

## B.A. Part-I (Semester-I) (CBCS) Examination

## COMPULSORY ENGLISH

(English)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

1. Choose the correct options from those given below :

- (i) What according to Swami Vivekananda, has Hinduism taught him ?
- (a) Tolerance and universal acceptance  
(b) Silence  
(c) Honesty  
(d) Non-violence
- (ii) Which of these authors does Dr. Kalam name as one of his favourite writers ?
- (a) Mahatma Gandhi (b) Leo Tolstoy  
(c) Emily Bronte (d) Isaac Newton
- (iii) Swami Vivekananda initiated the Western world to which tenets ?
- (a) Tenets of yoga and vedanta (b) Tenets of om shanti  
(c) Tenets of meditation (d) Tenets of mindfulness
- (iv) When Jean disappeared for the first time they found him
- (a) In the cowshed (b) In the barn  
(c) With the circus people (d) With a friend of his
- (v) Where did the Swallow want to go ?
- (a) Egypt (b) Syria  
(c) The Congo (d) India
- (vi) What does the 'place beneath' refer to ?
- (a) Hell (b) Heaven  
(c) Earth (d) The Kingdom of man
- (vii) The poet first addresses the weavers in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Noon (b) Dusk  
(c) Night (d) Morning

- (viii) Which of the following qualities is ascribed to the rose ?
- (a) Being delicious (b) Being fragrant  
(c) Being stately (d) Being flighty
- (ix) Which of the following words is used to describe success ?
- (a) Honey (b) Poison  
(c) Nectar (d) Soda
- (x) What are the two treasures of the town ?
- (a) The leaden heart and the Swallow's body.  
(b) The statue of the prince and the councillor  
(c) The little match girl and the Seamstress  
(d) A little boy and girl
- (xi) The World's Parliament of Religions held at \_\_\_\_\_ in 1893.
- (a) New York (b) Banaras  
(c) Chicago (d) Delhi
- (xii) Swami Vivekanand addressed at the final session on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) 27<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1893 (b) 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1893  
(c) 27<sup>th</sup> July 1873 (d) 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1883
- (xiii) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was born in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) 1911 (b) 1921  
(c) 1931 (d) 1941
- (xiv) Before becoming the President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam worked with \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) MIT (b) ISRO  
(c) NIT (d) NASA
- (xv) \_\_\_\_\_ taught Dr. Kalam aero-structure.
- (a) Narasingha Rao (b) Prof. Pandalai  
(c) Prof. Sponder (d) Iyadurai Solomon
- (xvi) In the story 'The Dispenser of Holy Water' Wheelwright's son's name was ?
- (a) John (b) Peter  
(c) Johan (d) Jean
- (xvii) Guy De Maupassant was born in the year \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) 1850 (b) 1852  
(c) 1857 (d) 1848

(xviii) What did the Happy Prince think was the greatest mystery ?

- (a) Misery (b) Death  
(c) Life (d) God

(xix) "The Quality of Mercy" is an extract taken from \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) All the World's a Stage (b) As You Like It  
(c) The Merchant of Venice (d) None of the above

(xx) Who is the speaker in the poem "The Quality of Mercy" ?

- (a) Portia (b) Ophelia  
(c) Julia (d) Lucia

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2. (A) Answer any **THREE** of the following questions in two or three sentences :—

- (i) What reason does the Happy Prince give for his tears ?  
(ii) How did the couple finally find their lost son ?  
(iii) Why did Kalam apply to join the Engineering Course at MIT ?  
(iv) According to Swami Vivekananda what are the evils that prevent the advancement of society ?

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(B) Answer any **ONE** of the following questions in 150-200 words :—

- (i) Why did Kalam find the flight of birds fascinating ? How did the sight inspire him ?  
(ii) Describe the evolution of the character of the Swallow in the story 'The Happy Prince'.  
(iii) Write in short about India's contribution to the world.

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3. (A) Answer any **THREE** of the following questions in two or three sentences each :—

- (i) What is mercy compared to and why ?  
(ii) Why do you think the poet used two particular birds as similes in the poem ?  
(iii) What is meant by the line, 'Like the pale lily with her Juno mien' ?  
(iv) What happens to the soldiers in a defeated army ?

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(B) Answer any **ONE** of the following questions in 150-200 words :—

- (i) What is the central theme of the poem 'Success' by Emily Dickinson ?  
(ii) Why is the Lotus referred to as the 'queenliest flower' in the end ?  
(iii) Why are the weavers still busy at the fall of night in the poem "Indian Weavers" by Sarojini Naidu ?

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4. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate **Articles** :—
- (i) Priti found \_\_\_\_\_ wallet on her way home. She took \_\_\_\_\_ wallet to the Police Station.
- (ii) This is a painting of \_\_\_\_\_ Western Ghats and that is a photograph of \_\_\_\_\_ Mahabaleshwar peak. 4
- (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate **prepositions** :—
- (i) Jyoti is \_\_\_\_\_ leave her job \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the week. (above, to, about, by)
- (ii) Sachin got out \_\_\_\_\_ the bus and walked \_\_\_\_\_ the theatre. (in, of, to, over) 4
- (C) Combine the following pairs of sentences with the appropriate **Conjunctions** :—
- (i) Vaishali studies Maths in high School. She did not choose Engineering (Although)
- (ii) You want to become an administrator. You need to do an MBA from a reputed university (If). 4
5. (A) Fill in the blanks using the appropriate Auxiliary Verb :—
- (i) After you spoke to her she \_\_\_\_\_ call me to apologise (do)
- (ii) I \_\_\_\_\_ eaten so much that I couldn't speak ! (have)
- (iii) I told him he \_\_\_\_\_ join us when we take a holiday. (shall)
- (iv) Raju \_\_\_\_\_ not attend the class yesterday. (do) 8
- (B) Fill in the blanks with correct form of verb :—
- (i) I \_\_\_\_\_ for an NGO in Pune. (Work : simple present tense)
- (ii) You \_\_\_\_\_ alone in that huge house. (Stay : simple past) 4
6. Attempt the questions below by following instructions :—
- (i) Complete the following dialogue. After you finish enact it with partner.
- Sunil Rao : Good morning Mr. Naidu.  
How \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- Mahesh Naidu : Very well \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sunil : I \_\_\_\_\_. We are happy to have you as our neighbour. Do come sometime.
- Mahesh Naidu : Certainly \_\_\_\_\_. See you then.
- Sunil Rao : Good \_\_\_\_\_. 3
- (ii) Fill in the blanks after each greeting by introducing yourself in different ways :
- (a) Good Morning Madam, I \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) Hello, \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) Hi dear \_\_\_\_\_ ? 3

(iii) How does Shekhar introduce his professor Dr. Pradhan to his friend Anil Deshkar ? 3

(iv) Fill in the blanks to complete the telephone conversation :—

Railway Inquiry : \_\_\_\_\_, Railway Inquiry.

Caller : Sir, \_\_\_\_\_ tell me when the Gitanjali Express leaves, please.

Railway Inquiry : At 15.00 hrs. in \_\_\_\_\_.

Caller : Sir, \_\_\_\_\_ I know if this train runs daily.

Railway Inquiry : Yes, Sir it runs daily.

Caller : \_\_\_\_\_ sir.

Railway Inquiry : \_\_\_\_\_ sir.

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