



CB – 025

II Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, August/September 2023
(CBCS) (Repeaters) (2014 – 15 and Onwards)
LANGUAGE ENGLISH – II

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** 1) Answer **all** the questions.
2) Mention the question number **correctly**.

SECTION – A
(Course Book – 40 Marks)

I. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences **each**. (5×2=10)

- 1) Why are soldiers' nights 'haunted' in the poem 'Survivors' ?
- 2) What was Sergeant Hornus's only ambition in the story 'The Ensign' ?
- 3) What according to Gandhiji is positive form of Ahimsa ?
- 4) Who is Bennett and what is the task he assigns Stanley in the story 'Stanley finds Livingstone' ?
- 5) Why was the trail to Manasa Sarovara closed in 1962 ?
- 6) Who was the examiner of the poetry contest in the story 'The Prize Poem' ?
- 7) What does the great American trap refer to 'The Way it Was and Is'?
- 8) When did Pele get his thousandth goal ?

II. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about **a page each** : (3×5=15)

- 1) What was the content of the letter written by Mr. Wells to headmaster in the story 'The Prize Poem' ?
- 2) Describe Sergeant Hornus' final fight for his beloved standard at the arsenal in the story 'The Ensign'.
- 3) What is the secret of Mount Kailash ?
- 4) The poem 'Survivors' presents the reader with a haunting image of faces from the past. Explain.
- 5) How did Pele overcome his nervousness ?

III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **2 pages** : (1×10=10)

- 1) 'The Prize Poem' is a comedy of errors. Summarise.
- 2) Describe briefly the expedition undertaken by Stanley to find Dr. Livingstone.
- 3) Explain the distinction between positive and negative Ahimsa as suggested by Gandhiji.

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IV. Do as directed :

- A) Choose the appropriate word/expression closest in the meaning to **each** of the words given below. 2
- 1) Pursued
 - a) Followed b) Perfect c) Destruction
 - 2) Concealed
 - a) Flexible b) Hidden c) Corrupt
- B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words : 2
- 1) We attended a _____ discourse. (Spiritual, Spirituous)
 - 2) If mountains are _____ of trees, rains will soon wash fertile topsoil down the slope to end as useless silt below.
(Stripped, Shortage)
- C) Use the following phrase in a sentence of your own : 1
- “Their heads hanging down”.

SECTION – B

(Work Book – Communication Skills – 30 Marks)

- V. 1) Change the following into Indirect Speech : 2
- a) “It may rain this evening”, said the farmer.
 - b) Poonya said to me, “Where are you going ?”.
- 2) Rewrite the following in passive voice : 2
- a) Manoj ate six eggs for dinner.
 - b) The two kings are signing the treaty.
- 3) Combine the following into a single sentence using the linker ‘However’. 1
- I will not oppose your plan. I cannot approve it.
- 4) Frame a suitable ‘Wh’ question to get the underlined words/as the answer. 1
- My Colleague gifted this pen to me.
- 5) Add suitable question tag to the following statement. 1
- Virat is the best Cricketer.

VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions : 5

Adventure sports encompass a very wide range of activities that require unusual physical and mental challenges. Some of these are skydiving, bungee jumping, surfing, skiing, sand – boarding ng, snowboarding, jet –boating, white – water rafting and scuba diving adventure sports are undertaken at various places depending on the topography and weather conditions. Many of them are undertaken in hilly and mountainous areas. On snow-covered mountains, it is possible to carry out activities like skiing and sledging. Hang – gliding involves piloting a flexible wing aircraft by shifting one’s weight on to it.



Lahaul and Spiti, Solan and Billing in Himachal Pradesh are known for paragliding. Hot air ballooning is another adventure sport that is gaining popularity in India. This involves sailing across high altitudes in a basket hanging from a giant nylon balloon filled with hot air. The western Ghats and Aravalli Hills also provide good opportunities for rock climbing. Adventure water sports like kayaking, sailing, surfing, watching are practised in coastal areas. Bird watching, camping and wildlife safaris have drawn a lot of sportspersons as well as other people too.

- a) What are adventure sports or extreme sports ?
- b) What do these sports involve ?
- c) What are the basic requirements of these sports ?
- d) Why do people undertake hazardous sports ? Give two reasons.

VII. Write a paragraph in about **80 to 100** words on **one** of the following topics using the hints given. (5×1=5)

Dowry system

- 1) Effect
- 2) Custom
- 3) Patriarchy
- 4) Criminal act.

OR

Unemployment

- 1) Effects
- 2) Poverty
- 3) Lack of recourses
- 4) Lack of support from governmental organization.

VIII. Prepare a summary of the following passage and bring out at least four important points. Suggest a suitable title for the summary. 5

The term “Unity in Diversity” refers to the state of togetherness or oneness in spite of the presence of huge diversity. “Unity in Diversity” is based on the concept where the individual or social differences in physical attributes, skin color, caste, creed, cultural and religious practices, etc., are not looked upon as a conflict. Instead, these differences are looked upon as varieties that enrich society and the nation as a whole. Unity in diversity is a very important principle because we all live in a diverse world. It is crucial to respect each other and support each other no matter what our culture, background, gender, orientation or other differences may be. With the help of this ‘Unity in Diversity’ essay, we will help students understand how we all stand together even though there exist many differences among us. Students can also practice essays on other topics to improve their writing skills.



Unity in Diversity in Indian Society

India is a land of unity in diversity. It is a vast country with numerous variations in races, cultures, languages and even geographical features. In many countries of the world, major geographical features divide international borders, e.g. Nepal and China are separated by the Himalayas. However, in India, we have learned to live in diversity and our geographical features further solidify this bond. The Punjab region is known for being one of the most potent agricultural lands on earth. The Northern Mountainous region has come across different people and different languages. In the Rajasthan desert, we come across Rajasthani languages and culture, all part of India, yet distinct in their culture and language. To the further south come the people of Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Kerala and Karnataka all distinctive languages and cuisines.

IX. Do as directed :

- 1) What enquiries will you make in the following situations ? Write a sentence each :

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- a) You want to know the timings of show Nehru Planetarium.
- b) You want to know about a reopen of college.

- 2) Read the following telephone conversation and organize the message in the format given :

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Prakash : Hello, Good morning I am Prakash from furniture store. May I speak to the manager ?

Receptionist : He is in Board meeting and will be available only after 1 pm. Any messages ?

Prakash : He had given me an appointment to meet him today, to finalize the supply of 100 office chairs. I will leave my number with you please call me when he is free.

Receptionist : Okay, I'll pass the information on.

Prakash : Bye.

Receptionist : Bye.

Message for :

Message from :

Information :

Contact No. :

- 3) You have a VIVA session. You are unable to attend it as you are not well. Send a message and papers relevant to the meeting through a batch mate. 3