

I/BCO (e-i)

2010

ENGLISH

(Commerce)

FIRST PAPER

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 30

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) "William Shakespeare's *Sonnet 116* is a meditative attempt to define the nature of ideal love." Comment.
- (b) Write a note on Keats' personifications of Autumn.
- (c) Discuss the Indianisms exposed through the poem, *Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T. S.*



(2)

2. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

- (a) Describe the accidental meeting between the astrologer and Guru Nayak. What was the astrologer's advice to his client?
- (b) How does Bill Williams envision human communications of the future?
- (c) What are the factors that contribute to good writing?

3. Answer either of the following : 15

- (a) Forty days ago you sent a money order of Rupees One thousand to your brother studying in New Delhi and till this day he has not received it. Giving the details, write a complaint about it to the postmaster of the place from where the money order was sent.
- (b) Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper on the health hazards of keeping pigsties close to one's residence or close to the road.

4. Write a précis of the following passage : 15

Work is worship is a well-known saying and a true one too. It literally means that a man who wants to worship God, should do some noble work. There are, however, persons

around us who like to pass a few hours in the meditation of God in loneliness. Such persons go to the shrines, temples and all sorts of religious places which, they feel, can alone bring them closer to God. But they are sadly mistaken. Mere prayer or shutting their eyes to imagine a picture of God in their mind will not stand them in good stead. To my mind, it will be nothing but a wild goose chase if they set themselves to it alone. No doubt, it helps a man in concentration. But God has created man not to be idle but to be active. It is necessary for a person to do virtuous and noble actions. He should try to do good to others, and share their joys and sorrows. If he attends on the sick and helps a blind man in crossing the road or contributes to others' happiness in some other noble forms, he is much better than the person who is satisfied with the prayers only in the morning and evening. God can be pleased best, if we are able to create an atmosphere of goodwill, love and happiness around us. We should be careful about our duty. Duty is beauty and it must be done even at the cost of life. To do our duty is, in the real sense, to worship God.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

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1. Change the speech of the following : 1×5=5

- (a) She says, "I like spring season the most as it is the queen of seasons."

(2)

(b) The teacher said to the students, "I am not feeling well, so I shall not take the class today."

(c) Macbeth wrote to his wife that the time was near when he would become king.

(d) The king asked the saint, "How should one learn to be content?"

(e) Malsawma said to his friend, "Let us go out for a walk."

(3)

2. Correct the following sentences :

1×5=5

(a) Miss Pushpa is coming from a very high family.

(b) We are meeting today to wish her bon voyage.

(c) The quality of these apples are good.

(d) I will not let you to go.

(e) She is confident to win the election.

(4)

3. Put the verbs given in the brackets in the correct form : $1 \times 5 = 5$

(a) They agreed (join) our party.

(b) Would you mind (post) this letter?

(c) (Bark) dogs seldom bite.

(d) I saw him (do) this.

(e) I object to your (go) there.

(5)

4. Study the underlined word in each of the sentences
and Tick (✓) the correct answer : 1×5=5

(a) The sun shines brightly.

(i) Transitive verb ()

(ii) Intransitive verb ()

(iii) Participle ()

(b) Time changes all things.

(i) Transitive verb ()

(ii) Intransitive verb ()

(iii) Participle ()

(c) Gambling is a vice.

(i) Participle ()

(ii) Gerund ()

(iii) None of the above ()

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(d) Seeing is believing.

- (i) Participle ()
- (ii) Gerund ()
- (iii) None of the above ()

(e) It is a withered flower.

- (i) Participle ()
- (ii) Gerund ()
- (iii) None of the above ()

5. Tick (✓) the correct answer : 1×5=5

(a) The mother spied on the snow Lucy's

- (i) footprint ()
- (ii) handkerchief ()
- (iii) ribbon ()

(b) In the Autumn evening the redbreast

- (i) sings ()
- (ii) whistles ()
- (iii) twitters ()

(7)

(c) John Donne chides the sun for

(i) rising too soon ()

(ii) disturbing the lover's sleep ()

(iii) being too saucy ()

(d) *Brave New World* was written by

(i) George Orwell ()

(ii) Aldous Huxley ()

(iii) G. K. Chesterton ()

(e) The Se La Pass is

(i) over 14000 feet high ()

(ii) over 10000 feet high ()

(iii) over 12000 feet high ()

6. State whether the following statements are *True* (T) or *False* (F) by giving a Tick (✓) mark : 1×5=5

(a) Jawaharlal Nehru's *Letter to My Daughter* was sent from the Patna prison.

(T / F)

(b) Nicolas Copernicus was a German priest.

(T / F)

(c) You learn to write by writing.

(T / F)

(d) Miss Pushpa's father was an army officer.

(T / F)

(e) In *My Last Duchess*, the speaker is the Duke of Ferrara.

(T / F)

(9)

7. Give short and direct answers to any *five* of the following : 4×5=20

(a) What are the songs of Autumn?

(10)

- (b) What was the difference between the appearance of the thrush and its song?

(11)

- (c) The sad story of Lucy Gray does not end on an entirely dismal note. Comment.

(12)

- (d) "... I gave commands;
Then all smiles stopped together."
Elucidate the lines.

(13)

- (e) Why does Nirad C. Chaudhuri say that among the Hindus "the religious approach to economic affairs is as common today as it ever was"?

(14)

(f) How does the author describe the Monpa people?

(15)

(g) What kind of future world is envisioned by Ray Bradbury in his Fahrenheit 451?

(16)

(h) Why is a banker regarded as a 'great controller of reputation'?
