

UG Odd Semester (CBCS) Exam., December—2019

GENERAL ENGLISH

( 1st Semester )

Course No. : BSWCC-101

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

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

Answer **all** questions

UNIT—I

( Marks : 14 )

1. Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an', 'the' wherever necessary (any five) : 1×5=5

(a) He has \_\_\_\_\_ glass of orange juice before breakfast.

(b) Mary is \_\_\_\_\_ great help to her mother.

(c) Mr. David is \_\_\_\_\_ European.

- ✓(d) How blue \_\_\_\_ sky is !  
 (e) Our college is affiliated to \_\_\_\_ university.  
 ✓(f) She is \_\_\_\_ cleverest girl in our class.  
 ✓(g) What \_\_\_\_ stupid boy he is!

2. Fill in the blanks with correct tense of the verbs given in the brackets (any five) :  $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) There are a lot of clouds! It \_\_\_\_ (go) to rain soon.  
 ✓(b) The sun \_\_\_\_ (rise) in the east.  
 (c) I think tomorrow I \_\_\_\_ (start) my new project.  
 ✓(d) They \_\_\_\_ (play) tennis all afternoon yesterday.  
 ✓(e) Right now we \_\_\_\_ (learn) French.  
 ✓(f) We \_\_\_\_ (arrive) the station before the train came.  
 ✓(g) My friend \_\_\_\_ (work) in the Tata Company since 2015.

3. Change any four of the following sentences into reported speech :  $1 \times 4 = 4$

- ✓(a) She said, "I am very tired."  
 (b) They said to me, "Can you give us a hand?"

- ✓(c) David said to me, "I saw a film last night."  
 ✓(d) The stranger said to me, "What is your name?"  
 ✓(e) My aunt said to my mother, "I will visit you next month."  
 (f) The teacher said to us, "Whose book is this?"  
 (g) Pranita said, "I met Tina at the railway station yesterday."

## UNIT—II

( Marks : 14 )

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Some religious leaders have taught that man is made up of a body and a soul, but they have been silent about intellect. Their followers try to feed the body to earth and save the soul from perdition after death—but they neglected the claims of the mind. Bread for the body and virtue for the soul; these are regarded as indispensable requisites of human welfare. Nothing is said about knowledge and education. Thus, Jesus Christ spoke of feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and converting the sinners, but he never taught the duty of teaching an ignorant and increasing scientific



knowledge. He himself was not a well-educated man, and intellectual pursuits were beyond his horizon. Gautama Buddha also laid stress on morality, meditation, and asceticism, but he did not attach great importance to history, science, art, or literature. St. Ambrose deprecated scientific studies and wrote, 'To discuss the nature and position of the earth does not help us in our hope for life to come?' St. Basil said very frankly and foolishly, "It is not a matter of interest to us whether the earth is a sphere, a cylinder or a disc". Thomas Carlyle also followed the Christian tradition and declared that he honoured only two kinds of men and no third, that is, the manual labourer and the religious teacher. He forgot the scientist, the scholar, and the artist. The cynics of Greece despised education at last.

Questions :

- (a) What have the religious teachers taught in the past? 1
- (b) According to the passage, what is food for the soul? 1
- (c) Write the names of the philosophers that are mentioned in the paragraph. 2
- (d) Why have the intellectual pursuits been neglected? 1

(e) The style of the passage is

- (i) narrative  
(ii) expository  
(iii) critical  
(iv) analytical

(Choose the correct answer) 1

(f) Which of the following can be considered as the most suitable title for the passage? 1

- (i) Neglect of human intellect  
(ii) Body and soul

5. Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics : 7

- (a) Climate change  
(b) Population explosion  
(c) Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao

### UNIT—III

( Marks : 14 )

6. Make necessary corrections in the following sentences : 1×5=5

- (a) Never such a naughty boy I had seen.  
(b) I saw a dead cow walking when I was in the garden.

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- (c) Tell me a lie never, whatever the case may be.
- (d) They left the hotel where they had been staying in a motorcar.
- (e) He gave the money to me yesterday.

7. (a) Write a newspaper report on the Celebration of Teachers' Day at your University.

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OR

- (b) Write a newspaper report on an accident between a motorcar and a heavy vehicle of which you were a eyewitness.

8. (a) Write a letter to the Editor of a daily newspaper stating about the poor drainage system of your locality.

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- (b) Write a job application clearly stating about your qualifications and achievements for a teaching faculty in a school.

UNIT—IV

( Marks : 14 )

9. (a) Write a critical appreciation of William Shakespeare's *The Marriage of True Minds*.

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- (b) Write a note on the title of the poem *On His Blindness*.

10. (a) Give a pen picture of the autumn season as mentioned in the poem *To Autumn*.

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- (b) Write an analytical summary of the poem *Journey of the Magi*.

UNIT—V

( Marks : 14 )

11. (a) How far do you think that the title of the story *A Service of Love* is justified?

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- (b) Describe in short the story of Joe and Delia as you find it in O Henry's *A Service of Love*.

12. (a) "It's the most amazing thing I ever heard"—who said this and why? 1+2=3

- (b) Describe the dress of Albert Edward Foreman and his feelings. How were the two Church Wardons treated? 2+2=4

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