Fourth Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.F.A./B.V.A. Degree Examination, April/May 2019

(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)

1. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in one or two sentences :   **(5 × 2 = 10)**

   (a) How many stages does the man come across in his life time according to the poet? Give one example.

   (b) Whom does Lakshman address as "Videhan Queen" in the poem?

   (c) What are the ants called in the poem 'Departmental'?

   (d) Name the two birds mentioned in the poem 'Indian Weavers'.

   (e) Where do we leave behind our foot prints according to the poet in 'A Psalm of Life'?

   (f) Why did Lakshman draw a magic circle in Toru Dutt's poem?

   (g) What life is not according to H.W. Longfellow?

2. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 80-100 words :   **(1 × 5 = 5)**

   (a) What is the central theme of the poem 'Departmental'?

   (b) Summarise the poem 'Indian Weavers'.

   (c) Write a note on Rama's might as described in the poem 'Lakshman'.

3. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 200 words : **(1 × 10 = 10)**

    (a) Toru Dutt portrays the character of Sita 'as an assertive and strong woman' in the poem 'Lakshman' – Explain.

    (b) Examine the different stages of a man's life in the poem "All the World's a stage".

    (c) How does H.W. Longfellow look at life in his poem 'A Psalm of Life'.

(DRAMA)

(TUGHLAQ)

4. Answer any **THREE** of the following in about 80-100 words : **(3 × 5 = 15)**

    (a) Shifting of the capital city from Delhi to Daulatabad.

    (b) Step-mother of Tughlaq.

    (c) The game of chess.

    (d) Rose Garden, a symbol of Tughlaq's dreams.

    (e) Violence in 'Tughlaq'.

5. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about 200 words : **(1 × 10 = 10)**

    (a) Aziz's character runs parallel to the character of Tughlaq in the play – Elucidate.

    (b) Consider "Tughlaq" as a political satire.

    (c) Sketch the character of Tughlaq.

PART B

(ENRICHING COMMUNICATION SKILLS)

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

    There is an old proverb, "A sound mind in a sound body". Sound body means sound health which depends on several factors. Morning walk is one of them. It is a boon for health. No diet or tonic can be as effective as the morning walk. It is the best and the cheapest form of exercise.

    An active brisk walk in the morning keeps away from sickness and many other diseases. It keeps us fit for good start of the day. It keeps us happy and active throughout the day. Blood circulation will be improved and the unnecessary cholesterol will be disposed from our body when we walk. The fresh air that we breathe in while walking in the morning purifies our nerves besides giving us the wonderful peace and quietness which are very essential for achieving our goal. Morning breeze is also good for lungs. It is therefore some are seen breathing hard to clear their lungs.

Yoga, Pranayama and meditation are three important activities to maintain our body and mind fresh, fit and healthy. They make our body absorb all good things in and dispose all bad elements out. Some diseases cannot be treated by medicines only. In such cases, these three activities make the body and mind respond positively to the medication. After all, "Prevention is better than cure". Isn't it?

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

   (i) What is the best and the cheapest form of exercise?

   (ii) What are essential to achieve our goal?

   (iii) Which activities maintain our body and mind fresh, fit and healthy?

   (iv) Name the proverbs referred to in the passage.

(b) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences :   **(3 × 2 = 6)**

   (i) What are the uses of morning walk?

   (ii) How is fresh air helpful to us?

   (iii) What are the benefits of Yoga, Pranayama and Meditation?

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

   (a) My pet animal

   (b) Importance of self-confidence

   (c) Riding a bicycle.

8. Write a summary of the following passage and suggest a suitable title :

   (1 × 5 = 5)

   The last two decades of existence of independence, India has seen a steep upward trend in the graph of existing corruption. The media, the public, the variety of a forum for discussions and debates for high intelligent are all neck deep buried in highlighting rampant corruption in every sphere. In this debate the rural folk are also not far behind.

   These days they are also very well aware of the malpractices in the highest levels of all places. So much so that now, the average Indian has reached the highest level of disgust and disappointment at the way things are moving in this country.

   Let us first of all understand what is meant by corruption and corrupt practices. In brief, anything that is below all standard norms of morality in a country, is called or defined as corruption and corrupt practices. These norms are a fixed standard in any given society, and when these are broken we say that, a society is getting corrupted.

9. Shanthiniketana First Grade College, Devanagere, Karnataka has invited applications for the post of Assistant Professor of English. The candidates should have Ph.D degree. Experience is an added advantage.

   (a) Prepare a resume to suit the above job requirement. **(1 × 5 = 5)**

   (b) Write a cover letter for this resume. **(1 × 5 = 5)**

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

    (a) Wildlife protection

    (b) Indian festivals

    (c) Terrorism.