

Faculty of Arts, Commerce, Science, Social Science and Business Management
B.A/B.Com/B.Sc/BBA/I Year, CBCS-I Semester Backlog Examinations –January, 2021
Paper-I (General English)

Time: 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

I. Answer Any **FOUR** of the following questions (4x20=80Marks)

1. Answer the following questions:

i) Compare and contrast Arun with the Thief's character? (8 Marks)

ii) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (6x2=12 Marks)

Bathukamma is a colourful and vibrant festival of the Telangana and a symbol of Telangana's cultural identity and integrity. It is celebrated during the latter half of the monsoon season, before the onset of winter. The word 'Bathukamma' refers to a beautiful floral arrangement. Traditionally, women prepare the Bathukammas using various flowers like ganuka, tangedi, banti and chemanti.

i. What is the symbol of Telangana's cultural identity?

ii. Why is bathukamma a colourful festival?

iii. When is the festival celebrated?

iv. What does 'bathukamma' refer to?

v. Give the noun form of 'prepare'

vi. Give a synonym for 'colourful'

2. i) Annotate the following. (8 Marks)

"Perhaps it was concern for Arun that drew me back."

ii) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (6x2=12 Marks)

Harry looked around. One thing was certain: of all the teachers' offices Harry had visited so far this year, Dumbledore's was by far the most interesting. If he hadn't been scared out of his wits that he was about to be thrown out of school, he would have been very pleased to have a chance to look around it.

i. What was Harry looking around for?

ii. Whose office was the most interesting of all the teachers offices?

iii. What would have been Harry pleased to do?

iv. Of what was Harry scared of?

v. Give an antonym for 'interesting'

vi. Give a synonym for 'scared'

3. i. Describe how the encounter between the Mosquito and the author brought a change in the author's attitude. (8 Marks)

ii. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (6x2=12 Marks)

The Gnana saraswathi temple in Basara is an important Hindu temple of Goddess Saraswati in Telangana. Basara is located around 35 km from Nizamabad and around 240 km from Hyderabad, the state capital, on the banks of river Godavari. Legend has it that Vyasa, a great saint and poet, who wrote Mahabharatha rested at this serene place. Some say the village was initially called 'vyasara' and later became 'basara' with influence of marathi.

i. What was the other name for 'Basara'?

ii. How far is the Basara temple from the state capital??

iii. Why did Vyasa stay at Basara ?

iv. What is the adjective form of 'Influence'?

- v. Give a synonym for 'legend'
vi. Give an antonym for 'great'
4. i. Annotate the following. (8 Marks)
"As I closed the door of the compartment I saw my fellow-traveller fluttering
Round the lamp...."
- ii. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (6x2=12 Marks)
Harry had caught the Hogwarts Express the previous year. The tricky bit was getting onto the platform nine and three quarters, which wasn't visible to the Muggle eye. What you had to do was walk through the solid barrier dividing platforms nine and ten. It didn't hurt, but it had to be done carefully so that none of the Muggles noticed you vanishing.
- i. What train did Harry travel in last year ?
ii. What was the tricky part in catching Hogwarts Express?
iii. What had to be done carefully?
iv. Why was it to be done carefully?
v. Give a synonym of 'Vanishing'
vi. Give an antonym for 'Previous'
5. i. Describe the Irish Airman's attitude towards fighting the War? (10 Marks)
ii. Explain the proverb with examples ' No Man is an Island' (10 Marks)
6. i. Annotate the following (10 Marks)
" Those that I fight I do not hate, Those that I guard I do not Love."
ii. Write a conversation between an Employer and an Employee about an upcoming Construction Project in their company in about ten exchanges. (10 Marks)
7. i. How did the Prince win over the death trap? (10 Marks)
ii. Explain the Proverb with examples ' Hard Work never goes in vain'. (10 Marks)
8. i. Annotate the following .
" Death has come twice for me in one evening." (10 Marks)
ii. Construct a dialogue of about ten exchanges between two friends about their future plans for University Education. (10 Marks)

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PAPER: GENERAL ENGLISH

Time: 3 hours

Max Marks: 80

Section-AI. Answer any **Four** of the following (4x5=20 Marks)

1. Write the initial medial and final positions for the given monophthongs.

Eg: /i:/ each beat tea

- a) /e/-
- b) /æ/-
- c) /ɑ:/-
- d) /u:/-
- e) /ə/-

2. Fill in the blanks with suitable helping verbs from the list below.

(were, did, would, will, was, can, could)

- a) Why _____ the employees fall asleep at work.
 - b) Her boss told her that she _____ retire early!
 - c) Why did the farmer use a steamroller on his potato field. He _____ raising
mashed _____ potatoes.
 - d) The jury _____ find you innocent of stealing Jewellery.
 - e) If he sat down, they _____ punish him.
3. Pick out right spelt words from the options given below.
- a) exercise, exersice , exarcise
 - b) jwellary, jewellery, jewellary
 - c) separatee, separate, saparete
 - d) museium, museum, museumm
 - e) comitee, commite, committee
4. Match the following collocations correctly.
- a) haunting statement
 - b) nagging pam
 - c) piercing scream
 - d) sprawling suburb
 - e) sweeping melody
5. Write a short paragraph about your 'dream career'.
6. Expand 'Hard work never goes wrong'.

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Section-A

I. Answer any four of the following (4x5=20 Marks)

1. Write the initial medial and final positions for the given monophthongs.

Eg: /i:/ each beat tea

- / a /
- / I /
- / o /
- / i: /
- / u: /

2. Fill in the blanks with suitable tense forms of the verbs given in the brackets.

- Hyderabad (be) the capital of Telangana.
- I (do) homework now.
- Prem (come) home tomorrow.
- Dinesh (bring) dosa for lunch yesterday.
- Do you (know) Satish's brother?

3. Pick out right spelt words from the options given

- concentration , consentration , concentrasion , concentretion
- illustrasion, illustration, ilustration, illustretion
- asimilation, assimilation, assimilation, assimiletion
- profution, profestion, preofusion, profusion
- comprehention, comprehension, comprahension, comprehension

4. Fill in the blanks choosing suitable words from those given.

(Polysyllabic, anti-national, pre-independence, hyperactive, proactive, disagree)

- The spy was arrested for his activities.
- Madhu was really in making sure that everything went according to plan.
- Someone who is more active than normal is called
- A word with more than three syllables is called a word.
- I with you on this. I do not like this plan.

5. Write a short paragraph on 'your goal in life'.

6. Write a short paragraph on 'How Mohandas Gandhi tried to shed his bad habits?'

Section-B

II. Answer the following questions (4x15=60 Marks)

7. (a) (i) Compare and contrast Arun with the narrator in the story 'The Thief' in 150 words. (8 Marks)

(ii) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (7 Marks)

I hesitated long enough for the train to leave without me. When it had gone and the noise and busy confusion of the platform had subsided, I found myself standing alone on the deserted platform. The knowledge that I had a hundred stolen rupees in my pyjamas only increased my feeling of isolation and loneliness. I had no idea where to spend the night. I had never kept any friends because sometimes friends can be one's undoing.

Questions:

- Who is the narrator of the passage?
- Why was the speaker standing alone on the platform?

3. Why did he not have any friends?
4. Which word in the extract is an antonym of the word 'crowded'?
5. How much amount the narrator has with him?
6. What is meant by 'Isolation'?
7. What part of speech is the word 'hesitate'?

(OR)

- (b) (i) Annotate the following in about 75 words. (8 Marks)

It's time I did some real work, I told myself. I'm getting out of practice ... If I don't take the money, he'll only waste it on his friends.

- (ii) Read the following passage and answer the question given below. (7 Marks)

The young lift-man in a City office who threw a passenger out of his lift the other morning and was fined for the offence was undoubtedly in the wrong. It was a question of 'Please'. The complainant entering the lift, said, 'Top'. The lift-man demanded 'Top-please' and this concession being refused he not only declined to comply with the instruction but, hurled the passenger out of the lift. This, of course was carrying a comment on manner too far. Discourtesy is not a legal offence, and it does not excuse assault and battery.

Questions:

1. Why did the lift man throw the passenger out of the lift?
2. Why was the lift man fined?
3. What did the passenger say on entering the lift?
4. What did the passenger decline?
5. Pick the word from the passage which means 'throw'?
6. Write an antonym for the word 'instruct'.
7. What part of speech is the word 'assault'?

8. (a) (i) Describe the ways in which the narrator tried to kill the mosquito in the 'A Fellow Traveller' in about 150 words. (8 Marks)

- (ii) Read the following passage and answer the question given below.

(7 Marks)

I flicked him off again. He skipped away, took another jaunt round the compartment, returned, and seated himself impudently on the back of my hand. It is enough, I said: magnanimity has its limits. Twice you have been warned that I am someone in particular, that my august person resents the tickling impertinences of strangers. I assume the black cap. I condemn you to death. Justice demands it, and the court awards it. The counts against you are many. You are a vagrant; you are a public nuisance; you are travelling without a ticket; you have no meat coupon. For these and many other misdemeanors you are about to die.

1. When was the author annoyed with the mosquito?
2. What does the sentence 'I assume the black cap' mean?
3. What did the mosquito do after it had been flicked off?
4. What was the warning of the author?
5. What is the meaning of 'vagrant'?
6. Write an antonym for the word 'condemn'.
7. What part of speech is the word 'impudent'?

(OR)

- (b) (i) Annotate the following in about 75 words. (8 Marks)

I took up my paper and he came and sat on it. Foolish fellow, I said, you have delivered yourself into my hands.

- (ii) Read the following passage and answer the question given below. (7 Marks)

Vemulawada is a famous pilgrimage place in Telangana. Devotees from various places of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh throng the town to have a darshan of the God. It is an abode of Raja Rajeshwara Swami, an incarnation of Lord Shiva. The presiding deity of the temple located in the town is Sri Raja RajeswaraSwamy who is locally popular as Rajanna. He is adorned on both the sides by the idol of Sri Raja Rajeswari Devi on the right side and to the left is the idol of Sri

LaxmiSahithaSiddiVinayaka. Vemulawada Raja Rajeswara temple is situated 38 km from Karimnagar. This famous temple dedicated to Lord RajarajeswaraSwamy, draws pilgrims in large numbers. There is a Dargah inside the temple complex where all devotees offer prayers, irrespective of caste and creed. Pilgrims have divine bath in a holy tank called Dharma Gundam, before proceeding for darshan and these holy waters are believed to have medicinal properties. Every year at the time of Maha Shiva Rathri, devotees in large numbers flock to Vemulawada, to offer prayers to Lord Shiva. This temple also has a very special offering made by devotees called 'KodaMokku'. Kodamokku is a ritual where the devotee makes the pradakshinam of the temple with a kode (bull) which is vahanam(nandi) of Lord Shiva. Rajarajeshvara temple was built by King RajarajaChola. Inside is a massive shivalinga.

Questions:

1. How is Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy popularly known?
2. Which idol is found on the right side of Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy?
3. What is there inside the temple complex?
4. What do pilgrims do before going for darshan?
5. What do pilgrims do in the name of Kodamokku?
6. Who is Rajanna?
7. What part of speech is the word 'erstwhile'?

9. (a) (i) What is the attitude of Irish airman's attitude in the poem 'An Irish Airman Foresees His Death'? (8 Marks)

(ii) Write a short paragraph on 'Education and employability skills.' (7 Marks)

(OR)

(b) (i) Annotate the following in about 75 words. (8 Marks)

My country is Kiltartan cross,
My countrymen Kiltartan's poor

(ii) Write a conversation of 7 exchanges each about introducing each other about describing your colleges and courses. (7 Marks)

Ex: Shirin: Hi. I am Shirin.

Preethi: You look a bit worried. Do you need any help?

10. (a) (i) What is Prince Dimitri's attitude towards death in 'The Death Trap'? (8 Marks)

(ii) What does Abraham Lincoln's story teach you about the importance of hard work and ambition. (7 Marks)

(OR)

(b) (i) Annotate the statement 'Gentlemen, I fear my business is more grave. (8 Marks)

I have the saddest of duties to perform. I know you would all gladly lay down your lives for your Prince, but there are some perils which even your courage cannot avert.'

(ii) Write a conversation of 7 exchanges each about health habits you have. (7 Marks)

Ex: **Sumana:** Hello, I am Sumana. I get up regularly at 5 am.

Usha: Hi! I am Usha, nice to meet you. I get up at 6 am.
