

FACULTIES OF ARTS/SCIENCE/COMMERCE/SOCIAL SCIENCES

B.A./B.A.(L)/B.Sc./ B.Com./B.B.A./(I Semester) Examination

GENERAL ENGLISH

(New)

[Max. Marks : 80

Time : 3 Hours]

Answer the following questions in the serial order from 1 to 5.

Section A – (Marks: 4 × 5 = 20)

1. Answer any four of the following questions:

(A) Fill in the blanks with suitable **nouns/pronouns** given in the bracket: 5×1=5

1. We heard an _____ of the accident suddenly when we were in the station.
2. _____ is the biggest democracy in the world.
3. _____ brings perfection in any work.
4. This bag is to be handed over to _____.
5. The soldiers _____ discovered a way to the forest.
(themselves, practice, them, ours, announcement)

(B) Write the suitable **Adjective** forms of the underlined words in the following sentences: 5×1=5

1. We can observe a lot of difference between one community and the other in India.
2. Creating interest towards 'reading' is not esay nowadays.
3. Before talking about our rights, we should think of our responsibilities.
4. Cleanliness is mandatory for good health.
5. Punctuality is a discipline.

(C) Write the **English words** for the following phonetically transcribed words: 5×1=5

1. /ma:ks/
2. /ka:m/
3. /bu:n/
4. /leit/
5. /fi:st/

(D) Pick out and write the **correctly spelt** word from the given four alternatives: 5×1=5

1. comittee commitee cammittee committee
2. Pronounciation prononciation pronunciation prununciation
3. grammer grammar grommer gramer
4. situation sichuation situasion sitaution
5. tution tuition tusion tuetion

[P.T.O.]

- (E) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: $5 \times 1 = 5$

Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested; that is, some books are to read only in parts, others to be read, but not curiously; and some few to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention.

1. Why should we read?
2. We have to read books to believe. Say, 'yes' or 'no'.
3. What does the author mean by the statement 'some books are to be swallowed'?
4. Which word in the passage means 'eagerly'?
5. What does the author mean by 'chewing and digesting books'?

- (F) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: $5 \times 1 = 5$

The Indian farmer today is provided with seeds which are not only 'high-yielding, but also, thanks to the work of scientists in our agricultural universities and research institutions, resistant to drought and disease. He is encouraged to use fertilizers to ensure an adequate supply of nourishment to his crops. In areas where rains are scanty, irrigation canals are dug to bring water to the fields. Tractors, harvesters and other machines have taken the place of the implements used by farmers since the dawn of civilisation. In these and many other ways, there has been an impressive progress in our agriculture, which is often referred to as 'The Green Revolution'. <http://www.telanganastudy.com>

1. Who has helped the Indian farmer to produce a better crop?
2. What are the tools used by the farmers nowadays?
3. Where are irrigation canals dug?
4. What does the expression 'Green Revolution' refer to?
5. Which word in the passage means 'enough'.

Section B – (Marks: 60)

Answer all the questions.

2. Attempt either A or B of the following: $10 \times 1 = 10$

A. Rewrite the following sentences by correcting the underlined part.

1. Each of them were given a gift.
2. These both books are interesting.
3. Neither he likes tea nor coffee.
4. I am an Indian, isn't it?
5. I am learning music since last year.

6. We have written a letter to the Collector yesterday.
7. There is a dispute among the two families.
8. My brother-in-laws are doctors.
9. Unless you will not listen, you can't understand.
10. They are working hardly to win the match.

Or

B. What is meant by 'word roots'? Explain and give any four examples.

10×1=10

3. Attempt either A or B of the following:

A. Transcribe the following English words phonetically.

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| 1. prepare | 2. pain |
| 3. colour | 4. cream |
| 5. bright | 6. dream |
| 7. doubt | 8. brook |
| 9. crime | 10. mother |

Or

B. What are Diphthongs? Explain and give any four examples.

4. Attempt any **two** of the following essay questions in about **125** words each:

2×10=20

A. Explain the character of the astrologer.

Or

B. How does the astrologer manage to attract the customers in the story 'An Astrologer's Day'? <http://www.telanganastudy.com>

C. Give a summary of the essay 'Of Studies'.

Or

D. What important points does Bacon explain about the habit of reading books?

5. Attempt any **two** of the following annotations in about **125** words each: 2×10=20

A. "And I watered it in fears,
Night and morning with my tears".

Or

B. "In the morning glad I see;
My foe outstretched beneath the tree".

C. A hundred pounds is little enough for the Government to offer him.

Or

D. You'd be as wise as myself if I told you, but I don't mind. I am one Jimmy Walsh, a ballad-singer.