

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

Time: 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

I. Answer Any Four of the following Questions (4x20=80 Marks)

1. Answer the following questions

i. Describe the main themes of the short story, 'The Gift of the Magi' (8 Marks)

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

The Pochampadu project, also known as Sriram sagar project, is one of the most prestigious and major irrigation projects of Telangana. It is located in Pochampad village in Balkonda mandal of Nizamabad district. The project constructed over Godavari irrigates around 4 lakh acres of Nizamabad, Adilabad, Warangal and Karimnagar districts. Sriramsagar reservoir's capacity is 75 billion cubic feet, and it has 42 floodgates. Most of its catchment area upstream is located in Maharashtra.

- Sriram sagar project also known as?
- In which mandal is the project located?
- How much agricultural land is benefitted by the project?
- What does a 'reservoir' mean?
- Where is the catchment area of the project located?
- Give a synonym for 'Prestigious'

2. i. Annotate the following.

"Della, Let's put our Christmas presents away for a while. They are too nice to use at present." (8 Marks)

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

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.

- What was Harry looking around?
- Whose office was the most interesting of all the teachers offices?
- What would have been Harry pleased to do?
- Of what was Harry scared of?
- Give an antonym for 'interesting'
- Give a synonym for 'scared'

3. i. Explain the key areas that have been identified for an integrated action in order to achieve a developed India by 2020? (8 Marks)

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

Ankapur is a small but self-sufficient and agriculturally rich village in Armoor mandal of Nizamabad district. Located on Highway 63, around 20km from the district headquarters, the village has many urban facilities. Farmers here have adopted modern farming methods in cultivating commercial crops like turmeric, maize, vegetables on a large scale unlike other villages cultivating traditional crops. This has helped them to increase their output substantially despite scanty rainfall and adverse situations.

- How is Ankapur described in the passage?
- What have the farmers in Ankapur adopted?
- Why have the farmers been able to increase their crop output substantially?
- What is the primary difference between farmers of Ankapur and other nearby villages?
- Give an antonym for 'Self-sufficient'

- f. Give a Synonym for 'scanty'
4. i. Annotate the following.
 "We need the second vision for the nation to become developed" (8 Marks)
- ii. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (6x2=12 Marks)
- The modern age is the age of machines. From the time the Industrial revolution began in Europe, man's life has been changing in many ways. At first the change was slow. But in the second half of the nineteenth century, there was an increase in the rate of mechanisation, and as a result life began to change more quickly. During the last fifty years, machines of all kinds have become part of our daily lives and have transformed them in the most incredible manner.
- When did big changes begin to happen in the Modern man's life?
 - What has characterised the modern man's life?
 - When did the rate of mechanisation start to increase?
 - What has been a great change in the last fifty years?
 - Give a synonym for 'slow'
 - Give the noun form of 'transformed'
5. Answer the following questions
- Describe the themes of the poem, 'Success is counted sweetest'? (10 Marks)
 - Write a note on 'Body Language' (10 Marks)
6. i. Annotate the following
 "To comprehend a nectar, requires sorest need." (10 Marks)
- 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. Answer the following questions
- Describe in your own words, the court scene in the play, 'The Merchant of Venice'? (10 Marks)
 - Explain with examples 'Failures are stepping stones to success'. (10 Marks)
8. i. Annotate the following.
 "The quality of mercy is not strained,
 It drops as the gentle rain from heaven." (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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B.A/B.Com/B.Sc/BBA I-Year, CBCS-II Semester Regular Examinations –June/July,2022
PAPER: GENERAL ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 80

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

1. a. Mention two characteristics of *plosives*. Give three examples.
 b. Identify the set of voiced fricatives from the following:

/ v, ð, z, ʒ/

/ f, θ, s, ʃ, h/

2. a. 'today, tomorrow, already' are adverbs of _____
 i. manner ii. number iii. quality iv. time

- b. Verbs change as per *number*, Fill in the following blanks with suitable form of verbs:

i. Apple _____ of red color.

ii. Apples _____ of red color.

3. a. Identify the figure of speech in the sentences below:

i. Love is a journey

ii. My love is like a red, red rose

- b. Fill in the following blanks with Portmanteau words and their combinations:

i. Brunch : _____ + _____

ii. _____ : Fact + Fiction

4. a. Complete the following words by filling blanks with suitable letters

i. F O R _ _ G N ii. D _ _ S E L

- b. Fill in the blanks with *Polite* form of words given in the brackets:

i. _____ you like to go for a film tonight? (Will)

ii. _____ you, please repeat that? (Can)

5. How do you define **Success** in your own terms? Discuss briefly any one situation that left you with a sense of achievement and success
6. Write a letter to your mother describing the farewell party at your college.

Section-B

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

7. (a). i. What is the ironic twist in the story, 'Gift of the Magi'? (7 marks)
 ii. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow (8 marks)

The Pochampad project, also known as Sriram Sagar project, is one of the most prestigious and major irrigation projects of Telangana. It is located at Pochampad village in Balkonda mandal, in the district of Nizamabad. It is an irrigation project constructed across the Godavari. The project irrigates around 4 lakh acres of land in Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal and Adilabad districts. It also provides drinking water to the city of Warangal. The Gupta and Alisagar lift irrigation schemes in Nizamabad are fed by the back waters of this project. The project also includes two canals – Lakshmi canal and Kakatiya canal. The former irrigates Nizamabad and the latter the Karimnagar and Warangal districts. The hydro – electric plant working at the dam site has four turbines, each with 9 MW capacity – generating 36 MV. Sriram Sagar reservoir's capacity is 75 billion cubic feet, and it has 42 flood gates. Most of the catchment area upstream is located in Maharashtra.

1. Name a major irrigation project that flows into Telangana from Maharashtra.
2. What is the local name for the Sriram Sagar project?
3. Which are the districts that benefit from the irrigation project?
4. Which district is irrigated by the Lakshmi canal?
5. In which Mandal is Sriram Sagar project located?
6. How many canals are included in this project? What are they?
7. How many flood gates are present in Sriram Sagar project?
8. In which state is the catchment area upstream located?

OR

- (b) i. Annotate the following:

"Beautiful combs, pure tortoiseshell, with jeweled rims—just the shade to wear in the beautiful vanished hair." (7 marks)

- ii. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: (8 marks)

Medieval merchants risked the hazards of the Silk Road to reach the markets of China; Portuguese caravels in the 15th century sailed beyond the bounds of the known world, searching less for knowledge than for gold and spices. Historically, the driver for opening frontiers has always been the search for resources. Science and curiosity are weaker drivers. The only way to open up space, whether the space of solar system or interstellar space is to create an economic engine and that engine is resource extraction.

1. What hazards did the medieval merchants risk?
2. State whether true or false:

"Caravel, a light sailing ship of the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries in Europe"

3. The Portuguese were more in search of _____ than knowledge.

4. The opening of frontiers has always been the search for what?
5. What is the primary motive for any human endeavor?
6. Space, whether space in solar system or interstellar space will create what kind of engine?
7. What is a resource?
8. What are the weaker drivers of our future economy?
8. (a). i. What is Abdul Kalam's plan to create rural prosperity? (7 marks)
- ii. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow . (8 marks)

Ankapur is a small but self-sufficient and agriculturally rich village in Nizamabad district. It is a model for all villages in Telangana. Located in Armoor mandal on National Highway 63, it is around 20 km away from the district headquarters. The village has many known urban facilities and therefore it is called 'mini USA'. Farmers belonging to this region are known for having adopted modern farming methods in cultivating commercial crops like turmeric, maize and vegetables on a large scale, unlike many other villages of the district growing traditional crops like paddy. These modern methods of farming have helped the farmers increase their output. Some national and international agricultural bodies such as ICRISAT have recognized Ankapur as a model village. Ankapur. Over 500 educated youth of this village are either working or pursuing higher studies abroad. Ankapur is the only village in India to have a dedicated web portal created by NRIs. There are around 22 seed processing units in the village. The Red Jowar seed developed here is exported to northern Indian states. The companies have mitigated the problem of unemployment to a larger extent.

1. Where is Ankapur located?
2. Why is Ankapur called 'mini USA'?
3. What are the commercial crops grown in the village?
4. What is main source of income for Ankapur?
5. The dedicated web portal of the village is created by whom?
6. How many seed processing units are there in the village?
7. Which variety of seed is exported to northern states?
8. Why is Ankapur considered a model village?

OR

- (b). i. Annotate the following: (7 marks)

"We got freedom in 1947 as a result of what I call the first vision for the nation.....we need a second vision for the nation to become developed"

- ii. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (8 marks)

Education plays a great transitory role in life, particularly so in this rapidly changing and globalizing world. Universities are the custodians of the intellectual capital and promoters of culture and specialized knowledge. Culture is an activity of thought and receptiveness to beauty and human feelings. A merely well informed man is only a bore on God's Earth. What we should aim at is producing men who possess both culture and expert knowledge. Their expert knowledge will give them a firm ground to start from and their culture will lead them as deep as philosophy and as high as art. Together it will impact meaning to human existence.

1. What plays an important role in a rapidly changing and globalizing world?
2. What are the promoters of culture?
3. A custodian means:
 - a. Guardian
 - b. Protector
 - c. Upholder
 - d. All the above
4. What should men / women possess to achieving progress?
5. How will expert knowledge influence an individual?
6. Without acquiring _____, a person's education is not complete.
 - a. Art
 - b. Philosophy
 - c. history
 - d. Culture
7. How can we achieve a modern society?
8. "A merely well informed man is only a bore on God's Earth." What is meant by being 'merely informed'?
9. (a) i. Discuss the issue of what Victory and Defeat means in the poem, *Success is Counted Sweetest*. (7 marks)
 - ii. Write a dialogue between three friends to organize a meeting about Planning college day celebrations. (8 marks)

OR
- (b) i. Annotate the following: (7 marks)

"To comprehend nectar, requires sorest need"

 - ii. Write a conversation between you and your parents about planning your post graduations studies. (8 marks)
10. (a) i. How is Shylock utterly defeated at the end of the scene? (7 marks)
 - ii. Write a letter to the principal of your college, requesting him/her to issue a Transfer Certificate and Conduct Certificate. (8 marks)

OR
- (b) .i. Annotate the following: (7 marks)

"Why then, thus it is: You must prepare your bosom for his knife"

 - ii. 'Fortune favors the bold.' Write a brief story/anecdote that explains this proverb. (8 marks)