun to adjective (any **four**) :

(i) Brevity

(ii) Cat

(iii) Criticism

(iv) Poverty

(v) Realism

(vi) Humility.

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

(i) What was the innocent man accused of ?

(ii) What was the only decoration in Gandhiji's mud-walled hut ?

(iii) Who was Dorothy ?

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

- (i) How long had Santiago gone without catching a fish ?
- (ii) Why did Santiago remove the photograph of his wife from the wall ?
- (iii) What does Manolin plan for the future ?

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(C) Use any **three** idioms and phrases in sentences of your own :

- (i) at the eleventh hour
- (ii) to blow one's own trumpet
- (iii) to keep in touch with
- (iv) tooth and nail
- (v) on the contrary.

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(D) Make a precis of the following passage to one-third of its length and suggest a suitable title :

Bacteria, never forget, got along for billions of years without us. We couldn't survive a day without them. They process our wastes and make them usable again; without their diligent munching nothing would rot. They purify our water and keep our soils productive. Bacteria synthesize vitamins in our gut, convert the things we eat into useful sugars and polysaccharides and go to war on alien microbes that slip down our gullet.

We depend totally on bacteria to pluck nitrogen from the air and convert it into useful nucleotides and amino acids for us. It is a great feat. As Margulis and Sagan note, to do the same thing industrially (as when making fertilizers) manufacturers must heat the source materials to 500 degrees Celsius and squeeze them to 300 times normal pressures. Bacteria do the same thing all the time without fuss, and thank goodness, for no larger organism could survive without the nitrogen they pass on. Above all, microbes continue to provide us with the air we breathe and to keep the atmosphere stable. Microbes, including the modern versions of cyanobacteria, supply the greater part of the planet's breathable oxygen. Algae and other tiny organisms bubbling away in the sea blow out about 150 billion kilograms of the stuff every year.

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