II Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, May/June 2018
(Freshers + Repeaters) (CBCS)
(2014 – 15 & Onwards)
ENGLISH
Language English – II

Time : 3 Hours
Max. Marks : 70

Instructions : 1) Answer all the questions.
2) Mention the question numbers correctly.

PART – A
(Course Book – Literary Component)

I. Answer any five of the following in a word or a sentence each : (5×2=10)
1) What is the poet’s plan at the end of the poem ‘To a Student’?
2) What has the ‘glorious war’ done to the soldiers in the poem ‘Survivors’?
3) Why did Horus go to the arsenal and what did he see there?
4) The Jain philosopher who influenced Gandhiji in his youth was _________
5) Which newspaper did Stanley work for and who was its Proprietor?
6) Why is Mount Kailash holy for Tibetan Buddhists?
7) Which team did Pele start his career with and who discovered that Pele was nearing his thousandth goal?
8) What was the subject of the poetry contest and who won the prize that year in the short story ‘The Prize Poem’?

II. Answer any three of the following in about a page each : (3×5=15)
1) Why does the student’s eyes “leap away” when they meet the teacher’s in the poem To a Student?
2) Describe Horus’ final fight for the flag at the arsenal in the lesson ‘The Ensign’.
3) How did Stanley prepare himself to meet Dr. Livingstone towards the end of the journey?
4) Describe Pele’s state of mind when he was about to score his thousandth goal.
5) How does Gandhiji explain the difference between positive and negative Ahimsa?
III. Answer any one of the following in about two pages:

1) Describe the writer's experience enroute to Shiva's Paradise in Kashyap's Shinkre's travelogue.

2) Bring out the humorous portrayal of the generation gap in Bill Cosby's essay 'The Way it Was and Is'.

3) How does the poem 'Survivors' reflect the horror of war?

IV. Do as directed:

A) Choose the appropriate word / expression closest in meaning to each of the words given below:
   i) Defiant
      a) challenging  b) definite  c) diffident
   ii) Intercept
      a) interest  b) interpret  c) stop

B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:
   i) Pele's thousandth goal was made by a __________ (penalty / penultimate)
   ii) He should learn to __________ himself in an argument.

C) Use the following phrase in a sentence of your own:
went out to

PART - B

(Work Book - Communication Skills)

V. 1) Change the following into indirect speech:
   a) He said, "Can I bring the book?"
   b) The teacher said to Isha, "Stand on the bench."

2) Rewrite the following in passive voice:
   a) The teacher punished the naughty boy.
   b) Sudha will cook the food.

3) Combine the following into a single sentence using the linker 'because':
   He reached late. He was marked absent.

4) Form a suitable question to get the underlined word as answer:
   He is working in Infosys.

5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement:
   She can't swim.
VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it:

Youth today do not realize that one is modern only when his thoughts and actions bring out something new, which can set an example to the rest of the world. Imitating only the western outlook in lifestyle, leaving aside their values, is not what modernism is. Should we consider youth modern if he opts for a dozen girlfriends and then pretends to be ignorant when dowry in marriage is concerned?

The family also plays a vital role in shaping one's life. If the urban population in India is divided into two broad divisions, the elite and the middle class, we will find that youth belonging to both these classes suffer from severe frustrations. The parents in the higher society are so busy with their work that their children are left neglected. Loneliness, tensions arising out of parent's unhappy relations and family feuds result in psychiatric depression in the youth.

The case is similar in the middle class families, though with a difference. Lack of attention at home ruins them. The situation is not so grave with the girls as they generally prefer to stay at home, whatever its conditions be. But young men, desperate to find some refuge; quite often come in contact with drugs, alcohol and other illegal activities. Neither are they happy with the society nor is the society happy with them.

1) When is the youth considered modern?
2) Who plays a vital role in shaping their life?
3) Which are the two broad divisions in India?
4) What causes depression in the youth?
5) How do some young men seek refuge?

VII. Write a paragraph in about 80–100 words on one of the following topics using the hints given:

Air pollution in big cities:
1) Health hazards and dangers of air pollution.
2) Too many vehicles emit poisonous gas, carbon dioxide, dust particles.
3) We do not get healthy air to breathe because of cutting of trees.
4) Smoke pollution from the industries.

OR

Negative impact of using cellphones:
1) Bad for health, radiation from cell phones can cause brain tumor.
2) Use of cell phones while driving/riding causes accidents.
3) Use in public places disturbs others.
4) Excess use affects relationship between parents and children.
VIII. Prepare a summary of the following passage bringing out at least four important points. Suggest a suitable title to the summary.

Punctuality is a necessary habit in all public affairs of a civilized society. Without it nothing could ever be brought to a conclusion and everything would be in state of chaos. Only in a sparsely populated rural community is it possible to disregard it. In ordinary living there can be some tolerance to unpunctuality. The intellectual, who is working on some complex problem has everything coordinal and reproached for the matter in hand. He is therefore forgiven, if late for the dinner party. But people are often reproached for unpunctuality when their only fault is cutting things fine. It is hard for energetic, quick-minded people to waste time, so they are often tempted to finish a job before setting out to keep an appointment. If no accidents occur on the way, like punctured tyres, diversion of traffic, sudden descent of fog, they will be on time. They are often more industrious and useful citizens than those who are never late. The over-punctual can as much be a trial to others as the unpunctual. The guest who arrives half an hour too soon is the greatest nuisance. Some friends of my family had this irritating habit. All the thing to do was to ask them to come half an hour later than the other guests. Then they arrived just when we wanted them.

IX. Do as directed:

1) What enquiries will you make in the following situations? Write a sentence each.
   a) To know the closure time of the reservation counter.
   b) To know when the college reopens.

2) Read the following telephone conversation and organize a message in the format given:

   Suresh: Hello, this is Suresh from Sapna Book House. May I speak to Mr. Nataraj please?
   Receptionist: I'm sorry Mr. Nataraj is on leave today.
   Suresh: He had asked me to contact him regarding some books for his office library. Could you please inform him that I had given a call?
   Receptionist: Sure sir. I will inform him tomorrow.
   Suresh: You can give my contact no. for any enquiry. It is 9998887771. Thank you.

   Message for: 
   Message from: 
   Information: 
   Contact No.: 

3) You have a relative who had come to invite you and other relatives for a wedding ceremony. You had to accompany him to a few relatives' house as he was not familiar with the route. Leave a note to your mother who would return shortly telling her:
   - Why you are not at home
   - Where you have gone
   - What time you will return
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Instructions: 1) Answer all questions.
2) Mention the question numbers correctly.

PART – A

I. Answer any five of the following in a word or a sentence each:

(5×2=10)

1) What does the phrase “mass lunacy” mean in the context of the poem, ‘To a Student’?

2) What has the “glorious war” done to the soldiers in ‘Survivors’?

3) Who is Sergeant Hornus? What was the one ambition of his life?

4) The active ahimsa includes __________ and __________

5) What is the challenging journalistic assignment given to Stanley?

6) Why is Manasarovar called so?

7) The expression ‘Martian monsters’ refers to:
   a) the goal post          b) cameras          c) spectators

8) Who visited Reynolds in the infirmary in ‘The Prize Poem’?

II. Answer any three of the following in about a page each:

(3×5=15)

1) What picture of student life do you get in the poem, ‘To a Student’?

2) Write a note on the sufferings of the soldiers in ‘Survivors’.

3) Describe Hornus before he took charge of the Ensign.

4) How did the three comedians submit the poems which commenced with same four lines in ‘The Prize Poem’?

5) How does Bill Cosby try to adapt himself to the differences caused by the generation gap?

III. Answer any one of the following in about two pages:

(1×10=10)

1) Explain with examples the distinction between positive and negative ahimsa as explained by Gandhiji.

2) Narrate Pele’s journey to attain his thousandth goal.

3) Consider Shinkre’s ‘I Visited Shiva’s Paradise’, as a religious travelogue.

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IV. Do as directed:

A) Choose the appropriate word/expression closest in meaning to each of the words given below:

1) Rage – a) anger b) destroy c) cross
2) Ordeal – a) deal b) painful experience c) order

B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

i) A full moon reflected in the lake created a silvery ____________
(ambience, ambivalence)

ii) They have become ____________ of the unfair social system
(victims, sufferers)

C) Use the following phrase in a sentence of your own:

to give away.

PART – B
(Work Book-Communication Skills)

V. 1) Change the following into indirect speech:

a) Sridhar said to Sudhir, “I was swimming in the pool.”

b) The teacher said to the boys, “Do your best.”

2) Rewrite the following in the passive voice:

a) The Principal welcomed the chief guest.

b) Our college celebrated the diamond jubilee this year.

3) Combine the following into a single sentence using the linker ‘but’:

Geetha is an intelligent girl. She is irregular to the class.

4) Frame a suitable ‘Wh’ question to get the underlined word/s as the answer:

The people of Ujiji rushed up to meet him.

5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement:

They don’t know her.
VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it:

One of the most famous monuments in the world, the Statue of Liberty, was presented to the United States of America by the people of France. The great statue, which was designed by the sculptor Auguste Bartholdi, took ten years to complete. The actual figure was made of copper supported by a metal framework which had been specially constructed by Eiffel. Before it could be transported to the United States, a site had to be found for it and a pedestal had to be built. The site chosen was an island at the entrance of the New York Harbour. By 1884, a statue which was 151 feet tall, had been erected in Paris. The following year, it was taken by pieces to America. By the end of October 1886, the statue had been put together again and it was officially presented to the American people by Bartholdi. Ever since then, the great monument has been a symbol of liberty for the millions of people who pass through New York Harbour to make their homes in America.

i) Who designed the great statue of Liberty?
ii) What arrangements were to be made to erect the great statue?
iii) What was it made up of?
iv) Which year was the Statue of Liberty presented to the American people?
v) Of what has the great monument been a symbol ever since its erection?

VII. Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on one of the following topics using the hints given.

The benefits of reading books.
Hints:
1) A source of pleasure, instruction and inspiration
2) No feeling of boredom
3) Enhance knowledge, noble thoughts and ideals
4) One can develop skills of language.

OR

Healthy life through yoga and meditation.
1) Improves concentration and memory
2) Keeps one active throughout
3) Increases immunity and fitness
4) Avoids diseases and develops healthy mind.
VIII. Prepare a summary of the following passage bring out at least four important points. Suggest a suitable title for the summary.

Speech is a great blessing, but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word, and so on may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again different class of people use different vocabularies, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike an uneducated listener as showing pride. Unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to men of our own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but which demands careful handling. Only a fool will express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.

IX. Do as directed:

1) What enquiries will you make in the following situations? Write a sentence each:
   a) To know the arrival time of Rajdhani express train.
   b) To know the last date for the payment of examination fee.

2) Read the following telephone conversation and organise the message in the format given:

Rajesh: Good Morning! I am Rajesh from HP computers. May I speak to the Principal.

Receptionist: He is in a board meeting and will be available only after 2 p.m.
Any message?

Rajesh: He had given me an appointment to meet him today, to finalise the quotation for twenty desktops and ten laptops. I will leave my number with you. Please call me when he is free. My no. is 9892364513.

Message for:
Message from:
Information:
Contact No.:

3) You have to attend a committee meeting convened by the Principal of your college. You are unable to attend it as you are not well. Send a message through your friend expressing:

- Your inability to attend the meeting.
- Information that you have sent the relevant documents.
- Assure you will attend the next meeting.
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(F+R) (2014-15 and Onwards) (CBCS)
LANGUAGE ENGLISH – II

Instructions: 1) Answer all questions.
2) Mention the question numbers correctly.

PART – A
(Course Book – Literary Component)

I. Answer any five of the following in a word or a sentence each. (5x2 = 10)

1) In the poem *To a Student* fragments of __________ are suspended from bushes and trees
   a) cloth  b) human flesh  c) paper
2) In the poem *Survivors* what has shattered the pride of the soldiers?
3) Why was Hornus very happy on the days of battle?
4) Which Jain poet influenced Gandhiji?
5) Whom did Bennett, Jr send to find Livingstone?
6) __________ caused the mound of muddy rocks that blocked the pilgrims’ path at Kailash Manas Sarovar.
   a) Landslide  b) Earthquake  c) Tsunami
7) Who visited Reynolds in the infirmary?
8) Where would Cosby’s father sit and listen to music?

II. Answer any three of the following in about a page each. (3x5 = 15)

1) What appeal does the narrator make in the poem *To a Student*? Why?
2) How does the poem *Survivors* reflect the horrors of war?
3) How is Hornus’ patriotism brought out in the story?
4) What does ahimsa mean in its negative and positive form?
5) Why was finding Livingstone a challenging task?
III. Answer any one of the following in about two pages.

1) Comment upon the humour in The way it was and is.
2) How does the headmaster learn the truth about poems with same opening lines?
3) Give an account of Shinkre’s experiences during Kailash-Manasarovar yatha.

IV. Do as directed:
A) Choose the appropriate word/expression closest in meaning to each of the words given below:
   i) Chuckle — a) knuckle b) break c) giggle
   ii) Convalesce — a) create b) destroy c) recover
B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:
   i) Mount Kailash is _________ for Tibetans. (holy/extraordinary)
   ii) The _________ costed thousands of pounds. (exemption/expedition)
C) Use the following phrase in a sentence of your own:
   (to) pull down

PART – B
(Work Book – Communication Skills)

V. 1) Change the following into indirect speech:
   a) The teacher said, “We shall plan fresh methodologies.”
   b) Hornus told the colonel, “Give me my flag.”
2) Rewrite the following in passive voice:
   a) Stanley searched for Livingstone.
   b) I had never seen such a mountain.
3) Combine the following into a single sentence using the linker ‘but’
   It was a great story for them. It made me nervous.
4) Form a suitable question to get the underlined word as answer.
   Reynolds composed an ode.
5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement:
   She is beautiful.
VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the question set on it.

Men and women respond to problems in very different ways and consequently have very different emotional needs. When people insist on their own needs and fail to properly appreciate the needs of their partners, there is bound to be friction. Women, typically, deal with problems and stresses by talking about how they feel. There is no need to deal with the practicalities of the problem - they are of secondary significance. What really matters is expressing herself. Men, on the other hand, withdraw into the caves of their mind to focus on solving the problem. He feels he must develop the skills to solve his problems on his own. Asking for help or idly expressing how terrible you feel is perceived as an admission of weakness and incompetence. With a little help men and women can understand each other better and learn to respect their differences.

i) Why do men and women have different emotional needs?
ii) What happens when people fail to understand others’ needs?
iii) How do women deal with their problems?
iv) How do men react to problems?
v) What is considered as weakness?

VII. Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on one of the following topics using the hints given.

Commercial breaks on TV shows

1) They are inevitable as source of income
2) Not sought by viewers
3) Sometimes interesting, sometimes irritating
4) Advertisement has grown as an industry.

OR

Food habits

1) Health depends on food we eat
2) Have to be careful due to changing lifestyles
3) Liking for the junk food
4) Good life linked to good food
VIII. Prepare a summary of the following passage bringing out at least four important points. Suggest a suitable title to the summary.

English education and English language have done immense good to India, in spite of their glaring drawbacks. The notions of democracy and self-government are the birth of English education. Those who fought and died for mother India's freedom were nursed in the cradle of English thought and culture. The West has made contribution to the East. The history of Europe has fired the hearts of our leaders. Our struggle for freedom has been inspired by the struggles for freedom in England, America and France. If our leaders were ignorant of English and if they had not studied this language, how could they have been inspired by these heroic struggles for freedom in other lands? English, therefore, did us great good in the past and if properly studied will do immense good in future.

English is spoken throughout the world. For international contact our commerce and trade, for the development of our practical ideas, for the scientific studies, English is indispensable "English is very rich in literature," our own literature has been made richer by this foreign language. It will really be a fatal day if we altogether forget Shakespeare, Milton, Keats and Shaw.

IX. Do as directed.

1) What inquiries will you make in the following situations? Write a sentence each.
   a) To know the arrival of a train to Bengaluru.
   b) To know the closing time of a hospital.

2) Read the following telephone conversation and organize a message in the format given:

   Raam : Hello, Good morning. I am Raam. May I speak to the Principal?
   Receptionist : Sorry sir, he is on leave for two days. If you leave a message, I shall pass it on to him.
   Raam : Well, tell him I wanted to discuss about the computers I wanted to donate to the college. Please ask him to call me on 9876512345.

   Message for : 
   Message from : 
   Information : 
   Contact No. : 

3) You had to attend the meeting convened by the College Principal as a student welfare officer and provide him information about the preparations and the number of students willing to participate in a national camp at Delhi. Since you are unwell, send a message to the Principal that you will provide all the information personally in a day or two.

   - Reason for not attending the meeting.
   - Details of information you have.
   - Assurance to meet him at the earliest.
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ENGLISH
Language English – II

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Instructions: 1) Answer all the questions.
             2) Mention the question numbers correctly.

PART – A
(Course Book – Literary Component)

I. Answer any five of the following in a word or a sentence each. (5x2=10)
1) In the poem, 'To a Student', the narrator says that _______ and ______ should be left to antique dealers.
2) What has made the soldiers stammer in ‘Survivors’?
3) The greatest ambition of Hornus in ‘The Ensign’ was _______.
4) What is the remedy for all evils according to Gandhiji?
5) Name the servant of Dr. Livingston.
6) Why is Manasasarovar so named?
7) What is ‘jinx’ as mentioned in ‘Pele’s thousandth goal’?
8) The instruction manual of the stereo system in ‘The way it was and it is’ was slightly shorter than the novel

II. Answer any three of the following in about a page each. (3x5=15)
1) How does a politician speak casually and callously about war and its effects on soldiers in the poem ‘Survivors’?
2) Describe Stanley’s personal background and character that prompted him to accept the challenge of finding Dr. Livingston.
3) How did Cosby’s father advise him to enjoy the music of his times? How did Cosby try to avoid him?
4) Which are the two types of Ahimsa and their characteristics according to Gandhiji?
5) What were the obstacles faced by Pele in scoring his thousandth goal?
III. Answer any one of the following in about two pages. 

1) Describe how the poem ‘To a Student’ argues against the pain of war. 
2) Explain the circumstances that led the school authorities to change the rules of the prize poem.
3) How does ‘The Ensign’ dramatize the patriotic feelings of an innocent person?

IV. Do as directed:

A) Choose the appropriate word/expression closest in meaning to each of the words given below:
   i) Panacea – a) A cure all b) A disease c) Agony
   ii) Dearth – a) Death b) Scarcity c) Sorrow

B) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words:
   i) We could ________ our competitors very easily. (hit/beat)
   ii) Suma is of ________ nature. (shy/shameful)

C) Use the following phrase in a sentence of your own.
   (to pull someone’s legs)

PART – B

(Work Book – Communication Skills)

V. 1) Change the following into in direct speech:
   a) The thief said to the policeman, ‘I have not even looked at these valuables.’
   b) The librarian announced, ‘Books will be issued to those who have the library cards’. 

2) Rewrite the following in the passive voice.
   a) Our team faced the opponents bravely.
   b) Sri Ramakrishna taught Narendra spirituality.

3) Combine the following into a single sentence using the linker ‘though’.
   Raghu worked hard. He failed.

4) Form a suitable ‘Wh’ question to get the underlined word/s as the answer.
   Swami announced his renunciation.

5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement.
   Kareem shouts at the top of his voice.
VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it.

We often use the words education and knowledge interchangeably, but these two words mean very different things. Education means schooling which imparts certain skills to help us live in this world. It is the collection of data while knowledge means the discovery of truth. Knowledge cannot be imparted, but education can be imparted. We can teach a child to read and write but we cannot give it knowledge, perception or insight into the true nature of a thing. A child can be taught the rules of grammar and the alphabet but not the comprehensive understanding of the language itself. Many of us know the general rules of grammar involving nouns, verbs and so on but we cannot write a poem in that language. Some of the greatest poets and writers had no formal education, but their compositions are immortal and heralded by all, including learned professors of language!

i) Which two words do we get confused with?
ii) What is meant by schooling?
iii) What is the difference between knowledge and education?
iv) What should education result in?
v) What can a child be taught and not taught?

VII. Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on one of the following topics using the hints given.

The Mother tongue as the medium of instruction.

Advantages:
1) Concepts are easily understood
2) Understanding and experience are united
3) Expression is easy and spontaneous
4) If one language is mastered another can be learnt easily.

OR

The value of sports
1) Good for exercise, physical fitness
2) An excellent source of entertainment and a stress buster.
3) The best way to learn sportsman spirit.
4) The best way to learn co-operation, co-ordination and team spirit.

VIII. Prepare a summary of the following passage bringing out at least four important points. Suggest a suitable title to the summary.

If we examine the lives of great men – scientists, philosophers or sages – we find that the key to their success is in practice. They dedicate themselves to
practising their work with such sincerity and devotion that success is guaranteed in whatever they take up. Even in daily life, practice is essential to be able to achieve anything. For example, a student must practise his lessons in order to pass the exams. In fact, it is through practice that we have mastered the ability to walk and write, so much so that we do not feel the strain any more.

Repeated action creates a habit. We can cultivate good habits through repeated good acts and give up bad habits by using our will-power. Habits influence our mind and nervous system in such a way that they become a part of our nature, our character. If you want to know a man, study his habits. Once we have formed undesirable habits, then it is very difficult to get over them or change them. Yet all is not lost. Difficult activities like swimming, cycling etc. become easy after regular practice. Similarly our acts and habits can be modified with practice, patience and perseverance.

IX. Do as directed.

1) What enquiries will you make in the following situations? Write a sentence each:
   a) To know if a room is available in a hotel.
   b) To know if the surgeon is available in a hospital.

2) Read the following telephone conversation and organize the message in the format given:

   Viswanath: I am Viswanath from stitch well Tailors. May I speak to the Principal?
   Receptionist: He is in a meeting and will be available only by 1 p.m. Any message?
   Viswanath: He had asked me to meet him today to discuss the matter of uniforms for the students. I will leave my number with you, please call me when he is free. My no. is 9898386812.

   Message for: ____________________________
   Message from: ____________________________
   Information: ____________________________
   Contact No.: ____________________________

3) You have to attend a meeting convinced by you CEO. You are unable to attend it as you are not well. Send a message and papers relevant to the meeting through a colleague.

   * The reason for your inability to attend the meeting.
   * Information that you have sent the relevant papers.
   * Assure that you will attend the next meeting.