

**First Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination,
October/November 2019**

(CBCS – 2016 and Onwards)

English

Paper I — 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 — (50 marks)

(POETRY AND SHORT STORIES)

- I. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in a word or a phrase : **(5 × 1 = 5)**
- (a) What is the instruction given by the narrator to his servants in 'The Child'?
 - (b) What did Jim do to buy a present for his wife in "The Gift of the Magi"?
 - (c) Who created the lamb?
 - (d) Who was Mathilde's husband in "The Necklace"?
 - (e) What is Della's proud possession in "The Gift of Magi"?
 - (f) What is the name of Baldeo's son in "The tiger in the tunnel"?
 - (g) What is the name of the stranger in the story "An Astrologer's day"?
- II. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in a sentence or two : **(5 × 2 = 10)**
- (a) Why does the poet feel sad and depressed in 'Sonnet 29'?
 - (b) What did Della do with her hair in "The Gift of the Magi"?
 - (c) How did father try to relieve the pain of scorpion's sting?
 - (d) Why did Gomti Devi go away from Ganga?

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- (e) What is Baldeo's weapon?
- (f) What did Jim buy for Della and how did he buy it?
- (g) Where did the astrologer use to sit?

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

- (a) Describe the astrologer's appearance.
- (b) How did Tembu react to his father's death in "The Tiger in the tunnel"?
- (c) How did Della save money to buy the present in "Gift of the Magi"?
- (d) Comment on the theme of the poem "The Lamb".

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

- (a) Comment on the superstition and rationality that is reflected in "Night of the Scorpion".
- (b) Discuss the mutual love and sacrifice of Jim and Della in "The Gift of Magi".
- (c) How does Premchand use Ganga as a tool of social reformation?
- (d) Portray the character of Matilde.

PART – B — (40 marks)

(DEVELOPING GRAMMATICAL COMPETENCE)

V. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of words given in brackets : **(4 × 1 = 4)**

- (a) The princess is wearing a _____ dress. (beauty)
- (b) I have _____ (help) Veena.
- (c) Srikanth speaks _____. (loud)
- (d) _____ is essential for human relationship. (friend)

VI. Construct sentences based on any **TWO** of the following : **(2 × 2 = 4)**

- (a) City
- (b) He
- (c) Big
- (d) Slowly.

VII. Fill in the blanks using appropriate auxillary verbs given below : (6 × 1 = 6)

(had, am, were, is, can, has)

- (a) Saroja _____ been teaching English.
- (b) She _____ been to USA when I was a student.
- (c) I _____ attending music classes.
- (d) Guru _____ preparing for IAS examination.
- (e) They _____ in Mysore last week.
- (f) Ram _____ ride a bike.



VIII. Use the following transitive and intransitive verbs in sentences of your own :

(4 × 2 = 8)

- (a) give
- (b) make
- (c) go
- (d) laugh.

IX. Construct sentences using any **TWO** of the phrasal verbs :

(2 × 2 = 4)

- (a) call off
- (b) find out
- (c) get rid of
- (d) look after.

X. Fill in the blanks with appropriate quantifiers given in brackets :

(4 × 1 = 4)

(many, little, few, some)

- (a) Try to have _____ patience.
- (b) Madhu latha has _____ friends.
- (c) I have _____ money.
- (d) There are _____ people in the theatre.

XI. Identify the phrases in the following sentences :

(2 × 1 = 2)

- (a) I picked up a black cat from the gutter.
- (b) We climbed up the hill with our companions.