

II Semester B.Sc./B.C.A./B.Sc. (FAD)/B.Sc. (IDD)  
Examination, September 2020  
(F+R) (CBCS) (2018-19 and Onwards)  
ENGLISH  
Language English – II

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

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

SECTION – A  
(Prose and Poetry – 40 marks)

I. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences **each** :  
(5×2=10)

- 1) Factories are poisoning the streams in the pursuit of
  - a) Products
  - b) Progress
  - c) Profit.
- 2) According to the author of 'Ignorance Isn't Bliss' how are religious fanatics non-different from Nazi's ?
- 3) Who was Bannister in the story 'The Adventure of the Three Students' ?
- 4) How does the narrator describe his friend in the poem 'Bonds of Friendship' ?
- 5) What happened to Ivan after going home in the story 'The Death of a Government Clerk' ?
- 6) Who kept guard at the well in the story 'A Corpse in the Well' ?
- 7) Why did the old man in the story 'The Refugee' save the silver coin ?
- 8) What is the worn – out cliché that the most film makers use according to the author of the essay 'It's Time to call the Bluff' ?



II. Answer **any four** of the following in about **80-100** words **each**. (4×5=20)

- 1) What is the author's response to those who say that films are for entertainment only in 'It's Time to call the Bluff' ?
- 2) How will the earth bounce back according to the poem 'Earth Never Dies' ?
- 3) "Internet has condemned us to stay ignorant." Substantiate with reference to 'Ignorance Isn't Bliss'.
- 4) How did the sneezing episode end in the story 'The Death of a Government Clerk' ?
- 5) Why does the narrator thank his friend in the end of the poem 'Bonds of Friendship' ?
- 6) How does the story 'A Corpse in the Well' bring out the disrespectful attitude towards Mahars in society ?
- 7) Why didn't the old man buy noodles for himself in the story 'The Refugee' ?

III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **200-250** words. (1×10=10)

- 1) How does an act of sneezing become a matter of importance and fatality in the story 'The Death of a Government Clerk' ?
- 2) In their childhood they shared their dreams but as they grew up they pursued their interests. Explain with reference 'Bonds of Friendship'.
- 3) How does the old man show that he is not a beggar, through his actions in the story 'The Refugee' ?

### SECTION – B

#### (Grammar and Composition – 30 marks)

I. Do as directed :

- 1) Fill in the blanks using passive forms of the verbs given in the brackets. Anand wanted to get education and become a teacher. A private teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (arrange) for him by his parents. Separate room \_\_\_\_\_ (allot) to him by his parents. Special coaching \_\_\_\_\_ (give) to him by his college teachers. He \_\_\_\_\_ (encourage) and guided by his principal. He \_\_\_\_\_ (provide) with all the necessary requirements.

(1×5=5)



- 2) Change the following into reported speech. (1×2=2)
- a) He said, "All people have equal rights."
  - b) "Will you come for dinner ?" he said to them.
- 3) Frame a question to get the underlined word as the answer. 1
- The boys are hiding under their grandfather's bed.
- 4) Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb given in the brackets. 1
- He \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) his dinner very late every night.
- 5) Punctuate the following sentence. 1
- mrchandra i am not happy with the progress of the project

II. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

The Climate of India comprises a wide range of weather conditions across a vast geographic scale and varied topography, making generalizations difficult. Based on the Köppen system, India hosts six major climatic subtypes, ranging from arid desert in the west, alpine tundra and glaciers in the north and humid tropical regions supporting rainforests in the southwest and the island territories. Many regions have starkly different microclimates. The country's meteorological department follows the international standard of four climatological seasons with some local adjustments : winter (December, January and February), summer (March, April and May), a monsoon rainy season (June to September), and a post-monsoon period (October to November).

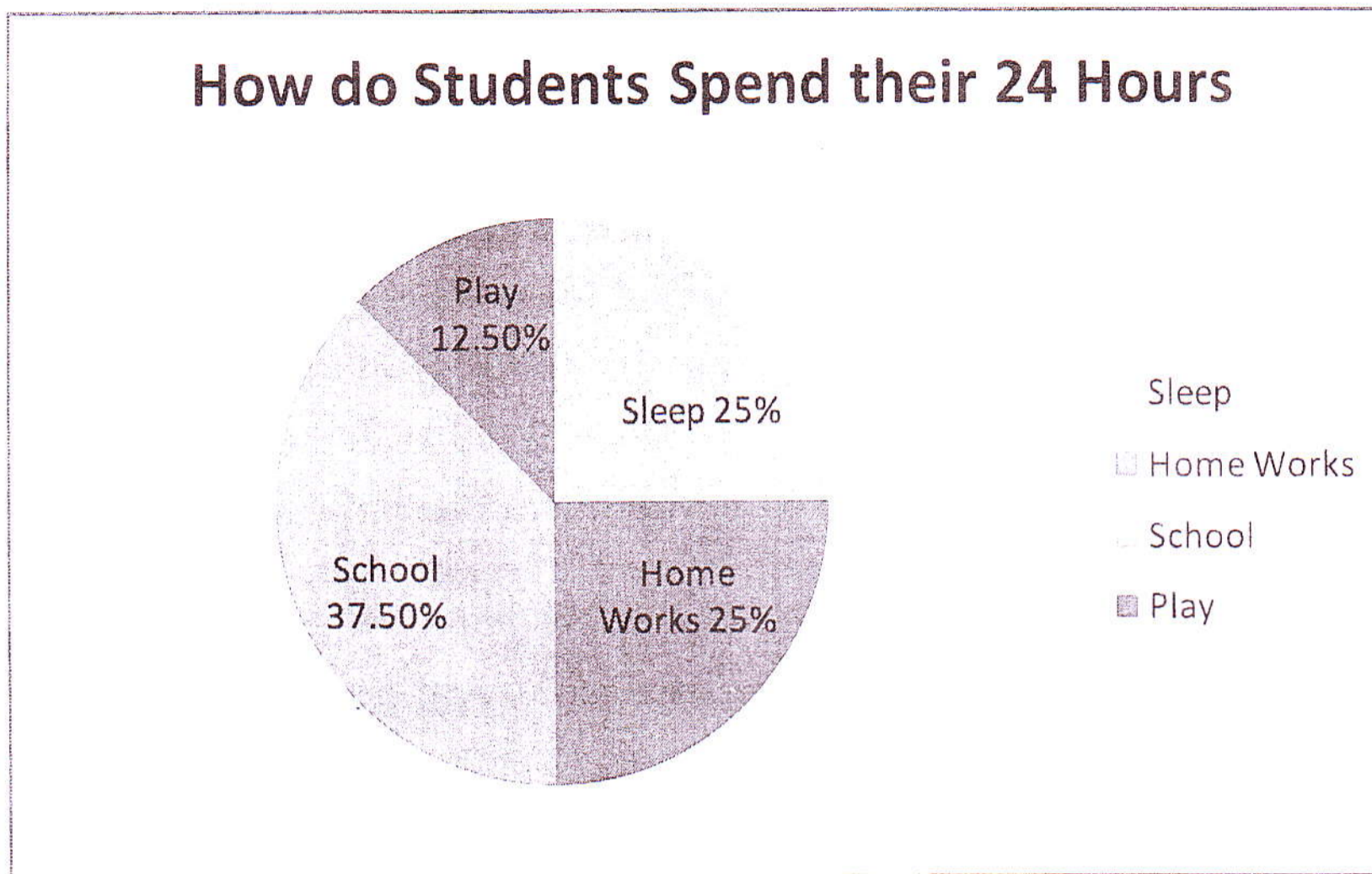
India's geography and geology are climatically pivotal : the Thar Desert in the northwest and the Himalayas in the north work in tandem to affect a culturally and economically important monsoonal regime. As Earth's highest and most massive mountain range, the Himalayas bar the influx of frigid katabatic winds from the icy Tibetan Plateau and northerly Central Asia. Most of North India is thus kept warm or is only mildly chilly or cold during winter; the same thermal dam keeps most regions in India hot in summer.

- 1) Based on the passage what are the types of climates in India ? 1
- 2) The Indian monsoon is controlled by \_\_\_\_\_ 1
- 3) According to the passage, making generalizations with respect to the Indian climate is difficult because \_\_\_\_\_ 1
- 4) Which word in the passage means the opposite of the word "retreat" ? 1
- 5) What is the role of the Himalayas as described in the given passage ? 1



III. Write a paragraph based on the diagram given below :

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IV. Write a letter to the principal of your college asking for a reference letter to be submitted to your employer.

You can use the following hints.

- Introduce yourself as the alumnus of the college
- Mention your year and course of your study
- Why you need the reference letter.

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V. Write a review of your favourite book/play/movie/restaurant.

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