

Q.P. Code - 10209

Second Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Degree Examination,  
September 2020

(New Scheme)

English

Sree Siddaganga College of Arts  
Science & Commerce for women  
LIBRARY, TUMKUR.

Paper II - GENERAL ENGLISH

Time : 2 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 90

Instructions to Candidates :

- 1) Write answers in legible and correct English.
- 2) Answers should be textual, relevant and critical.
- 3) Write the question numbers correctly.

PART - A

(COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND MEDIA AWARENESS)

1. Answer any FIVE of the following in one or two sentences each : (5 × 2 = 10)
  - (a) Why is human communication a complex process?
  - (b) When do we use formal communication?
  - (c) Give informal expressions for any two of the following :
    - (i) sufficient
    - (ii) obtain
    - (iii) purchase
    - (iv) additional
  - (d) Mention any two educative television programmes.
  - (e) What is the aim of an advertisement?
  - (f) Who controls the news?
  - (g) How do you greet the principal of your college?
2. Write an e-mail to your friend inviting him/her to attend your sister's marriage. Write the subject line, pre-closing and closing. (1 × 5 = 5)

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3. Vidya Institute of Commerce requires an English teacher with a Master degree. Good communication skills, fluency over language and computer knowledge are required. (2 × 5 = 10)
- (a) Write a cover letter
- (b) Prepare a resume to suit the requirement.
4. Mention any five points to be kept in mind by the candidate during the interview. (1 × 5 = 5)
5. Read the following passage and make notes either a linear pattern or a flow chart : (1 × 5 = 5)
- Rome excels all the cities of the world in ancient monuments, which reflect its past glory, literature, art, culture and civilisation. Palaces, pillars, temples, health giving baths and pavements present to the mind the scene of ancient Roman life. Vespasian's theatre, which was finished by Titus, was the seat and centre of all activities. Thousands of slaves and captives through their agony and fortune entertained the Roman citizens and spectators. They used to revel in vulgar things of life. Fights with the wild animals were the permanent source of cheap entertainment. The monuments though shattered through the onslaughts of time, stand as symbol of ancient Roman civilisation and reflection of cruelty committed on the innocent slaves and prisoners.
6. Imagine that you are the principal of a college and you are asked to conduct a survey of the students using laptops in your colleges. Submit a report to the Director of the Collegiate Education, Bangalore. (1 × 5 = 5)

**PART - B**

**(GENERAL TEXT)**

7. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in one or two sentences each : (5 × 2 = 10)
- (a) Mention the two stories demanded by the children in 'The Fir Tree'.
- (b) What was the greatest desire of the little Fir Tree?
- (c) Name the hill where turmeric is found in 'A Symbiotic Bond'.
- (d) What do the saviours wear in the poem 'Saviours'?
- (e) Who was the owner of the house in 'The Accursed House'?
- (f) What is the diameter of the bomb?
- (g) Who is Amanda in the story 'The Accursed House'?



8. Answer any **FOUR** of the following in about a page : (4 × 5 = 20)

- (a) How was the Fir tree decorated on Christmas eve?
- (b) Write a note on Adivasi society.
- (c) Describe the sufferings of mankind in 'The Diameter of the Bomb'.
- (d) What advice does the Prophet Almustafo give to the people in the poem, 'Buying and Selling'?
- (e) How are the common people affected by war in the poem 'Saviours'?
- (f) Portray the character of the Vicomte-de-B.

9. Answer any **TWO** of the following in about two pages : (2 × 10 = 20)

- (a) Describe the life of fir tree.
- (b) Comment on the life of the Adivasis and their culture in the essay 'A Symbiotic Bond'.
- (c) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'The Diameter of the Bomb'.
- (d) Justify the title of the story 'The Accursed House'.

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