

B.A. Part-I Examination, 2018
GENERAL ENGLISH
(Essential Language Skills)
(For Collegiate Candidates)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

- Note: (1) No supplementary answer-book will be given to any candidate. Hence the candidates should write the answers precisely in the main answer-book only.
- (2) All the parts of one question should be answered at one place in the answer book. One complete question should not be answered at different places in the answer-book.

UNIT-A

1. Give the phonetic transcription of the following words : 5
- (a) Jump (b) Truth
(c) Furniture (d) Start
(e) Edge
2. Mark stress on the following words : 5
- (a) Combine (b) Acquire
(c) Biography (d) Ensure
(e) Permanent
3. Translate the following sentences into English : 5
- (a) क्या वह अपना पैसा बैंक में रखती है?
(b) मैं एक घण्टे के लिए बाहर जा रहा हूँ।
(c) वह एकमत से चुना गया।
(d) स्वास्थ्य धन से अधिक मूल्यवान है।
(e) हमने अपनी पढ़ाई पूरी कर ली है।
4. Translate the following words into English : $10 \times \frac{1}{2} = 5$
- (a) आधुनिकतम (b) मनोबल
(c) प्रस्तावित करना (d) प्रतिष्ठित
(e) उत्तराधिकारी (f) द्वन्द्व
(g) सावधान (h) प्रमाण
(i) संरक्षक (j) सुधार करना

UNIT-B

5. Change the following sentences into indirect narration : 5
- (a) She said to me, "Are you writing a poem or a story?"

- (b) Seeta said, "I waited for Ramu till 10 O'clock".
- (c) The doctor said, "You had better not work hard".
- (d) "Do you know when she will go home"? I said to him.
- (e) They said, "A bad carpenter quarrels with his tools".

Or

Change the following sentences into Passive Voice :

- (a) Tagore wrote Geetanjali.
- (b) A handkerchief covered his eyes.
- (c) They made me laugh.
- (d) I requested them not to make noise.
- (e) Did they solve the problem?

Or

Inter-change the degree of given sentences.

- (a) She is the most intelligent woman in the family.
(Change into comparative degree)
- (b) Milk is more nourishing than any other food.
(Change into positive degree)
- (c) Chetan is not as tall as Mohan.
(Change into comparative degree)
- (d) It was a good party.
(Change into superlative degree)
- (e) No other boy in the class is as tall as Mohan.
(Change into comparative degree)

6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals. 5

- (a) It.....rain tonight.
- (b) We.....pay income tax without fail.
- (c) You.....help your friends in need.
- (d)you have a cup of tea?
- (e) She.....run fast.

7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of tense given in brackets : 5

- (a) By tomorrow.....(come) here.
- (b) Do what your father..... (say).
- (c) Copernicus.....(prove) it long ago.
- (d) She.....(have) a hot bath now.
- (e) He.....(live) here since 1985.

8. Put the correct punctuation marks in the following passage and rewrite it again.
If you waste time time will waste you those who know the value of

time don't waste a single minute this is called Punctuality if your officer wants you at 9 P.M. it is a credit to reach at 9 P.M. it is a matter of quality.

UNIT-C

9. Answer any five questions of the following : 5×2=10
- (a) In which city does the infanticide take place in the poem 'Voice of the Unwanted Girl'?
 - (b) Write in your own words the main ideas contained in the poem 'The Little Black Boy'.
 - (c) Bring out A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's views in vision for 2020.
 - (d) What does Gandhi mean by 'World of Experience'?
 - (e) 'Voice of the Unwanted Girl' is the articulation of a victim girl child. Comment.
 - (f) What are the views expressed by Pandit Nehru in 'A Tryst with Destiny'?
 - (g) What happened at the Platform of Deoli when the author was returning to Delhi?
 - (h) What was the difficulty faced by them after introducing handloom at Sabarmati?

10. Read the following passage and answer the following questions :

The group of tired dusty riders arrived at a fork in the road. Their leader immediately sprang to the ground after first throwing his horse's rein to one of the others, and began to examine minutely the sandy track. The problem was simple : if the fleeing enemy had taken the left turning, there remained little hope of catching them, since he knew that it led back to a small settlement of native huts where they would be sheltered by the friendly inhabitants. If, on the other hand, they had branched to the right, they would have before them the open desert, not a flat expanse of sand such as they had just crossed, but country broken by a series of ridges, behind any one of which a whole army could hide.

He turned to his companions to see if he could read any solution in their faces. But they were too occupied by their arching limbs and several were taking a quick drink from the flasks which hung at their belts. He realized that every minute's delay lessened their chances of overtaking their adversaries, so, with a rapid glance at the sun to estimate what daylight still remained, he jumped once more into the saddle and with his whip indicated the way they were to go.

(i) Questions :

- (a) Why did the leader examine the track?
(b) Where did the two tracks lead?
(c) What difficulties did the pursuers expect if they took the right hand track?
(d) Why were the leader's companions not helpful?
(e) Why did he look at the sun?

5×3=15

(ii) Give meaning for the following words :

- (a) Rein
(b) Inhabitants
(c) Desert
(d) Adversaries
(e) Whip
(f) Estimate
(g) Sand
(h) Glance
(i) Ridge
(j) Companions

10×1/2=5

UNIT-D

11. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper on the necessity of a Public Park in your town. 10

Or

Write a letter to your younger brother advising him to take some more interest in games and sports.

12. Write an application with your CV to the General Manager of a bank for the post of an accountant. 10

13. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on any one of the following topics : 10

- (a) The Importance of Phonetics
(b) The Role of Youth in Politics
(c) Corruption in India.

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