

TKN/KS/16/26

Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) Part-I (New)
Examination
ENGLISH
Compulsory Paper—1

Time—Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks—100

N.B. :— ALL questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Answer the following question in about **200** words :
Narrate briefly the story "The Axe" in your own words.

OR

How does Dittu react to his wife's proposal of keeping the wallet ? 8

- (B) Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **100** words each :-
- (i) Write a brief character sketch of Nnaemeka's father.
 - (ii) What did Paul tell Niccolo to get him to open the door ?
 - (iii) What did Jim purchase for Della ? How ?
 - (iv) Describe the appearance of the Young Gessler.

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2. (A) Answer the following question in about **200** words :
What is the central idea of the poem "Mending Walls" ?

OR

How does the Swan and its reflection show the relationship between experience and memory ?

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

- (i) What do the cows and the horses do after grazing ?
- (ii) How does Tukdoji, describe the three qualities of life ?
- (iii) What is the result of man's turning away from God ?
- (iv) Was the unknown citizen free and happy ?

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3. (A) Answer the following question in about **200** words :
Why does Forster say that love cannot succeed in public affairs ?

OR

What is the nature of tradition as reflected in "What is Indianness" ?

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

- (i) Why does Fulton Sheen say that the real joy of marriage is born out of some pain ?
- (ii) How does A.G. Gardiner describe the beauty of the sunset ?
- (iii) What is the sign of wisdom in private life ?
- (iv) What is Einstein's idea of the power of the school teacher ?

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4. (A) Do as directed :

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

- (i) Scuffle
- (ii) Coarse
- (iii) Begin
- (iv) Haste

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

- (i) Junior
- (ii) Outward
- (iii) Friend
- (iv) Decrease

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

- (i) Life history of a person written by someone else.
- (ii) A woman whose husband is dead.
- (iii) A sweet dish served at the end of dinner.
- (iv) A person aged between 13 and 19.

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

- (i) Wine is as dangerous as poison.

(Change into comparative degree)

- (ii) No other boy in the group is as good as Ram.

(Change into superlative degree)

- (iii) The Pacific is the largest ocean in the world.

(Change into positive degree)

- (iv) Tokyo is bigger than most other cities in the world.

(Change into superlative degree)

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

- (i) She didn't knew the answer.

- (ii) He don't like tea.

- (iii) She like to listen music.

- (iv) Shyam is one of the happiest farmer in the town.

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(B) As a Sales Manager of Perfect Household Goods Company, Nagpur, write a letter to the Purchase Manager of Surya International Hotel, Delhi, promoting a new range of food processors launched by your company.

OR

You are the proprietor of Amit Traders, Patel Marg, Central Avenue-13, Nagpur. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, Vikas Granite Traders, Gandhi Road, Agra, enquiring about the granite tiles produced by them.

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

A hare and a tortoise were neighbours. While the hare was talkative and boastful, the tortoise was silent and hard working. During the course of their talk one day, the hare pointed out that while he was alert and active, the tortoise was slow and slothful. At this, the tortoise suggested that they should run a race upto the temple at the foot of the hill to decide who of the two was more active and alert.

The next morning, the decisive race began. The hare began briskly. At one stage, he found that he had covered half of the distance. He noticed that the tortoise was not in sight at all. His inborn pride and absolute disregard for his rival prompted him to enjoy a nap. He proposed to compensate by accelerating after getting up. Pleasant breeze in the shadow of an expansive tree made him slip suddenly into the slumber. He got up only when the crows quarrelled on the tree. He found that his slow-moving rival was not far away from the target. Though he ran fast, it was beyond him to overtake the tortoise. The slow and steady tortoise ultimately won the race.

Questions :

- (i) How did the hare praise himself and condemn the tortoise ?
- (ii) What did the tortoise suggest ?

- (iii) What caused the hare to opt for a nap ?
- (iv) When did the hare get up ?
- (v) What message does the episode convey ?

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5. (A) Write an essay of about 300 words on any **one** of the following :

- (i) Preservation of Wild Life
- (ii) My Idea of a Truly Cultured Man
- (iii) Television—A Boon or Bane
- (iv) My First day in College.

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

- (i) How did Gessler die ?
- (ii) Where did Dittu find the wallet ?
- (iii) How many children did the unknown citizen have ?
- (iv) What is not an art of life for Tukdoji ?
- (v) What does Sheila Dhar mean by tradition ?
- (vi) What, according to Foster, is the only force which will enable different races to settle down to the work of reconstruction ?

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