

FACULTIES OF ARTS, COMMERCE, SCIENCE, & SOCIAL SCIENCES**B.A./B.Com./B.Sc. I-Semester (CBCS) Examination, December 2016****Subject : General English****Paper – I****Time : 3 Hours****Max. Marks: 80****PART – A (5 x 4 = 20 Marks)****Answer any five of the following:****1 Answer as directed.**

- (a) Bob Dylan, the Nobel Prize winner, is an American songwriter. (Identify the common noun).
- (b) A _____ of cattle. (Fill in the blank with a collective noun).
- (c) Generation. (Identify the root word).
- (d) Commisioners. (Correct the spelling).

2 Answer as directed.

- (a) The dog is chasing _____ own tail. (Fill in the blank with appropriate pronoun).
- (b) Rahat and I is friends. (Correct the underlined word).
- (c) A number of people try to friend each other on Facebook. (Add appropriate prefix to the underlined word).
- (d) _____ figure. (Add appropriate prefix to form the antonym of the given word).

3 Answer as directed.

- (a) Many youngsters meet an untimely death as they _____ not know how to swim. (Fill in the blank with the correct auxiliary verb).
- (b) He _____ going to be angry when he finds it out. (Fill in the blank with the correct auxiliary).
- (c) The stone broke the window _____. (Fill in the blank with the correct option between 'pane' and 'pain').
- (d) They were unable to find good _____ (Fill in the blank by adding the correct suffix to 'accommodate').

4 Answer as directed.

- (a) Give the past and past participle forms of the verb 'do'.
- (b) Were you _____ attention to what was being said? (Fill in the blank with the correct form of 'pay').
- (c) He did a good speech yesterday. (Correct the underlined collocation).
- (d) _____ is an art. (Fill in the blank with the correct form of 'manage').

5 Answer as directed.

- (a) Ice. (Write the phonetic transcription of the given word).
- (b) Ostrich. (Write the phonetic transcription of the given word).
- (c) Point. (Write the phonetic symbol of the underlined diphthong).
- (d) Ginger. (Transcribe the sound of 'G' in the given word using IPA symbols).

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6 Expand the following topic sentence into a paragraph.

Actions speak louder than words.

7 Arrange the following sentences in a logical sequence.

- (a) If the sentence construction is wrong it leads to syntactical errors, ambiguities, and problems in understanding the intended message.
- (b) It is advisable to use simple and short sentences as long sentences lead to confusion.
- (c) Hence a writer should always keep the importance of syntax in mind.
- (d) Syntax is the construction of sentences.

8 Complete the following conversations.

A : Hi! I'm Ramesh.

B : _____.

A : Where are you from?

B : _____. Which class are you in?

A : _____.

PART – B (5 x 12 = 60 Marks)**Answer the following question in about 300 words each.**

- 9 (a) Explain the causes for Charlie's mental breakdown in "The Curb in the Sky".

OR

- (b) What lessons can couples learn from "The Curb in the Sky"?

- 10 (a) What, according to Inge, make people 'happy', and who are the happiest people?

OR

- (b) What is the relevance of the story of the ambassador and his servant in "Happy People"?

- 11 (a) What does Longfellow compare life to in "A Psalm of Life"?

OR

- (b) Justify the title of the poem "A Psalm of Life" by Longfellow

- 12 (a) Discuss how human beings are depicted in the play "The Dear Departed".

OR

- (b) In "The Dear Departed", between Amelia and Elizabeth, who is more scheming and hypocritical? Justify your answer.

- 13 (a) Explain the contribution of Chindu Yellama to Chindu Bhagavatam.

OR

- (b) Explain non-verbal communication and describe the significant elements of non-verbal communication.
