

**B.Com. Part—I (Semester-II) Examination**  
**COMPULSORY ENGLISH**  
**(LANGUAGES)**

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

**Note :—Attempt ALL questions.**

1. Attempt any **two** of the following :
  - (i) Bring out briefly the qualities of Shaw as a speaker. What is Shaw's advice to incipient orators ?
  - (ii) What in the opinion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar are the special features and characteristics of the caste system ?
  - (iii) Describe the life of the postmaster till he fell ill. On which topics did he and Ratan talk ?
  - (iv) What happened when the Sannyasin refused to marry the Princess ? 16
2. Attempt any **three** of the following :
  - (i) What according to Emily Dickinson is the way to secure success in life ?
  - (ii) Summarise the arguments advanced by John Masefield in 'Laugh and be Merry'.
  - (iii) What advice does the poet impart in the poem 'The Impossible Dream' ?
  - (iv) Why does John Masefield say that man should Laugh and be Merry ? 15
3. Choose the correct alternative from those given below. Write full sentences : 16
  - (i) The Postmaster's salary was \_\_\_\_\_.
 

(a) Small	(b) Large
(c) Meagre	(d) Enough
  - (ii) One of Shaw's best speeches was delivered in \_\_\_\_\_.
 

(a) Hyde Park	(b) National Park
(c) Royal Park	(d) Stanley Park
  - (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ drafted the Indian Constitution.
 

(a) Dr. Ambedkar	(b) Mahatma Phule
(c) Mahatma Gandhi	(d) Pt. Nehru
  - (iv) Shaw haunted all the meetings in \_\_\_\_\_.
 

(a) London	(b) America
(c) Paris	(d) Amsterdam
  - (v) The Proprietor an \_\_\_\_\_ managed to establish a post office.
 

(a) Russian	(b) German
(c) Englishman	(d) American

- (vi) \_\_\_\_\_, the highest civilian award was conferred on Dr. Ambedkar.
- (a) Nobel Prize (b) Bharat Ratna  
(c) Booker Prize (d) None of the above
- (vii) Swami Vivekananda was born in a rich \_\_\_\_\_ family.
- (a) Hindu (b) Bengali  
(c) Persian (d) Sikh
- (viii) Dr. Ambedkar toiled tirelessly for the rights and betterment of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Zamindars (b) Farmers  
(c) Untouchables (d) Money lenders
- (ix) \_\_\_\_\_ never took payment for speaking.
- (a) G.B. Shaw (b) Dr. Ambedkar  
(c) Pt. Nehru (d) E.V. Lucas
- (x) The Indian Society is so embedded in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Dowry System (b) Caste System  
(c) Class System (d) Political System
- (xi) The poem \_\_\_\_\_ is written by Joe Darion.
- (a) The Impossible Dream (b) Daffodils  
(c) If (d) Laugh and be Merry
- (xii) According to Emily Dickinson success is counted \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Sweetest (b) Bitter  
(c) Sore (d) None of the above
- (xiii) The Impossible Dream is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) ballad (b) sonnet  
(c) epic (d) ode
- (xiv) Joe Darion wants us to cherish high \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Aim (b) Ambition  
(c) Doubts (d) Dreams
- (xv) The poet in Laugh And Be Merry calls on people to remain \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Timid (b) Happy  
(c) Sad (d) Coward
- (xvi) God made Heaven and Earth for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Joy (b) Kindness  
(c) Sadness (d) None of the above

4. (a) Change the voice :
- (i) People's representatives in the Parliament make the laws.
  - (ii) I entertained them for more than an hour.
  - (iii) Ratan did odd jobs for the Postmaster.
  - (iv) They heard the noise of drums and music. 4
- (b) Use the following idioms and phrases in sentences of your own :
- (i) go in vain
  - (ii) a fish out of water
  - (iii) devote to
  - (iv) assign to. 4
- (c) Write one word substitute for a group of words :
- (i) that which cannot be counted
  - (ii) a period of two weeks
  - (iii) government of the people, by the people, for the people
  - (iv) a small thin branch of a tree. 4
- (d) Rewrite the following sentences using appropriate preposition :
- (i) Shaw spoke \_\_\_\_\_ an hour easily.
  - (ii) The class consists \_\_\_\_\_ lower and lowerer.
  - (iii) The Postmaster belongs \_\_\_\_\_ Calcutta.
  - (iv) Each is great \_\_\_\_\_ his own place. 4
5. (a) Write an e-mail to the Postmaster of your area complaining about the irregular delivery of letters in your locality.

**OR**

Write an e-mail to your friend congratulating him on his selection as captain of University Cricket Team. 7

- (b) Write a news report on an accident which you have witnessed.

**OR**

Write a news report on the blood donation camp organised by N.S.S. unit of your college. 10