

FACULTIES OF COMMERCE, SCIENCE, ARTS & SOCIAL WORK
B.A./B.Sc/B.Com./B.B.A & BSW I – Year II – Semester (CBCS) Examination,

May/June 2018

Subject: General English

Paper – II

Max. Marks: 80

Time : 3 Hours

PART – A (5x4 = 20 Marks)

Note: Answer any FIVE of the following

1. Answer as directed.

- fr__nd (Complete the spelling using either ie / ei)
- rec__pt (Complete the spelling with ie or ei)
- People buy _____ news papers these days. (fewer/less)
- He was teaching at _____ European University. (insert the correct indefinite article)

2 Answer as directed

- The Maldives is _____ tropical nation in _____ Indian Ocean. (Correct the sentence by inserting articles wherever necessary)
- That talkative man was very _____ (annoy). (Use the correct form of the adjective given in the brackets.)
- Do you have any _____ plans? (further/father). (Use the appropriate adjective.)
- I had a million things to do. (oxymoron/hyperbole) hyperbole.

3 Answer as directed.

- Break _____ (complete the word using either the suffix-able or ible).
- emotion + icon = _____ (write the portmanteau word.)
- He is _____ (a/an) honest man. (Fill in the blank with the correct indefinite article.)
- He saw _____ eagle fly by (Fill in the blank with the correct article)

4 Answer as directed.

- Male member of the family: _____ (Write the palindrome based on the given clue.)
- The clown was seriously funny. (Oxymoron/palindrome)
- He was as brave as a lion. (simile/metaphor)
- He speaks his mother tongue fluent. (Correct the underlined adverb)

5 Answer as directed.

- Ribbon (Is the underlined sound Plosive/Affricate?)
- feather (Is the underlined sound Nasal/Fricative?)
- Matching (Is the underlined sound Affricate/Plosive?)
- Ring (Is the underlined sound Nasal/Plosive?)

6 Use the appropriate punctuation mark(- ; : " ") in the following sentences.

- Ali said I'm giving up smoking from tomorrow.
- He was a well known writer.
- The host made an announcement the party is over.
- We wanted to read thirty pages we only read twelve.

- 7 Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his new appointment.
- 8 Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper, suggesting that greater importance should be given to national and international news rather than to celebrity gossip and sensational news.

PART – B (5 x 12 = 60 Marks)**Note: Answer all questions**

9. (a) In the short story "A visit of Charity", why does Marian bring a potted plant with her to the Old Ladies' Home? Describe the conditions of the room of the old ladies.

OR

- (b) In the story "Visit of Charity", examine how the two old ladies behave with each other and with Marian. Why do you think they act the way they do?

- 10 (a) How does Aldous Huxley connect the incident of the bull and the beggar to the rest of his essay "Benares"?

OR

- (b) How does Huxley describe the arrival of the princess in his essay "Benares"?

- 11 (a) What is the tone and mood of the speaker in the poem, "Stanzas Written in Dejection, Near Naples"? Also, briefly comment on the speaker's complaints, hopes and fears.

OR

- (b) Annotate the following lines from the poem, "Stanzas Written in Dejection, Near Naples."

"Some might lament that I were cold,
As I when this sweet day is gone,
Which may lost heart, too soon grown old,
Insult with this untimely moan;"

- 12 (a) Annotate the following line: "It is not that I loved Caesar less than anyone else, but that I loved Rome more than everything else."

OR

- (b) Describe the effect of Antony's speech on the crown in the play *Julius Caesar*.

- 13 (a) What are the benefits of note-making? Provide at least five guidelines for making notes.

OR

- (b) Write a brief description of Hyderabad, highlighting the various reasons for which it is famous.