



SE – 029

II Semester B.Sc./B.C.A./B.Sc.(FAD)/B.Sc. (IDD) Examination, September 2020  
(Repeaters Scheme) (2014-15 and Onwards) (CBCS)

ENGLISH  
Language English – II

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** 1) Answer *all* questions.  
2) Mention the question numbers *correctly*.

PART – A (Course Book)

- I. Answer **any five** questions in **one** or **two** sentences **each**. (5×2=10)
- 1) Who are partitioned people in the poem 'Sea Breeze, Bombay' ?
  - 2) What are the virtues included in active ahimsa ?
  - 3) Why does the author of 'Starting from mile zero' wish to visit Antarctica again ?
  - 4) Prafulla's greatest ambition was
  - 5) How would Pamuk's mother react when he showed her his drawing ?
  - 6) The small boy is considered lucky among the crowd in 'The Terrorist, He watches' True/False.
  - 7) Why does the narrator of 'Beast tales from Burma' rarely see the king cobras ?
- II. Answer **any three** questions in about **a page each**. (3×5=15)
- 1) Who are the lucky and the unlucky ones in the poem, 'The terrorist, he watches' ?
  - 2) How can a follower of ahimsa protect a helpless girl ?
  - 3) Describe the events that lead to Prafulla's Bhishma Pratigna'.
  - 4) Trace the events that lead to the tragic death of Pakkiri's father in the story 'Our Town'.
  - 5) What picture of Burma is presented to the reader through the narrative in 'Beast Tales from Burma' ?
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages. (10×1=10)
- 1) What message is conveyed in the poem 'The Terrorist, He Watches' ?
  - 2) Trace the writer's journey from Mile Zero to the Antarctic with reference to the various destinations she visits.
  - 3) How does Pamuk analyze his progress as an artist in 'The Pleasures of Drawing' ?

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## IV. Rewrite as directed (Vocabulary).

- 1) Construct two sentences using the following word as 2
- 1) Verb  
2) Noun  
Leave
- 2) Fill in the blanks with right expressions given in the bracket : 2
- a) Raju has taken a \_\_\_\_\_ this year to be fit and fine.  
(Resolution/Rehabilitation)
- b) They have become \_\_\_\_\_ of the unfair social system. (sufferers/  
victims)
- 3) Write the Antonym for the word given below : 1
- a) Stick

## PART – B

**(Communication skills)**

- V. 1) Change the following sentences into indirect speech. (2×1=2)
- a) The teacher said, "Students, do not forget to do your assignment".  
b) The Librarian announced, "Books will be issued to those who have library cards".
- 2) Rewrite the sentences in passive voice. (2×1=2)
- a) The police were stopping the cars at road blocks.  
b) Administrators can declare holiday for schools and colleges.
- 3) Combine the following sentences using the linker – But. 1  
Everybody had come to the party. My close friend missed it.
- 4) Form a suitable 'Wh' question so as to get underlined word as an answer. 1  
Rahul is the CEO of the company.
- 5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement. 1  
People are not following the rules of the Government.





VI. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions set on it. (1×5=5)

One fine morning, a minister from Emperor Akbar's court had gathered in the Assembly Hall. He informed the Emperor that all his valuables had been stolen by a thief the previous night. Akbar was shocked to hear this because the place where that Minister lived was the safest place in the kingdom. He invited Birbal to solve the mystery. Akbar said "It is definitely not possible for an outsider to enter the Minister's house and steal the valuables. This blunder is definitely committed only by another Minister of that court". Saying so, he arranged for a donkey to be tied to a pillar. He ordered all the courtiers to lift the donkey's tale and say "I have not stolen". Birbal added "only then we can judge the culprit". After every one had finished, he asked the courtiers to show their palm to him. Birbal had actually painted the donkey's tale with a black coat of paint. In the fright, the guilty minister did not touch the donkey's tale at all. Thus Birbal once again proved his intelligence and was rewarded by the king with one thousand gold coins.

- 1) What was the complaint brought by the Minister ?
- 2) Why was Akbar shocked ?
- 3) What was the strategy devised by Birbal to find the culprit ?
- 4) Was Birbal successful in finding the thief ?
- 5) What was the reward given by Akbar to Birbal ?

VII. Write a paragraph of about **80-100** words on Save Vrushabhavathi Campaign. You may use the given points. 5

Vrushabhavathi was fresh water source a few decades back—polluted over the years—increase in population—industrial wastes—no proper storm water drains—turned poisonous—health hazards—low agricultural yield—save natural resources—healthy planet to live.

OR

### Value of Sports

Good for exercise, physical fitness—source of entertainment and stress buster—way to learn the sportsman spirit—way to learn co-operation, co-ordination and team spirit—leads to sound mind with healthy body.

VIII. Summarize the following passage and your summary must have at least **four** main points. Give a suitable title to the summary. 5

A proper consideration of the value of time will inspire the habit of punctuality. Punctuality is the civility of the royals, the duty of the gentlemen and necessity of men of business. Nothing begets confidence in a man sooner than the practice of this virtue and nothing shakes the confidence sooner than the





want of it. He who holds to his appointment and does not keep you waiting for him, shows that he has regards for your time as well as for his own. Thus punctuality is one of the ways in which, we show our personal respect for those whom we are called upon to meet in the business life. It is also mindfulness in a manner, for, an appointment is a contract and who does not keep it, is guilty of breaking faith as well as of dishonesty wasting other people's time. We naturally come to the conclusion that the person, who is careless of time, will be careless about business and he is not to be trusted with the transaction of matters of importance. When Washington's secretary excused himself for his late arrival and laid the blame on his watch, his master quietly said. "Then you must have another watch or I another secretary".

IX. Do as directed :

1) What enquiries do you make in the following situations ? 2

a) You want to know the service charge for taking the demand draft in a bank.

b) You want to know the duration of the value added course going to be conducted in your college.

2) Read the following conversation and organize the message in the format given below. 3

Ramesh : Good morning, I am Ramesh from Mangalore University. Could I speak to Mr. Ganesh ?

Receptionist : Sorry sir. Mr. Ganesh is not available. He is attending a meeting. Would you like to leave a message ?

Ramesh : Yes. Could you please inform him that the meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Mangalore University has been postponed to 25<sup>th</sup> June, same time. Ask him to call me back when free. My number is 8999988889.

Message For :

Message From :

Information :

Contact number :

3) You have to attend a meeting convened by your CEO. You are unable to attend it as you are not well. Send a message and relevant document to the meeting through a colleague. 3

- The reason for your inability to attend the meeting.
- Information that you have sent the relevant papers.
- Assure that you will attend the next meeting.