

I Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, Nov./Dec. 2016
(CBCS) (Freshers + Repeaters) (2014-15 and Onwards)

ENGLISH
Language English – I

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** 1) Answer *all* the Parts.
2) Write the **correct** question numbers.

PART – A

(Course Book Literary Component)

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I. Answer **any five** of the following in **one** sentence or **two** sentences **each**. (5×2=10)

- 1) Name the book which brought Rachel Carson to limelight. What kind of a revolution did it start ?
- 2) Where do rich American middle classes who own a car usually go ? Why ?
- 3) Who has cast a dreadful shadow on tigers ? What is the result of it ?
- 4) What are the problems faced by the tenant in the poem "Ballad of the Landlord" ?
- 5) Name the Madam's daughter and Carmen's son in the lesson "The Advance".
- 6) Who is Munshi Khairat Ali Khan ?
- 7) Who was called into the headmaster's room ? Why ?

II. Answer **any three** of the following in about **one** page **each**. (3×5=15)

- 1) Give an account of Rachel Carson's early life and college days.
- 2) What is the main cause for environment struggles in India according to Ramachandra Guha ?
- 3) Comment on the moral poverty of man in the poem "Tiger Tiger Revisited".
- 4) Discuss the contrast between the life style of the white mistress and the black maid.
- 5) Explain the surprising coincidences which makes the inspector jot down Alarakkhi's name.

III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages **each**. (1×10=10)

- 1) How is Rachel Carson unintentionally start an ecological revolution through her book *Silent Spring* ?
- 2) Comment on how a ferocious animal like tiger is now reduced to being a victim in the poem "Tiger Tiger Revisited."
- 3) What do you understand about the condition of the blacks in a society dominated by the whites as reflected in the poem "Ballad of the Landlord" ?

IV. Do as directed :

- a) Identify a suitable synonym from the bracket for each of the given words : (2×1=2)
 - 1) Persevere (hang in there, let go, move on)
 - 2) Determine (overlook, decide, ignore).

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- b) Use the appropriate forms of the verbs in the brackets to fill in the blanks : **(2×1=2)**
- 1) The kids _____ (carry) the load on their heads.
 - 2) The culprit _____ (flee) from the scene.
- c) Add "able" or "en" to the word given in the brackets to fill in the blanks : **(1×1=1)**
- The talents of a genius is always _____ (hide).

PART - B

(Work Book - Communication Skills)**30**

- V. 1) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate article : **1**
- It was _____ honour to receive the award.
- 2) Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition : **1**
- The train went _____ the tunnel.
- 3) Fill in the blank with the correct verb : **1**
- A number of accidents _____ (were/was) reported in the newspaper.
- 4) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense form of the verb given in the bracket : **2**
- She _____ (swim) in the pool.
- P. Sindhu _____ (win) a silver medal at Rio Olympics.
- 5) Rewrite the following sentence with appropriate punctuation marks : **2**
- oh it was a scintillating game of tennis

VI. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

The rise in earth's surface temperature as a consequence of Greenhouse effect is called Global Warming. The thickening of earth's atmosphere because of presence of increased carbon dioxide and other Greenhouse gases is called Greenhouse effect. Increase in Greenhouse gases is a result of rapid deforestation and industrial emissions. These Greenhouse gases traps and absorbs atmospheric heat and ultimately causes Global warming (an increase in earth's surface temperature).

If this process of global warming continues the world would be in danger. Firstly, the world's is becoming warmer and warmer having a devastating effect on the regional ecosystem. Another major consequence of global warming arising out of Greenhouse effect is the rise in sea level. Four major changes take place prior to this. They are : Thermal expansion, melting of mountain glacier, melting of Greenland ice sheet and melting of Polar (Arctic and Antarctic) ice. Thus, the coastal cities and ports may be submerged under sea-water. Many islands may vanish from the earth surface of the earth. Thirdly, in future, warmer world will face water crisis in some parts while in other regions it will be wetter than it is now. There will be uncertainty regarding regional forecasts of future precipitation as warming of globe makes it difficult to predict. Also, pattern of agricultural



changes, or effects on ecosystems in general are fairly unpredictable. In addition to all these, the human health is put at risk because of Global warming. In recent years, there have been newer reports of spread of major tropical diseases with changing climate. As the earth becomes warmer, more and more people are likely to be affected by tropical diseases.

The problem of Global Warming can be controlled by minimizing the emission of Greenhouse gases into the environment. Few preventive steps would help save the earth from the harmful effects of Global Warming. Strict laws should be enforced to govern pollution and to regulate the emission of Greenhouse gases. We should drastically reduce the dependence on the thermal power generating stations as the use of fossil fuels for generating conventional energy is a major contributor of Greenhouse gases. Simultaneously we should promote afforestation and strive towards protection of remaining forests.

- 1) What are the causes for the rise in Greenhouse gases ? 1
- 2) How does Greenhouse gases result in global warming ? 1
- 3) What are the effects of rise in sea levels ? 1
- 4) Pick a word which is an opposite word of "Sure". 1
- 5) How can global warming be minimized ? 1

VII. Write a paragraph on **one** of the following in about **80-100** words using the hints given below : 5

Describe the details of the NSS activities of your college and the service rendered. Make use of the hints given below.

- The purpose of NSS
- Composition of NSS group
- Promotion of service attitude and harmony
- Service rendered in college.

OR

Narrate the details of a historical tour to Badami, Aihole and Bijapur. Make use of the hints given below.

- The joy of travelling with friends
- Historical significance of the sites
- The memories which stood out
- Facilities provided and organization.

VIII. Make notes of the following passage by choosing either a linear or a diagrammatic format : 5

The Sundarbans contain the world's largest mangrove forests and one of the most biologically productive of all natural ecosystems. Located at the mouth of the Ganges and Brahmaputra Rivers between India and Bangladesh, its forest and waterways support a wide range of fauna including a number of species threatened with extinction. The mangrove habitat supports the single largest population of tigers in the world which have adapted to an almost amphibious life, being capable of swimming for long distances and feeding on fish, crab and



water monitor lizards. They are also renowned for being "man-eaters", most probably due to their relatively high frequency of encounters with local people. The Sundarbans is the only mangrove forest in the world to be inhabited by the tiger. In addition to tigers Sundarbans also supports a number of other threatened aquatic mammals such as the Irrawaddy and Ganges River dolphins. The site also contains an exceptional number of threatened reptiles including the king cobra and significant populations of the endemic river terrapin which was once believed to be extinct. The property provides nesting grounds for marine turtles including the olive riley, green and hawksbill. Two of the four species of highly primitive horsehoe crab. It is also of high importance for migratory birds.

The islands are also of great economic importance as a storm barrier, shore stabilizer, nutrient and sediment trap, a source of timber and natural resources, and support a wide variety of aquatic, benthic and terrestrial organisms. They are an excellent example of the ecological processes of monsoon rain flooding, delta formation, tidal influence and plant colonization.

IX. Do as directed :

- Introduce your close friend to your parents.
- Write a set of instructions to make a cup of tea.
- Give directions to reach Blossoms book shop from Kasturba road.

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