

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

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum 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

Describe the story of 'The Selfish Giant' in your own words.

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(B) 'The poem Ulysses has all inspiring elements'. Explain.

OR

How does the Poet portray his mother's love for the Champak trees ?

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

(i) How did Mahadevan feel after selling his house ?

OR

How did the Manager try to placate angry customers ?

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(ii) Why was Parveen not ready for her cousin's marriage with her husband ?

OR

Why was there only Winter in the Giant's garden ?

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

(i) What are the sights mentioned in the poem which a blind man misses ?

OR

Explain the line : 'The Paths of Glory but lead to the Grave'.

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(ii) How does Ulysses the King treat his loyal subjects ?

OR

How does the flowering of the Champak tree affect the Poet's mother ?

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

(i) The house _____ desolate, abandoned. (look)

(ii) When he _____ his work, he sat down on the highest step, to await the arrival of the manager. (finish)

(iii) Away he went next morning and I _____ out from the apartment and reached the airport office. (sneak)

- (iv) He _____ really very sorry for what he did. (be)
- (v) He sat at the window and _____ out at his cold white garden. (look)
- (vi) The furrows on her face _____ out instantly. (smooth) 6

(B) Change the voice of the following sentences :

- (i) He used the small broom to sweep the steps.
- (ii) People were turned back from the counters.
- (iii) He look a little liberty.
- (iv) He was carrying a ration card.
- (v) They were waving their arms gently.
- (vi) He cannot allow you to live with your child in the hostel. 6

4. (A) Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on getting three Gold Medals in his Examination.

OR

Write a letter to NMC complaining about the dirt and filth in your locality. 6

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

In the reign of the Great King Janaka, there lived a Yogi called Yajanavalkya, who was as noted for his piety as for his wisdom. Every morning while the golden dawn was slowly breaking over the far horizon, and birds were singing their sweetest songs, Yajanavalkya bathed himself in the cool water of a neighbouring stream and then went and sat on his dais to begin his sermon.

One morning he was preaching as usual to his disciples among whom were learned Pandits, Sadhus, Sanyasis and many other men. These people noticed that Yajanavalkya, their Guru, was constantly looking at the door, as if he were expecting somebody. And they were not wrong. For Yajanavalkya was indeed waiting for his King, who also attended his lectures.

The disciples became jealous of this special attention given to the King. For they thought, in the eyes of a spiritual man, a king or a common man should be the same. So they could not understand why this special favour was granted to Janaka. At last, they decided to ask their Guru why he was partial towards the King.

Questions :

- (i) What was Yajanavalkya famous for ?
- (ii) What was the Yogi's routine of life ?
- (iii) What happened in nature every morning ?
- (iv) Whom did Yajanavalkya preach ?
- (v) What did people notice one day ?
- (vi) Why was the Yogi frequently looking at the door ? 6

5. (A) Answer the following questions in a sentence or two :
- (i) Why did Mahadevan plan to visit the house a little after dusk ?
 - (ii) What news about the Pipalnagar Bank spread through the market with the rapidity of forest fire ?
 - (iii) Why was there only Winter in the Giant's Garden ? 3
- (B) Answer the following questions in a sentence or two :
- (i) Why did the Poet's mother not allow the Champak trees to be cut ?
 - (ii) Who is centered in the sphere of common duties ?
 - (iii) Who sleeps beneath the rugged elms ? 3
- (C) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :
- (i) As Moti tore at the bread, Mahadevan heard the sound _____ cooing from the balcony.
 - (ii) I only feel concern _____ my security at this new place.
 - (iii) The birds sat _____ the trees. 3
- (D) Do as directed :
- (i) Power (Give Synonym)
 - (ii) Faith (Give Synonym)
 - (iii) Ability (Give Antonym) 3