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B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION

Second Semester, Part 1 English

(Under CBCS)

A Course in Reading and Writing Skills

**(Common with B.A., B.Sc., B.Com., B.B.A., B.C.A., BHM & CT &
B.Sc. H & HA)**

(Effective from 2020 – 2021)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION - A

- I. Answer any TWO of the following questions in 75 words each. 2X5=10**
- a. What does Russell say about self-esteem?
 - b. Why were the Kelveys not invited to see the Doll's House?
 - c. How does Ruskin Bond describe Deoli Station?
- II. Answer any TWO of the following questions in 75 words each. 2X5=10**
- a. Why does Shelley call the West Wind both preserver and destroyer?
 - b. How is the spring season described in the poem Upagupta?
 - c. What happens if the fishermen are late in starting their work?
- III. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 75 words each. 1X5=5**
- a. There is nothing glorious about wars, explain.
 - b. Describe the astrologer's appearance and attitude.

SECTION - B

- IV. A. Pick the correct form of the word** **2X1=2**
1. Why do you always look _____? (anger, angry, angrily)
 2. Some of the students' answers were not _____. (clearly, clear, clarity)

B. Write suitable one-word substitutes against their meanings. 5X1=5

- 1. A place where coins, medals, or tokens are made –
- 2. A person who compiles dictionaries –
- 3. A small shelter for a dog –
- 4. Persons living at the same time –
- 5. One who believes in fate –

C. Find the collocations in the following sentences 3X1=3

- 1. The documentary was a big disappointment.
- 2. Could you help me to carry this heavy bag?
- 3. This coffee has a very strong smell.

V. What are the differences between Skimming and Scanning? 1X5=5

VI. A. Read the following passage and write answers. 1X5=5

Agriculture is the backbone of our country and so it has to be developed intensively. Since land can not be expanded the available land has to be put to maximum use. We have to grow two crops now where we were growing only one. Modern methods of cultivation and the use of chemical fertilizers should be more extensively used. Pest control cannot be forgotten.

Marketing helps the development of agriculture. What we produce must be sold for a reasonable price. There should be good storage facilities as well and these should be available in rural areas. Good roads for easy transport have to be laid and maintained.

- 1. Why should we develop agriculture?
- 2. What have we to do with the available land?
- 3. What should be done to increase food production?
- 4. Write the opposite word to modern.

5. What are necessary for easy transport?

B. Read the following passage and prepare notes.

1X5=5

The use of heat pumps has been held back largely by scepticism about advertisers' claims that heat pumps can provide as many as two units of thermal energy for each unit of electrical energy used, thus apparently contradicting the principles of energy conservation.

Heat pumps circulate a fluid refrigerant that cycles alternatively from its liquid phase to its vapour phase in a closed loop. The refrigerant, starting as a low - temperature, low-pressure vapour, enters a compressor driven by an electric motor. The refrigerant leaves the compressor as a hot, dense vapour and flows through a heat exchanger called the condenser, which transfers heat from the refrigerant to a body of air.

VII. A. Expand ONE of the following into a paragraph.

1X5=5

- 1. A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- 2. Laughter is the best medicine.

B. Prepare an agenda for the following topic.

1X5=5

You are the Secretary of the Indian Sports Club in your town. The meeting of the office bearers of the club is scheduled for the 20th of next month. Prepare an agenda for the meeting.

VIII. Write a letter on any ONE of the following topics.

1X5=5

- A. Write a letter to the principal of your college with a request for the purchase of more books for the college library.
- B. As Sunanda Goswami, write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to your brother's wedding.

IX. A. Prepare a curriculum vitae for the following advertisement. 1X5=5

You are the editor of the college campus magazine. A leading newspaper has advertised for trainee journalists with a technical background. Prepare a C V specifying your suitability for the job.

B. Write a covering letter for the above C.V.

1X5=5

Or

An old classmate of yours has passed the UPSC Civil Services exam and ranked first. Write an email congratulating him on his brilliant success in the examination.
