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II Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Degree Examination, August/September - 2023

GENERAL ENGLISH

Language English - (Perceptions - II)

(CBCS Semester Scheme Repeaters 2018)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Instructions to Candidates:

1. Answer **All** Sections.
2. Mention the correct question number.



SECTION - A

(Course Book - Literary Component)

I. Answer any FIVE of the following in a word or a sentence each. (5×2=10)

1. Mention the final deal between the father - in - law and the son - in - law as shown in the story 'Money'?
2. What kind of toys did Eleanor want Harvey to buy for the children during easter?
3. Give any two reasons as to why Anasuya hired Ramabai.
4. What was the task given by the teacher one day in 'Cartooning'?
5. What is sacrificed at the altar of new religion?
6. What was done to the brown children when visitors arrived in the lesson, 'Rule Britannia'?
7. What does the free bird symbolize in 'Caged Bird'?
8. What contract did the poet take in the poem 'Wall'?

II. Answer any FOUR of the following in about a paragraph each : (4×5=20)

1. The greedy son - in - law in the story 'Money' holds a Mirror to the modern grooms who demand dowry. Discuss.
2. Eleanor believes that it is possible to curb a boy's natural enthusiasm for violent games by giving them 'peace toys'. Did he succeed? Explain.



3. In the lesson, 'Alone', why did Anasuya wait for the Monsoon?
4. Describe the attempt of R.K. Laxman in the class task of drawing a leaf.
5. In 'Rule Britannia', what steps were taken by the principal during the visits of the foreign dignitaries?
6. Write a note on Gandhian movement as shown in the lesson, "Homeless in the 'Global Village'".
7. Do you think D.S. Dadhalkar is optimistic about the future after demolishing the walls?

III. Answer any **one** of the following in about a page each. (1×10=10)

1. 'The short story "Money" highlights the social evil of the dowry system'. Elaborate.
2. Describe the itinerary of one day in Anasuya's life.
3. Write a note on the significance of the wall in D.S. Dadhalkar's poem?

SECTION - B

(Grammar and Composition)

IV. 1. **Combine the following simple sentences into complex sentences.** (2)

- a. Fools build houses. Wise men live in them.
- b. A good education is essential for success in life. He believes it.

2. **Combine the following simple sentences into compound sentences.** (2)

- a. Robert Clive was defeated six times. He did not give up all hopes of success.
- b. It was a stormy night. We ventured out.

3. **Change into exclamatory form :** (1)

It is a beautiful painting.

4. **Rewrite the following paragraph in reported speech :** (3)

"There are several means to make people happy", said the Guruji. The disciple, however, wanted to know the means and he asked the Guruji, "Can you specify Guruji?". The Guruji replied, "kindness and compassion is one way. Doing things whole heartedly for others is another. Being unselfish is also a way". The disciple understood the message and said to the Guruji, "Thank you so much Guruji".

5. **Fill in the blanks with suitable clauses :** (2)

- a. He confessed that _____.
- b. I do not know _____.



- V. Develop a dialogue between two train passengers who are discussing the rise in prices of essential commodities in India. (5)
- VI. Write an enquiry to 'Samarth Enterprises' asking the details for installation of UPS in your office. (5)
- VII. Write a precis of the passage and suggest a suitable title : (5)

Punctuality is a necessary habit in all public affairs of a civilized society. Without it nothing could ever be brought to a conclusion and everything would be in a state of chaos. Only in a sparsely populated rural community is it possible to disregard it. In ordinary living there can be some tolerance to unpunctuality. The intellectual, who is working on some complex problem has everything co-ordinated and reproached for the matter in hand. He is therefore forgiven, if late for the dinner party. But people are often reproached for unpunctuality when their only fault is cutting things fine. It is hard for energetic, quick minded people to waste time, so they are often tempted to finish a job before setting out to keep an appointment. If no accidents occur on the way, like punctured tyres, diversion of traffic, sudden descent of fog, they will be on time. They are more industrious and useful citizens than those who are never late. The over punctual can as much be a trial to others as the unpunctual. The guest who arrives half an hour too soon is the greatest nuisance. Some friends of my family had this irritating habit. The only thing to do was to ask them to come half an hour later than the other guests. Then they arrived just when we wanted them.

- VIII. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it. (5)

Our country is facing severe environmental crisis. If not tackled on a war footing, it will certainly lead to socio - economic and ecological disaster, which will seriously affect the lives of millions of people, especially the poor. Government data usually understate the extent of environmental destruction. The recent satellite data has revealed that India is losing millions of hectares of forest every year which is many times more, than the annual rate of deforestation put out by the forest department.

1. Choose the most appropriate option
 - i) If India's environmental problem is not dealt, with urgently, it will
 - a. Lead to war
 - b. Make people unemployed.
 - c. Create problem of poverty.
 - d. Lead to ecological disaster.
2. Who will be most seriously affected by the ecological disaster?
3. The recent _____ has revealed that India is losing millions of hectares of forest every year.



4. The word 'understate' in the paragraph means _____ choose the correct option from below :-
- a. Exaggerate.
 - b. Overture.
 - c. Under value.
 - d. Over value.
5. The forest department every year puts out the correct annual rate of deforestation. True/false.
- _____