Second Semester B.Com./B.B.M./B.C.A./B.S.W
Degree Examination, April/May 2019

(CBCS Scheme)

Paper II – 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 ESSAYS)

1. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in a word or a phrase.   (5 × 1 = 5)

   (a) Where does the lady in "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" ; take the Knight to?

   (b) How should 'work' absorb a person, according to D.H. Lawrence in "Work"?

   (c) What is the mistress hair compared to in "Sonnet 130"?

   (d) What does "Good bye" actually mean in "Once upon a time"?

   (e) When did Ramanujam arrive in England?

   (f) What is the phrase the author uses in, "My Financial Career", to describe the Accountant?

   (g) How much money did the narrator want to deposit?

2. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in a sentence or two.   (5 × 2 = 10)

   (a) What was the romantic incident in G.H. Hardy's life?

   (b) What does the poet tell about his mistress eyes in "Sonnet 130"?

   (c) What does 'La Belle Dame Sans Merci' mean?

   (d) What should humanity do with machines, according to the poet, in "work"?

   (e) Who is singing in his boat, in "Break, Break, Break"?

   (f) What has been the main result of the system of capitalism?

   (g) What is "the fateful moment" that Nehru refers to?

3. Answer any **THREE** of the following in about 100 words each. **(3 × 5 = 15)**

    (a) What was the best investment that the author ever made in "The best investment I ever made"?

    (b) Comment on the sense of loss in the poem, "Break, Break, Break".

    (c) How does the poet describe his mistress in "Sonnet 130"?

    (d) Why does the narrator in "My Financial career", decide not to bank anymore?

    (e) What does Nehru suggest India should avoid doing as it gains freedom?

4. Answer any **TWO** of the following in about 200 words each : **(2 × 10 = 20)**

    (a) "Once Upon a time" is about the ways of world in which we adapt to adulthood. Discuss.

    (b) Capitalism spreads ignorance. Comment on with reference to the essay 'How Wealth Accumulates and Men Decay'.

    (c) Examine the theme of nature versus industralisation in the poem, "Work".

    (d) Attempt a character sketch of Ramanujan.

PART B

(DEVELOPING GRAMMATICAL COMPETENCE)

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable verb forms given in the brackets. **(4 × 1 = 4)**

    (a) She is _____ a novel. (read)

    (b) This statue _____ an amazing story. (tell)

    (c) They have _____ a decision. (take)

    (d) India _____ a fitting reply to terror last month. (give)

6. Do as directed : **(4 × 1 = 4)**

    (a) The teacher narrates some interesting stories to children. (change into simple past tense)

    (b) Ananda Coomaraswamy wrote "The Dance of Siva". (change into past perfect tense)

    (c) He is cooking. (change into past continuous tense)

    (d) She drives a car. (change into present continuous tense)

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.   (3 × 1 = 3)

    (a) Abhinandan is _____ man of mettle.

    (b) We don't believe that _____ earth is flat.

    (c) He is _____ actor.

8. Rewrite the following sentences by inserting appropriate articles.   (3 × 1 = 3)

    (a) It's good suggestion.

    (b) Tanya is English teacher.

    (c) The Nile is longest river in the world.

9. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions given below :   (3 × 1 = 3)

    (for, with, on, by)

    (a) The students are _____ strike.

    (b) They have gone to Ooty _____ their parents.

    (c) She goes to work _____ train.

10. Identify the prepositions in the following sentences :   (3 × 1 = 3)

    (a) War and Peace is written by Tolstoy.

    (b) We sat on the grass.

    (c) She composed music to honour the legends.

11. Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions given below :   (3 × 1 = 3)

    (Although, and, so)

    (a) I didn't need the bike anymore, _____ I sold it.

    (b) _____ it rained, we enjoyed our holiday.

    (c) Rahul _____ Rishab are in the team.

12. Identify the conjunctions in the following sentences.   (3 × 1 = 3)

    (a) Neither the party, nor its policies are good.

    (b) I prefer tea, yet I drank coffee.

    (c) Global warming and climate change are real.

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13. Add appropriate affixes given below to the following words : **(6 × 1 = 6)**

(less, non, ment, in, un, dis)

(a) attach

(b) capable

(c) appear

(d) entity

(e) fear

(f) finished

14. Add appropriate question tags to the following sentences : **(8 × 1 = 8)**

(a) I didn't forget to lock the door.

(b) She writes well.

(c) Life after death does not exist.

(d) Heena will come at six.

(e) We are not late.

(f) Sheela has not returned the book.

(g) Its too hot these days.

(h) You can swim.