

B.A. (Part—II) Semester—IV Examination
ENGLISH
(Compulsory Language)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

1. (A) Answer any **TWO** of the following in **3 to 4** sentences each :
- (i) Why does Orwell refer to beggars as 'harmless parasites' ?
 - (ii) What prompts William Hazlitt to write the letter ?
 - (iii) What was Gip's impression of the magic shop and the events of the afternoon he spent there ? 6
- (B) Answer any **TWO** of the following in **150 to 200** words :
- (i) Attempt a short character sketch of the shopkeeper of the magic shop.
 - (ii) Write a brief account of Orwell's opinion on the social position of beggars.
 - (iii) What do you learn about the life and character of the addressee from the prose 'On the Conduct of Life' ? 10
2. (A) Answer any **TWO** of the following in **3 to 4** sentences each :
- (i) Explain the line : 'When will return the glory of your prime' in the poem 'A Lament'.
 - (ii) What is Tagore's definition of freedom ?
 - (iii) Who are the two speakers in the poem 'Up-hill' ? Give their symbolic importance. 6
- (B) Answer any **TWO** of the following in **150 to 200** words each :
- (i) Summarise the poem 'Love in a Life'.
 - (ii) Give the central idea of the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'.
 - (iii) How does the poet treat time and youth in the poem 'A Lament' ? 10
3. (A) Do as directed :
- (i) Is there someone else ? (Change into an affirmative sentence)
 - (ii) Despite her wealth, she is unhappy. (Change into a compound sentence)
 - (iii) At the end of summer, I returned home. (Change into a complex sentence)
 - (iv) My sister is young, but she is mature. (Change into a simple sentence)
 - (v) Nothing is more precious than time. (Change into an interrogative sentence)
 - (vi) It is a lovely painting. (Change into an exclamatory sentence)
 - (vii) She finds it boring. (Change into a negative sentence)
 - (viii) Nobody is free from sin. (Change into an interrogative sentence)
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(B) Combine the following sentences into the type given in the brackets :

- (i) The minister gave the speech. It was dull. (Simple sentence)
(ii) He is strict. He is severe. (Compound sentence)
(iii) Sudha will do well. I am sure of it. (Complex sentence)
(iv) The professor was busy. He helped me. (Compound sentence)
(v) She has aged parents. She must take care of them. (Simple sentence)
(vi) We were slow to respond. That is the truth. (Complex sentence)
(vii) Is this colour printer cheap ? Is it costly ? (Compound sentence)
(viii) You sent me a message. I duly received it. (Complex sentence)

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4. (A) Complete the dialogue given below :

(Pratima meets Sudha at a wedding. She praises the latter's appearance.)

Pratima : Sudha, _____ long plait with flowers in your hair.

Sudha : _____, Pratima. _____. I'm glad you have put up your hair. _____.

Pratima : Had to. My hair's not very thick.

Sudha : But _____ with your hair put up.

Pratima : _____, Sudha.

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(B) Complete the following casual conversation :

(Vani visits Meghna during the holidays.)

Meghna : Come in Vani. I'm so glad you've come. _____.

Vani : Oh, _____.

Meghna : _____.

Vani : In that case, _____. We could've gone out.

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5. Answer the following by choosing the correct option from the given options :

- (i) How would you describe Orwell's approach to beggars and their profession ?
(a) realistic (b) comic
(c) negative (d) tragic
- (ii) To whom has William Hazlitt written a letter on the conduct of life ?
(a) his wife (b) his son
(c) his father (d) his daughter
- (iii) Who was Heloise ?
(a) Hartley's wife (b) Hartley's old friend
(c) Vivienne's friend (d) Hartley's cook
- (iv) What did Gip's fourth parcel from the magic shop contain ?
(a) magic train (b) a kitten
(c) a pigeon (d) a magic toy sword

- (v) How long had Hartley been searching for Vivienne's new address ?
- (a) a day (b) a month
(c) a week (d) three weeks
- (vi) Why did the narrator enter the magic shop ?
- (a) he was interested in magic (b) he had never seen the shop before
(c) his son was interested in the shop (d) he was curious about the shop
- (vii) Which of the following adjectives does the author use to describe his child ?
- (a) spoiled (b) precious
(c) precocious (d) happy
- (viii) Orwell finds society's attitude towards beggar :
- (a) interesting (b) despicable
(c) curious (d) amusing
- (ix) How does the poet describe his heart in 'A Lament' ?
- (a) overflowing (b) delirious
(c) faint (d) running
- (x) Pick out the correct meaning of the word 'looking glass' from 'Love In A Life' :
- (a) window (b) mirror
(c) binoculars (d) French window
- (xi) Tagore hopes that our mind would be directed by :
- (a) thought (b) God
(c) freedom (d) action
- (xii) What is the refrain of the poem 'A Lament' ?
- (a) O World ! O Life ! O Time ! (b) No more – Oh, never more !
(c) On whose last steps I climb (d) Out of the day and night
- (xiii) _____ is the poet of 'Up-hill' :
- (a) Robert Browning (b) P.B. Shelley
(c) Christina Rossetti (d) George Maria
- (xiv) In 'Up-hill' the poet compares life to :
- (a) the slow dark hours (b) a painful journey
(c) a series of questions (d) rest and labour
- (xv) The poem expresses Rabindranath Tagore's _____.
- (a) regret for the past (b) record of the present
(c) hope for the future (d) imaginative fantasies
- (xvi) Whom does Tagore refer to as 'Father' ?
- (a) The reader (b) His country
(c) God (d) His father