

TKN/KS/16/1033

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Part-I Examination
COMPULSORY ENGLISH (New Course)
Compulsory Language

Time—Three Hours]

[Full Marks—100

Note :— ALL questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :—

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- (i) I met him _____ the station.
- (ii) Look at the pictures _____ the wall.
- (iii) You must finish the work _____ four o'clock.
- (iv) I prefer apples _____ oranges.

(B) Give one word for any **FOUR** of the following :—

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- (i) One who has extreme political or religious opinion.
- (ii) An unmarried woman.
- (iii) A person who gets commission for buying/selling bonds.
- (iv) to make use of someone unfairly.
- (v) One who carries out punishment by death.
- (vi) A bad or one-sided opinion.

(C) Give synonyms for any **TWO** of the following :-

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- (i) intelligent
- (ii) ordinary
- (iii) broad
- (iv) assist

(D) Give antonyms for any **TWO** of the following :-

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- (i) happy
- (ii) narrow
- (iii) sell
- (iv) cheap

(E) Rewrite the following sentences as directed :- 8

- (i) Chennai is bigger than most other cities in India.
(Change into Superlative degree)
- (ii) No other boy in the class is so clever as Rahul.
(Change into Comparative degree)
- (iii) He is not always active.
(Change into Affirmative sentence)
- (iv) Anil is taller than Vijay.
(Change into Negative sentence)
- (v) Can I ever forget those happy days ?
(Change into Assertive sentence)
- (vi) Everyone knows Mahatma Gandhi.
(Change into Interrogative sentence)
- (vii) He speaks very fast.
(Change into Exclamatory sentence)
- (viii) How beautiful this garden is !
(Change into Assertive sentence)

2. (A) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :-

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Have you ever heard the story of Isaac Newton and his little dog Diamond ? The incident happened when Newton was fifty years old. He had worked hard for twenty years, studying the theory of light. One day he went out of his chamber, leaving his little dog asleep before the fire. On the table lay a heap of manuscript papers containing all the discoveries which Newton had made during those twenty years. When his master was gone, up rose little Diamond, jumped upon the table and overturned the lighted candle. The papers immediately caught fire.

Just as the destruction was completed, Newton opened the chamber door and noticed that the labours of twenty years were reduced to a heap of ashes. There stood little Diamond, the author of all the mischief. Almost any other man would have sentenced the dog to immediate death. But Newton patted him on the head with his usual kindness although his heart was full of grief.

"O Diamond, Diamond !" he exclaimed. "You little know the mischief you have done !"

This incident affected his health and spirits for some time afterwards, but from his conduct towards the

little dog, you may judge the sweetness of his temper.

Questions :

1. How old was Newton when he began studying the theory of light ?
 2. What was his dog doing when he left his room ?
 3. What happened in the room when Newton had gone ?
 4. How did Newton act towards his dog after knowing what had happened ?
 5. What was the effect of this incident on Newton ?
- (B) Write a paragraph of about **TEN** lines on the basis of the points suggested :- 10
- Science — new inventions — electricity — medicines — painless operations — quick means of transport — life comfortable — machines in place of people — better use of time saved due to machines — use of science for peace, not destruction.
3. Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :-
- (i) Why does G.B. Shaw say that the world of capitalism is a funny place ? 5

OR

What, according to Tukdoji Maharaj, is 'the height of ignorance' ?

- (ii) How was the young lady dressed in "The Romance of a Busy Broker ?" How did she appear ? 5

OR

Quote some examples to show that Kalpana Chawla 'never forgot her friends and institutions she had been associated with'.

- (iii) What lesson can all young people learn from Hazlitt's advice to his son ? 5

OR

What did the lawyer read in the first year of his imprisonment ?

- (iv) Who is Mr. Pitcher ? Describe his conversation with the young lady. 5

OR

Why is it said that Kalpana was always fascinated by aircraft ?

4. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :-
- (i) What does H.W. Longfellow in the poem "A Psalm of Life" compare our heartbeats to ? Why ? 5

OR

Why does the mirror feel it is not cruel ? What has become a part of the mirror's heart ?

- (ii) Explain the central idea of the poem "Lord Ullin's Daughter". 5

OR

What happens to gold that is planted ?

- (B) Answer the following question in about 75 words :-
What happened when the history teacher examined
Wasserkopf? 5

OR

What reply did Wasserkopf give in his examination
in geography?

- (C) Answer the following questions in a sentence or two
each :- 5
- (i) What, according to Tukdoji Maharaj, is the
ambition of the small pond?
 - (ii) Why, according to Shaw, was a women's dress
allowance called 'pin money'?
 - (iii) Which two qualities of 'the small-built young
girl' impressed the people around Kalpana
Chawla?
 - (iv) Why did Hazlitt 'wish to leave some advice'
for his son?
 - (v) What phrase does O. Henry use to describe
Maxwell?
5. (A) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option given
in the brackets :- 5
- (i) Family is the most important _____ (social/
official) unit.
 - (ii) A child aged between one and two years is a
_____ (toddler/ teenager)

- (iii) After breaking bad news to people, you should
_____. (remain calm/get agitated)
 - (iv) you should _____ (show/hide) your
nervousness while introducing yourself.
 - (v) _____ (Direct/Reported) speech is used when
the exact words of a person are important.
- (B) Match the following situations with the appropriate
expressions :- 5

A

B

- (i) You meet your friend in the evening.
 - (ii) You are leaving your friend after the tuition class in the evening
 - (iii) Someone offers you biscuits and you accept it.
 - (iv) Someone offers you lift in the car and you don't accept it.
 - (v) You meet your classmate on your way to college in the morning.
- (a) See you. Good night.
 - (b) Good morning.
 - (c) No. Thanks.
 - (d) Thank you.
 - (e) Good evening.

(C) Choose the correct option from those given in the brackets :- 5

(i) Neeta, I would like you to meet my boss Mr. Rahul Khanna.

(Formal Introduction/Informal Introduction)

(ii) How about meeting on Monday to finalize the details ?

(Formal suggestion/Informal suggestion)

(iii) I'd love to come with you for dinner tonight, but sorry, I am busy.

(Formal Refusal/Informal Refusal)

(iv) It would give us great pleasure to join you at your daughter's wedding reception.

(Formal Acceptance/Informal Acceptance)

(v) How about having a cup of coffee ?

(Formal Offer/Informal Offer)

(D) Introduce two of your friends informally to each other. 5

OR

Give a description of your favourite actor.