THREE YEAR B.A./B.Com./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION — MARCH/APRIL 2019.

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

SECOND SEMESTER

Part I (A) — General English

Paper I — PROSE, POETRY, SHORT STORY AND DRAMA

(Revised syllabus w.e.f. 2016-2017)

Time : 3 hours   Max. Marks : 75

1. Attempt any THREE of the following questions :   (3 × 5 = 15)

    (a) How does science influence the life of an average man?

    (b) How does Haldane compare the scientific point of view with that of legal point of view?

    (c) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of shaking hands.

    (d) Describe the elaborate greeting ritual at Prince Kropotkin's house.

    (e) How does A.G. Gardiner show that the common greeting can become uncomfortable?

2. Attempt any THREE of the following questions :   (3 × 5 = 15)

    (a) Describe various activities of autumn season.

    (b) How does John Keats personify autumn in the poem "Ode to Autumn"?

    (c) What do you think of the poet on the basis of the poem "I Am Not That Woman"?

    (d) According to Naheed how did man make woman a thing of commodity?

    (e) How does Kishwar Naheed portray her intense personal feelings in the poem "I Am Not That Woman"?

3. Attempt any TWO of the following questions :   (2 × 5 = 10)

    (a) How is Nathu connected to the bank and Sitaram?

    (b) What did the sweeper boy complain about?

    (c) Describe how Subbaiah meets his tragic end in 'Half A Rupee Worth'.

    (d) What were the things on which Subbaiah spent a lot of money?

4. Attempt any TWO of the following questions :   (2 × 5 = 10)

    (a) Why did Lomov want to marry his neighbour, Natalya?

    (b) Describe how Anton Chekov makes fun of the rich land owners of his time through "A Marriage Proposal".

    (c) Sketch the character of Natalya in the play "The Proposal".

    (d) What is the first cause of argument between Natalya and Lomov? Elaborate.

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5. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : (5 × 1 = 5)

People have different motives for writing autobiographies. Some write them to earn money, while others write them to communicate their experiences in life. Some write their memories to satisfy their love of storytelling. Some want to expose their grievances. Some have written autobiographies to be published after their death in which they have a personal grudge. To this category belong Greevy and mark Paterson. Gandhiji's autobiography is a crystal one with some suggestions to improve the lot of the poor. Hence it is an ideal biography. An autobiography should not depict the vanity of the writer. It should frankly admit his faults and failures. No autobiography should contain lies.

(i) Why do people write autobiographies?

(ii) Whose autobiographies are written with a personal grudge?

(iii) What does Gandhiji's autobiography suggest?

(iv) What shouldn't an autobiography depict?

(v) What does vanity mean?

(b) Rewrite the following sentences as directed : (10 × 1 = 10)

(i) They have prepared a dish. (change into passive voice)

(ii) Raju pays his fee regularly. (change into passive voice)

(iii) My neighbour was robbed yesterday. (change into active voice)

(iv) Let the letter be typed. (change into active voice)

(v) Rohini said, "Please prepare for your exams well". (change into reported speech)

(vi) I said to my friend, "You have paid the fee recently." (change into reported speech)

(vii) The teacher said that the sun rises in the east. (change into direct speech)

(viii) My father questioned me what I was doing then. (change into direct speech)

(ix) Raju is taller than Gopi. (change into positive degree)

(x) The Hindu is one of the best dailies in India. (change into comparative degree)

(c) Write a meaningful paragraph using the hints given below and suggest a suitable title too. (1 × 5 = 5)

Manager of a firm advertised – night watchman – applicants presented – manager not satisfied – found something wrong with each man – there was Raju – an applicant – sat in a corner – patiently waiting – his turn came – manager found nothing wrong in his appearance – questioned about his health – got the reply – I suffering from sleeplessness – manager happy – appointed him.

(d) Construct a dialogue between two friends regarding the Internet. (1 × 5 = 5)

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