

Fourth Semester B.Com./B.B.M./B.C.A./B.S.W. Degree Examination,
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(CBCS Scheme)

English

Paper IV - GENERAL ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 90

Instructions to Candidates :

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

PART - A

(POETRY AND DRAMA)

(POETRY)

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1. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in a word or a sentence : (5 × 2 = 10)
 - (a) What does the poet say about the children in 'Father Returning Home'?
 - (b) What kind of choirs are awaiting the dead soldiers in 'Anthem for Doomed Youth'?
 - (c) How does the poet describe the wind in 'Coromandel Fishers'?
 - (d) What is referred to as 'Otherness' in the poem 'Advice to Women'?
 - (e) What does the poet mean by the expression 'rage against the dying of the light' in the poem 'Do Not Go Gentle into that Good Night'?
 - (f) How does the speaker's father get off the train in the poem 'Father Returning Home'?
 - (g) What, according to the speaker, is sweeter than 'the shade of the coconut glade and the scent of the mango grove' in the poem 'Coromandel Fishers'?
2. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about a page : (1 × 5 = 5)
 - (a) Write a note on the vivid description of morning in 'Coromandel Fishers'.
 - (b) How does the poet describe the four types of men in the poem 'Do Not Go Gentle into that Good Night'?
 - (c) How does the poet present theme of man's estrangement from man-made world?

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3. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about two pages : **(1 × 10 = 10)**
- (a) "Father Returning Home" presents the pathetic condition of an old commuter. Illustrate.
 - (b) Comment on the life of fishermen with reference to 'Coromandel Fishers'.
 - (c) "'Anthem for Doomed Youth' talks about the effects of war." Elucidate.

DRAMA

(RIDERS TO THE SEA)

4. Answer any **THREE** of the following in about a page each : **(3 × 5 = 15)**
- (a) Why does Bartley Plan to go to Sea?
 - (b) Why do the sisters conceal the bundle handed over to them by the young priest?
 - (c) Write a note on the role played by the young priest.
 - (d) Write a note on the role of superstition in the play.
 - (e) Bring out the Maurya's concern for her children.
5. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 2 pages : **(1 × 10 = 10)**
- (a) Comment on Maurya's predicament in 'Riders to the Sea'.
 - (b) "'Riders to the Sea" deals with hope in the midst of all odds" – Elucidate.
 - (c) 'Cathleen and Nora' are the passive sufferers in 'Riders to the Sea' – Do you agree? Give reasons.

PART – B

(ENRICHING COMMUNICATION SKILLS)

6. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it :

Stress has become an unavoidable part of our lives. Stress defined as a state of mental or emotional strain can affect our mind, body and result in anxiety and nervousness. According to National Institute of Mental Health, adrenaline shoots up during acute stress. It causes faster breathing and diverts oxygen to the muscles. It also affects human sensory organs like eyes, ears, skin, nose and tongue.

In cases of severe stress and anxiety high levels of adrenaline can exert pressure on the eyes and cause blurred vision. Stress can cause acute headaches and vision impairment as well.

New research has shown that persistent stress increases the level of a hormone called cortisol. The cortisol adversely affects the vascular and sympathetic nervous system. It also hurts the brain, eyes and causes glaucoma and optic neuropathy.

(a) Answer the following in a word, phrase or a sentence : (4 × 1 = 4)

- (i) What has become an unavoidable part of our lives?
- (ii) How is stress defined?
- (iii) Name the Institution referred in the first paragraph.
- (iv) What are the sensory organs?

(b) Answer the following in a sentence or two : (3 × 2 = 6)

- (i) What are the effects of stress?
- (ii) How does cortisol affect human body?
- (iii) What are the causes of stress?

7. Write a paragraph on any **ONE** of the following : (1 × 5 = 5)

- (a) The sport I like most
- (b) Republic Day celebration
- (c) Corona virus

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8. Write a summary of the following passage and suggest a suitable title : (1 × 5 = 5)

Pandit Ravi Shankar is known for his pioneering works in taking Indian music to the west. He is a legend. He is always ahead of his times. He is a sitarist, composer and teacher. Yet he has written Sitar and Symphony Orchestras and Violin-Sitar compositions.

He has also composed extensively for films. Among his most memorable films are "Charly", "Gandhi" and "Appu Trilogy". He has been conferred innumerable awards including the Bharat Ratna. India could not have asked for a better ambassador of music. When asked "What is the secret of your creativity"? The Great musician replied, "My audience, I forget my age whenever I perform whether it is India or abroad". He added that during 1950's the west-thought that Indian music was esoteric and long. So he began presenting music in a way they could understand and appreciate.

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9. KLE Society, Rajajinagar, Bangalore has invited applications for the post of Asst. Professor of English. The candidate should have NET experience is an added advantage. **(2 × 5 = 10)**

- (a) Write a cover letter.
- (b) Prepare a resume.

10. Write an essay on any **ONE** of the following : **(1 × 10 = 10)**

- (a) Social Media
- (b) Noise Pollution
- (c) Empowerment of Women

Or

Develop the following outline into a story :

A hungry fox – hungry – garden – ripe grapes – out of reach – jump up – cannot get them – “Grapes are sour”.