

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Semester-I Examination
ENGLISH
Paper—1
(Compulsory Language)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 60

N.B. :—ALL questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each :

(A) Describe the situation in the bank after the spread of the rumour.

OR

How did Parveen get the proposal of marriage ? 6

(B) What moral lesson do you derive from the poem 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard' ?

OR

What did Ulysses say to his people and his sailors ? 6

2. (A) Answer the following questions in about 75 words each :

(i) Who touched Mahadevan's knee and what did Mahadevan do ?

OR

How did the Manager try to placate angry customers ? 3

(ii) Why was Parveen not ready for her cousin's marriage with her husband ?

OR

What did the Giant do when he saw the children playing in his garden ? 3

(B) Answer the following questions in about 75 words each :

(i) Write the central idea of the poem 'Eyes Immortal'.

OR

How does Gray create a sad atmosphere in the beginning of the poem ? 3

(ii) What did Ulysses say about his travels ?

OR

Why does the poet say that the walls of his house had eyes and ears ? 3

3. (A) Make use of correct tense in each of the following sentences :

(i) That evening he _____ an irrepressible urge to see his old house. (feel)

(ii) Nathu _____ to himself as he swept the steps of the Pipalnagar Bank. (grumble)

(iii) In fact, she _____ hundred per cent on the Director's own personal scale. (reach)

(iv) One winter morning he looked out of his window as he _____. (dress)

(v) A mystery _____ as he thought Parveen was an unmarried girl. (lurk)

(vi) When he _____ his work, he sat down on the highest steps, to await the arrival of the manager. (finish) 6

(B) Change the voice of the following sentences :

(i) He was carrying a ration card.

(ii) Nathu banged the pan against the dustbin.

(iii) He took a little liberty.

(iv) He cannot allow you to live with your child in the hostel.

(v) I will allow nobody to play in it.

(vi) Spring has forgotten this garden. 6

4. (A) Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to join you during the Diwali vacation.

OR

Write a letter to NMC, complaining about damaged roads in your locality.

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- (B) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Experiments are some-times made by experts to find out how many errors people make in their statements. Here is one experiment which was tried. Some students at a university were shown on a screen a picture of a bullfight. They were then asked to write a short account of what they had seen. When this was finished, they were told to put a number on every statement made 1. If they were fairly sure about it, and 2 if they were prepared to swear to the statement on oath. Every student had at least ten per cent error in the statements he was prepared to swear on oath, and considerably more than ten per cent in the other group. Here, for example, was one mistake. A student saw the bull had its tongue out. Yet when he was shown the picture again, he saw that the bull's mouth was closed, but that, because its head, the ear looked like the tongue. So whenever you are arguing with someone about a point, remember that there is quite a good chance that you are wrong, however, confident you feel about it.

Questions :

- (i) What was the aim of the experiment tried at the university ?
- (ii) What were the students shown on the screen ?
- (iii) What were they asked to do when it was shown ?
- (iv) What was the extent of error in their statements ?
- (v) One student made a mistake in regard to the position of the bull's _____.

Complete this sentence with the correct alternative :

- (a) head
- (b) tongue
- (c) mouth
- (d) ear

- (vi) What truth does this passage reveal ? <https://www.rtmnuonline.com>

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5. (A) Answer the following questions in **ONE** or **TWO** sentences each :

- (i) Who touched Mahadevan's knee ?
- (ii) What work did Nathu do in Seth Govindram's bank ?
- (iii) Why did not autumn give any fruit to the Giant's garden ?

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- (B) Answer the following questions in **ONE** or **TWO** sentences each :

- (i) What 'will' does the poet want to make ?
- (ii) Who will rule the island when Ulysses sets off on his journey ?
- (iii) What caused the smell of the Champak to the poet's mother ?

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- (C) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

- (i) He is angry _____ his brother.
- (ii) I pay the rent _____ advance.
- (iii) The boy broke the window _____ purpose.

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- (D) Do as directed :

- (i) Cease (Give Synonym)
- (ii) Awe (Give Synonym)
- (iii) Recall (Give Antonym)

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