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B. Com. Part-1 Examination

(New Course)

COMPULSORY ENGLISH

Time : Three Hours]

[Max. Marks : 100

N. B. : All questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Answer the following question in about **200** words :

Describe the circumstances that were responsible for the death of the younger Gessler. 8

OR

Justify the title of the story, "Marriage is a private Affair". 8

- (B) Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **100** words each :

(i) How did Niccolo show his dissatisfaction with the Bard ?

(ii) Describe the two things in which Jim and Della took pride.

(iii) How did Banti plan to spend the amount in the wallet ?

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(iv) What did Velan do after leaving his home ?
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2. (A) Answer the following question in about 200 words :

Discuss 'The Unknown Citizen' as a satire on the life in a modern state.
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OR

How does the poetess, Gwendolyn Brooks, contrast horses' lives and human life ?
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(B) Answer any two of the following questions in about 100 words each :

(i) How, according to Tukdoji Maharaj, can we survive in the world ?

(ii) What do you learn about the neighbour from the poem, 'Mending wall' ?

(iii) How does the poet, John Hollander, describe the Fading memory of Swan ?

(iv) How does Kabir diagnose the cause of failure in the poem, "You Turned Away Yourself" ?
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3. (A) Answer the following question in about 200 words :

What are Russell's views on knowledge and wisdom ?
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OR

How does Shaila Dhar explain India's strong belief in sacredness ? 8

(B) Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **100** words each :

- (i) How does A. G. Gardiner describe the beauty of the sunset ?
- (ii) What is the basic difference between the Christian and Pagan attitudes to pleasure ?
- (iii) What is Forster's attitude to militant ideals ?
- (iv) Explain the most important method of education mentioned by Einstein. 8

4. (A) Do as directed :

(a) Give the synonyms for any **two** of the following :

(i) Finish

(ii) Plan

(iii) Pity

(iv) Spread. 2

(b) Give the antonyms for any **two** of the following :

(i) Forget

(ii) Heaven

(iii) Decrease.

(iv) Friend. 2

(c) Give **one** word for any **two** of the following :

(i) A room for scientific experiments.

(ii) Designer of buildings.

(iii) Noisy disorder and confusion.

(iv) That cannot be seen. 2

(d) Do as directed (any **two**) :

(i) Atlas was stronger than any other Greek.

(Make Positive degree)

(ii) Jaipur is the most beautiful city of India.

(Make Comparative degree)

(iii) Mango is sweeter than Pineapple.

(Make Positive degree)

(iv) No other actor is so perfect as Aamir Khan.

(Make Superlative Degree)

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(e) Make necessary corrections in any **two** of the following sentences :

(i) He is one of the cleverest boy. in the class.

(ii) Five miles are not a long distance.

(iii) My sheeps are running.

(iv) Bad news spread soon. 2

(B) You are the librarian of your college. Write a letter of complaint to a local book seller for having sent books with some important pages missing. Ask for immediate replacement.

OR

You are the Sales officer, Om Sai Traders, Ramdas Peth, Nagpure. Your firm deals in room coolers. Write a sales letter or offer letter to the Manager, Rexim Bank, Civil lines, Nagpur. 10

(C) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

The Indian elephant, which is smaller than its African brother, is usually about nine feet in height and three tons in weight. Elephants in India prefer to live in places where there is plenty of forest and bamboo plants. At the beginning of the rains they come out into the open places to eat the young grass, but during the rains they move about from forest to forest, always travelling in single file. A herd of wild elephants usually consists of thirty to fifty animals, usually belonging to the same family. If food is scarce, the herd usually breaks up into smaller groups of ten or twelve, travelling about quite near one another and joining

up again when conditions improve. The leader of the herd is usually a female, and when a herd is on the move, the females and their young travel in front and male behind. Some male occasionally leave the herd and live by themselves; they are often fierce and quarrelsome and are known as 'rogue' elephants.

- (i) What is the average height and weight of an Indian elephant ?
 - (ii) What elephants do at the beginning of rains ?
 - (iii) What does the herd of elephants do when the food becomes scarce ?
 - (iv) How do elephants usually travel ?
 - (v) Which elephants are called rogues ? 10
5. (a) Write an essay of about **300** words on any one of the following :
- (i) India's war on Terrorism.
 - (ii) My Idea of a Truly cultured Man.
 - (iii) Rising inflation : A crisis.
 - (iv) Computer Revolution. 10

(B) Answer the following questions in one sentence each :

- (i) For how many years the narrator could not go to Mr. Gessler's shop ?
- (ii) Which disease did Dittu's wife contract ?
- (iii) What is truth to Kabir ?
- (iv) What modern things did the unknown citizen possess ?
- (v) When does pursuit of knowledge become harmful ?
- (vi) What is the first law of pleasure ? 12