I. Answer any five of the following in one sentence or two sentences each. (5×2=10)
   1) Name the book which brought Rachel Carson to limelight. What kind of a revolution did it start?
   2) Where do rich American middle classes who own a car usually go? Why?
   3) Who has cast a dreadful shadow on tigers? What is the result of it?
   4) What are the problems faced by the tenant in the poem “Ballad of the Landlord”?
   5) Name the Madam’s daughter and Carmen’s son in the lesson “The Advance”.
   6) Who is Munshi Khairat Ali Khan?
   7) Who was called into the headmaster’s room? Why?

II. Answer any three of the following in about one page each. (3×5=15)
   1) Give an account of Rachel Carson’s early life and college days.
   2) What is the main cause for environment struggles in India according to Ramachandra Guha?
   3) Comment on the moral poverty of man in the poem “Tiger Tiger Revisited”.
   4) Discuss the contrast between the life style of the white mistress and the black maid.
   5) Explain the surprising coincidences which makes the inspector jot down Alarakhia’s name.

III. Answer any one of the following in about two pages each. (1×10=10)
   1) How is Rachel Carson unintentionally start an ecological revolution through her book Silent Spring?
   2) Comment on how a ferocious animal like tiger is now reduced to being a victim in the poem “Tiger Tiger Revisited.”
   3) What do you understand about the condition of the blacks in a society dominated by the whites as reflected in the poem “Ballad of the Landlord”?

IV. Do as directed:
   a) Identify a suitable synonym from the bracket for each of the given words: (2×1=2)
      1) Persevere (hang in there, let go, move on)
      2) Determine (overlook, decide, ignore).
b) Use the appropriate forms of the verbs in the brackets to fill in the blanks: (2x1=2)
   1) The kids _________ (carry) the load on their heads.
   2) The culprit _________ (flee) from the scene.

c) Add “able” or “en” to the word given in the brackets to fill in the blanks: (1x1=1)
   The talents of a genius is always _________ (hide).

PART – B
(Work Book – Communication Skills) 30

V. 1) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate article:
   It was _________ honour to receive the award.
   2) Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition:
   The train went _________ the tunnel.
   3) Fill in the blank with the correct verb:
   A number of accidents _________ (were/was) reported in the newspaper.
   4) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense form of the verb given in the bracket:
   She _________ (swim) in the pool.
   P. Sindhu _________ (win) a silver medal at Rio Olympics.
   5) Rewrite the following sentence with appropriate punctuation marks:
   oh it was a scintillating game of tennis

VI. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.
The rise in earth’s surface temperature as a consequence of Greenhouse effect is called Global Warming. The thickening of earth’s atmosphere because of presence of increased carbon dioxide and other Greenhouse gases is called Greenhouse effect. Increase in Greenhouse gases is a result of rapid deforestation and industrial emissions. These Greenhouse gases traps and absorbs atmospheric heat and ultimately causes Global warming (an increase in earth’s surface temperature).

If this process of global warming continues the world would be in danger. Firstly, the world’s is becoming warmer and warmer having a devastating effect on the regional ecosystem. Another major consequence of global warming arising out of Greenhouse effect is the rise in sea level. Four major changes take place prior to this. They are: Thermal expansion, melting of mountain glacier, melting of Greenland ice sheet and melting of Polar (Arctic and Antarctic) ice. Thus, the coastal cities and ports may be submerged under sea-water. Many islands may vanish from the earth surface of the earth. Thirdly, in future, warmer world will face water crisis in some parts while in other regions it will be wetter than it is now. There will be uncertainty regarding regional forecasts of future precipitation as warming of globe makes it difficult to predict. Also, pattern of agricultural
changes, or effects on ecosystems in general are fairly unpredictable. In addition to all these, the human health is put at risk because of Global warming. In recent years, there have been newer reports of spread of major tropical diseases with changing climate. As the earth becomes warmer, more and more people are likely to be affected by tropical diseases.

The problem of Global Warming can be controlled by minimizing the emission of Greenhouse gases into the environment. Few preventive steps would help save the earth from the harmful effects of Global Warming. Strict laws should be enforced to govern pollution and to regulate the emission of Greenhouse gases. We should drastically reduce the dependence on the thermal power generating stations as the use of fossil fuels for generating conventional energy is a major contributor of Greenhouse gases. Simultaneously we should promote afforestation and strive towards protection of remaining forests.

1) What are the causes for the rise in Greenhouse gases?
2) How does Greenhouse gases result in global warming?
3) What are the effects of rise in sea levels?
4) Pick a word which is an opposite word of “Sure”.
5) How can global warming be minimized?

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

Describe the details of the NSS activities of your college and the service rendered. Make use of the hints given below.
- The purpose of NSS
- Composition of NSS group
- Promotion of service attitude and harmony
- Service rendered in college.

OR

Narrate the details of a historical tour to Badami, Aihole and Bijapur. Make use of the hints given below.
- The joy of travelling with friends
- Historical significance of the sites
- The memories which stood out
- Facilities provided and organization.

VIII. Make notes of the following passage by choosing either a linear or a diagrammatic format:

The Sundarbans contain the world’s largest mangrove forests and one of the most biologically productive of all natural ecosystems. Located at the mouth of the Ganges and Brahmaputra Rivers between India and Bangladesh, its forest and waterways support a wide range of fauna including a number of species threatened with extinction. The mangrove habitat supports the single largest population of tigers in the world which have adapted to an almost amphibious life, being capable of swimming for long distances and feeding on fish, crab and
water monitor lizards. They are also renowned for being “man-eaters”, most probably due to their relatively high frequency of encounters with local people. The Sundarbans is the only mangrove forest in the world to be inhabited by the tiger. In addition to tigers Sundarbans also supports a number of other threatened aquatic mammals such as the Irrawaddy and Ganges River dolphins. The site also contains an exceptional number of threatened reptiles including the king cobra and significant populations of the endemic river terrapin which was once believed to be extinct. The property provides nesting grounds for marine turtles including the olive riley, green and hawksbill. Two of the four species of highly primitive horsehoe crab. It is also of high importance for migratory birds.

The islands are also of great economic importance as a storm barrier, shore stabilizer, nutrient and sediment trap, a source of timber and natural resources, and support a wide variety of aquatic, benthic and terestrial organisms. They are an excellent example of the ecological processes of monsoon rain flooding, delta formation, tidal influence and plant colonization.

IX. Do as directed:

a) Introduce your close friend to your parents.
b) Write a set of instructions to make a cup of tea.
c) Give directions to reach Blossoms book shop from Kasturba road.
I Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, Nov./Dec. 2015
(Semester Scheme) (2014-15 and Onwards) (CBCS) (Fresh + Repeaters)
ENGLISH
Language English – I

Time : 3 Hours
Max. Marks : 70

Instructions: 1) Answer all the Parts.
2) Write the correct question number.

PART – A
(Course Book – Literary Component)

I. Answer any five of the following in one or two sentences each : (5×2=10)
1) Who was Rachel Carson ?
2) Name the traditional forms of protest used in India in Guha’s essay.
3) What does ‘sulphurous cauldron’ in the poem ’Tiger Tiger Revisited’ refer to ?
4) What was the complaint against the tenant in ’Ballad of the Landlord‘?
5) Why did Carmen not take her son to a doctor ?
6) Why was Alarakkhii anxious on pay day ?
7) How did Jerome’s father die ?

II. Answer any three of the following in about one page each : (3×5=15)
1) How did Jerome narrate the death of his father to his friends in the lesson ’A Shocking Accident’?
2) Why didn’t Carmen want to take her child to the fetishist ? What was his advice to her in the story ’The Advance’ ?
3) Describe the three circumstances in which Alarakkhii was scolded by the Inspector in ’Penalty’.
4) Comment on the unkindness of humankind in ’Tiger Tiger Revisited’.
5) Why are things important according to the author of ”A Throw-Away Society” ?

III. Answer any one of the following in about two pages each : (1×10=10)
1) Discuss how Rachel Carson’s childhood contributed towards her growth as a scientist and a writer.
2) How are the Blacks dominated and exploited by the Whites according to the poem ’Ballad of the Landlord’?
3) Explain the significance of the title ‘Penalty’ with respect to the story.

P.T.O.
IV. Do as directed:
   a) Identify suitable synonyms from the brackets for the given word: (1x2=2)
      i) Transcience [adaptable, temporary, throw-away]
      ii) Startled [ashamed, confused, surprised].
   b) Use the appropriate forms of the words in the brackets to fill in the blanks: (1x2=2)
      i) He responded to the teacher's comments ________ (sharp).
      ii) I will attend to the problem ________ (short).
   c) Add ‘_’ ist’ or ‘or’ to the word given below and fill in the blanks: (play) 1
      i) Being a talented ________, Saina Nehwal deserves our respect.

PART B

(Work Book - Communication Skills) 30

V. 1) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate article:
    Bengaluru is one of ________ most fast developing cities in India.

VI. 2) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition:
    The President will visit our city ________ friday.

VII. 3) Fill in the blanks with the correct verb:
    One of my teachers ________ Singapore (visited).

4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate tense forms of the verb given in the brackets:
   a) When I arrived, my friend ________ to take me to a movie (wait).
   b) The guest ________ tomorrow (arrive).

5) Rewrite the following with appropriate punctuation marks whenever necessary:
    However, Industrial land is not available in Mysuru anymore and hence investors can opt for Nanjangud as a viable option said Mr. Jain

VIII. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it:

The piranha is a much-maligned fish. Most people think that this is a deadly creature that swarms through rivers and creeks of the Amazon rainforest looking for victims to tear apart. And woe be to anyone unlucky enough to be in the same water as a shoal of piranhas. It takes them only a few minutes for the vicious piranhas to reduce someone to a mere skeleton. The truth is that the piranha is really a much more nuanced animal than the mindless killer depicted in the media. In fact, piranhas are a group made up of approximately twelve different species. Each piranha species occupies its own ecological niche. One type of piranha takes chunks out of the fins of other fish. Another type eats fruit falling
from trees into the river. Each piranha species plays a unique role in the ecology of the rainforest floodplains. So what should you do next time you hear someone talking about the "deadly piranha"? You can remind them that the piranha is not always the notorious killer fish that the tough, muscular heroes of popular nature television shows would have us believe.

1) The primary purpose of the author is to
   a) correct misconceptions about the piranha
   b) illustrate the importance of piranhas in rainforest ecology
   c) describe two different species of piranhas
   d) instruct the reader on what to say if someone describes the piranha as "deadly".

2) Which is the best definition for unique in the paragraph?
   a) inreplaceable  b) important  c) individual  d) unusual

3) Which is the best synonym for notorious in the paragraph?
   a) celebrated  b) disreputable  c) notable  d) renowned

4) Why are the piranhas called ‘deadly’?

5) Give one example to illustrate that the piranha species plays a unique role in the ecology of the rainforest floodplains.

IX. Write a paragraph of each about 80-100 words using the hints given below:


OR
Describe your college following the guidelines:
- location
- facilities
- general impression

X. Make notes on the following passage by choosing either linear or diagrammatic format.

**COFFEE AND ITS PROCESSING**

The coffee plant, an evergreen shrub or small tree of African origin, begins to produce fruit 3 or 4 years after being planted. The fruit is hand-gathered when it is fully ripe and a reddish purple in colour. The ripened fruits of the coffee shrubs are processed where they are produced to separate the coffee seeds from their covering and from the pulp. Two different techniques are in use: a wet process and a dry process.
The wet process First the fresh fruit is pulped by a pulping machine. Some pulp still clings to the coffee, however and this residue is removed by fermentation in tanks. The few remaining traces of pulp are then removed by washing. The coffee seeds are then dried to a moisture content of about 12 percent either by exposure to the sun or by hot-air driers. If dried in the sun, they must be turned by hand several times a day for even drying.

The dry process In the dry process the fruits are immediately placed to dry either in the sun or in hot-air driers. Considerably more time and equipment is needed for drying than in the wet process. When the fruits have been dried to a water content of about 12 percent the seeds are mechanically freed from their coverings.

XI. Do as directed:
   a) Introduce yourself before an interview panel.
   b) Write a set of instructions to give First-Aid for a wound or cut.
   c) Give directions to reach Good Shepherd school from Point A.
I Semester B.Com. / B.B.M. Examination, November/December 2014  
(Freshers) (2014 – 15 & Onwards)  
(CBCS) 
LANGUAGE ENGLISH – I

Time : 3 Hours  
Max. Marks : 70

Instructions: 
1) Answer all the Parts  
2) Write the correct question number.

PART – A  
(Course Book-Literary Component)  
(40 Marks)

I. Answer any five of the following in one or two sentences each:  
(5x2=10)

1) What was Rachel Carson’s area of specialization? Where did she begin her professional career?
2) Name the two forms of traditional protests observed in Indian villages, against environmental degradation.
3) What is the punishment meted out to the tenant in the poem ‘Ballad of the Landlord’?
4) Why had Carmen missed two days of work that month in the story ‘The Advance’?
5) Mention two instances in which the inspector jotted down Alarakhi’s name in ‘Penalty’.
6) Who gave Jerome the news of his father’s death? Why was he amused?
7) In the past societies were based on ___________. The new fast-moving society of the present is based on ___________.

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

1) Give a brief account of any two books written by Rachel Carson.
2) According to Guha, what is the difference in the ‘origin of the environmental impulse’ in the North and in the South.
3) How is the cruelty and greed of man expressed in the poem ‘Tiger, Tiger Revisited’?
4) Why is Carmen unable to provide balanced food for her son, Hector?
5) Why does Alarakhi feel remorseful at the end of the story ‘Penalty’?
III. Answer any one of the following in about two pages: 
\(1 \times 10 = 10\)

1) Rachel Carson was a scientist and a writer. Discuss.
2) How is the theme of discrimination brought out in the story 'The Advance'?
3) Using the example of the Barbie doll, how does Toffler prove that man's relationship with things are increasingly temporary?

IV. Do as directed:

a) Identify the suitable synonym from the bracket for each of the given words:
\(1 \times 2 = 2\)

i) conservation (destruction, preservation, competition)

ii) persuade (confuse, coax, decide)

b) Use the appropriate forms of the word in the brackets to fill in the blanks:
\(1 \times 2 = 2\)

i) The children were asked to solve the problem _________. (method)

ii) Soldiers face war _____________. (brave)

c) Add 'ist' or 'or' to the word given in the bracket and fill in the blank suitably.
Ravi wants to become a _____________. (direct)
\(1 \times 1 = 1\)

PART – B
(Workbook – Communication Skills) 
(30 Marks)

V. 1) Fill in the blank with an appropriate article:

_________ honest man speaks the truth.

2) Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition:

I travel ________ bus regularly.

3) Fill in the blank with the correct verb:

Anita _______ a very sincere student (were / was)

4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with an appropriate tense form of the verb given in the bracket:

a) Ali _______ melodiously at the program yesterday. (sing)

b) This dog ________ only Pedigree. (eat)

5) Rewrite the following with appropriate punctuation marks wherever necessary:

_____ did you paint the picture asked his teacher
VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it:

Throughout the century, palanquin has played a large part in Anglo-Indian life. It was the regular mode of conveyance from the house to office, and on all small journeys of business or pleasure, and on long expeditions across country. With the growth of roads, carriages of various sorts were used for afternoon airings but the palanquin remained the essential means of transport within the settlements. Everyone down to the writer just arrived from England possessed a palanquin if he could.

The original palanquin was the dooly, which was an ordinary string bedstead, five feet by two, covered with a light bamboo frame and draped with red curtains. From this the ornate palanquin of Calcutta and Madras was developed. First, the shape was changed to that of a hexagon. Then the sides were raised, more ornament was added and the canopy was arched. Cushions were added inside and also curtains which could completely close the palanquin if desired. The occupant reclined at full length, and was often supplied with a specially designed hookah, at which he could puff as he was borne along to business.

In Calcutta, Orlyas were usually employed as bearers, but their monopoly was later broken by men from Patna and Dhaka. The usual number in a set was seven, one cooking for the rest, one being the sirdar or head bearer. The actual carrying was therefore done by five men. The palanquin bearers were very independent and on occasions went on strike.

1) ‘Monopoly’ means
   a) being very independent
   b) anything over which one person or group has a right

2) The palanquin was used as a conveyance only from house to office (T/F).

3) The palanquin bearers worked in groups of ________ (five / six / seven).

4) Which sense does the following expression evoke?
   a light frame draped with red curtains (touch / sight).

5) Who were employed as palanquin bearers?

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

Narrate the details of Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations you organized in your college. You may use the following guidelines:

- planning and distribution of work
- competitions conducted
- the actual celebration

OR

Describe a place of tourist interest that you have visited

Name and location of the place – places of tourist importance – importance – description – facilities.
VIII. Make notes on the following passage by choosing either a linear or a diagrammatic format:

India produces 4.5 million tonnes of bamboo in about 8.96 million hectares of forest. But lack of proper harvesting gives us low yields.

Bamboo is one of the World's best natural engineering materials. Though lesser in weight than teak wood and steel, bamboo is stronger than the others. Bamboo grows much faster than wood and requires relatively little water. It can also be recurrently harvested. Ample bamboo cover enriches the soil by arresting erosion and taming flash floods.

It offers support to weak trees, fodder to animals and food to humans. This makes bamboo a key element in maintaining ecological balance and providing livelihood security. Thus bamboo is found to be an invaluable material.

IX. Do as directed:

a) Introduce your junior to your principal at your college.

b) Write a set of instructions for the following in five or six sentences.
   How you would make a seat reservation at a bus station?

c) Give directions (in 5 or 6 sentences) to reach ABC college from Popular Mall.