

B.Com. Part-I (Semester-I) (CBCS) Examination**ENGLISH****(Compulsory English)**

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

1. Choose the correct option from the following :

(i) A CPA is :

- (a) Certified Public Agent (b) Certified Public Accountant
(c) Certified Public Architect (d) Certified Public Astronaut

(ii) Dhirubhai Ambani was born in _____.

- (a) Aden, Yemen (b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
(c) Chorwad, Gujarat (d) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

(iii) A. R. Rahman was named _____ at birth.

- (a) R. K. Sheker (b) R. K. Deleep Kumar
(c) A. S. Dileep Sheker (d) A. S. Dileep Kumar

(iv) Who is the writer of story 'The Romance of a Busy Broker' ?

- (a) O. Henry (b) Stephen Leacock
(c) Ruskin Bond (d) Rabindranath Tagore

(v) What does the poet suggest to do when 'we are confronted by a foe' ?

- (a) Keep mental balance (b) Keep social distance
(c) Keep healthy food (d) Keep mental anger

(vi) What does the soldier seek ?

- (a) Death by cannon-fire (b) Fame and fortune
(c) Soldiers to command (d) Quarrels with other man

(vii) According to the poet, what can never be as lovely as a tree ?

- (a) A Poem (b) The Train
(c) The Hill (d) A Robin

(viii) Which of the following best describes the tone of the poem 'Bright Star, would I were as Steadfast as Thou Art' ?

- (a) Ironic (b) Emotional
(c) Pessimistic (d) Comic

- (ix) ICT means
- Information Communication Technology
 - Information Cashless Technology
 - Information Computer Technology
 - Information Communication Technique
- (x) _____ was the wife of Dhirubhai Ambani.
- Lalitaben
 - Susmitaben
 - Kokilaben
 - Kamalaben
- (xi) A business or company that is young and in its initial stages is known as _____.
- A Trade
 - An Industry
 - A Market
 - A Start-up
- (xii) Dhirubhai Ambani started Reliance Industries with _____.
- Fifty thousand rupees
 - Sixty thousand rupees
 - Forty thousand rupees
 - Seventy thousand rupees
- (xiii) In which year, A. R. Rahman was awarded the Padma Bhushan ?
- 2011
 - 2012
 - 2010
 - 2009
- (xiv) In which city does the Story, 'The Romance of a Busy Broker' take place ?
- Delhi
 - Chicago
 - New York
 - London
- (xv) Who is the poet of the poem, 'Stay Calm' ?
- William Shakespeare
 - Grenville Kleiser
 - Joyce Kilmer
 - John Keats
- (xvi) Joyce Kilmer is _____ poet.
- An Indian
 - An American
 - A British
 - An Australian
- (xvii) What is the central metaphor in the poem, 'All The World's A Stage' ?
- Our lives are like a stage
 - Our lives are like a play
 - Our lives are like a novel
 - Our lives are like an act.

(xviii) What quality does the poet wish to imbibe from the bright star ?

- (a) Devotion (b) Passionate love
(c) Steadiness and stability (d) Patience

(xix) Which of the following signifies the 'means of life' ?

- (a) Dharma (b) Kama
(c) Artha (d) Moksha

(xx) Miss Leslie had been Harvey Maxwell's _____ for a year.

- (a) Clerk (b) Manager
(c) Stenographer (d) Assistant 20

2. (A) Answer the following questions in 50-100 words each (**Any Three**) : 6

- (i) According to Kautilya's Arthshastra, what is the foundation for Dharma and Kama ? Why ?
(ii) Describe Dhirubhai Ambani's first job.
(iii) What kind of struggles did Rahman face as a child ?
(iv) How did Maxwell propose to Miss Leslie ?

(B) Answer the following question in 150-200 words (**Any One**) : 6

- (i) Explain the importance of start-up in an Economy. Why does the author stress on the need to boost start-ups in India ?
(ii) Describe the history of Reliance Industries that is outlined in the essay 'Dhirubhai Ambani'.
(iii) Describe Rahman's journey from his difficult childhood to his success in the film industry.

3. (A) Answer the following questions in 50-100 words each. (**Any Three**) : 6

- (i) According to the poet, when is the time to curb resentment ?
(ii) What do people do when they are at the stage of youth ?
(iii) What is the poet's main message in the poem 'Trees' ? Did he convey it successfully ?
(iv) List three images from nature that the poet mentions in the poem 'Bright Star, Would I were as Steadfast as Thou Art'.

(B) Answer the following question in 150-200 words (**Any One**) : 6

- (i) Comment on poet's description of each age with reference to the images used in the poem, 'All the World's A Stage'.
(ii) Describe how the poet brings together the themes of divinity and nature in the poem, 'Trees'.
(iii) Comment on the images of stillness used in the poem, 'Bright Star, Would I Were as Steadfast as Thou Art' and explain its relation to the central message of the poem.

4. (A) Use appropriate articles : 3
- (i) Rajesh wants to join _____ university.
 - (ii) You are _____ honest man.
 - (iii) Ravi was waiting for Mahesh at _____ bus stop.
- (B) Do as directed : 6
- (i) Narendra Modi is the Prime Minister of India now. (Pick out the nouns from the sentence)
 - (ii) Mrs. Bhatia walks very slowly because she feels extremely weak after her illness. (Pick out the adverbs from the sentence)
 - (iii) Meena and Meera study in the same college but they are in different classes. (Pick out the conjunctions from the sentence)
- (C) Add prefix or suffix to the following words to form new words : 3
- (i) Meaning
 - (ii) Create
 - (iii) Understanding
5. (A) Write any **one** of the following : 4
- (i) Write a letter to the Principal of your college requesting for more copies of books on competitive exams.
 - (ii) You are the Principal of a college. Write to M/s Vidya Kulkarni, National Book House, Nagpur placing an order for 500 copies of 'You Can Win' by Shiv Kherra.
- (B) Write any **one** of the following : 4
- (i) Prepare a report on the Blood donation camp held in your college.
 - (ii) You are Cultural Secretary of your college, prepare a brief report on the cultural activities held in the Social Gathering of your college.
- (C) Prepare a C. V. and a job application letter for any one of the following job advertisements : 4
- (i) Wanted an Office Secretary for our Pune branch of Ajinkya International Real Estate Developers. The Candidate must be a graduate with a thorough knowledge of correspondence and office management. Knowledge of Computer and English essential. Experience preferred. Apply to P. B.No. 8778, c/o F C Road, Pune-440021, within a week.
 - (ii) Wanted : A Technical Assistant for a reputed company based in Bangalore. The Candidate must be a science graduate with physics as one of the optional subjects. Proficiency in the use of computer essential. Candidates with inquiring temperament and diligence preferred. Apply with all the necessary details to Post Box No. 5965, c/o The Hindustan Times, Brigade Road, Bangalore-560001.

6. (A) Answer the following questions in 50-100 words each : 4

(i) List some ways in which one can calm an agitated mind. Why is it important to do this ?

OR

(ii) What does positive thinking involve ?

(B) (i) Mention any three ways in which one can practice the skill of building and maintaining good relationships with others. 4

OR

(ii) Why do you think it is important for a leader to be able to build good relations ?

(C) (i) Explain the five steps involved in approaching a problem systematically,. 4

OR

(ii) What is Problem Solving Skills ?