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B.Com. (Part-III)

Term End Examination, 2023-24

FOUNDATION COURSE

Paper - II

English Language

Time : Three Hours

[Maximum Marks : 75]

[Minimum Pass Marks : 26]

Note : Answer **all** questions. The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Unit-I

1. Answer any three of the following questions in about 200 words each: 15
 - (a) Do you feel that the ending of the story 'Death of a clerk' is proper? If not, what sort of end you would consider proper?
 - (b) What were the findings of the Ashok Mehta Committee?

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- (c) Write the summary of the essay 'Globalisation in your own words?
- (d) What is the significance of the British consultation paper in connection with India?
- (e) Describe a personal experience with a 'button holing bore.'

Unit-II

2. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words: 10
 - (a) Article 370
 - (b) A Journey by Train
 - (c) Is gender equality possible
 - (d) ISRO and the moon-mission

Unit-III

3. Write a Precis of the passage below & suggest a suitable topic: 10
English Education and language have done immense goods to India, in spite of their glaring draw backs. The motions of democracy and self government are the born of English Education. Those who fought and died for mother India's freedom were nursed in the cradle of English thought and culture. The west has made contribution to the East. The

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history of Europe has fired the hearts of our leaders. Our struggle for freedom has been inspired by the struggles for freedom in England, America and France. If our leaders were ignorant of English and if they had not studied this language, how could they have been inspired by these heroic struggles for freedom in other Lands? English, therefore, did us great good in the past and if properly studied will do immense good in future. It is spoken throughout the world. For International contact, commerce and trade, for the development of our practical ideas, for scientific studies English is in dispensable. <https://www.abvonline.com>

Unit-IV

4. (a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows:- 10

Bicycles are elegantly simple machines, many ride it for recreation whereas others use it as a means of transportation. The first bicycle called a draisienne was invented in Germany in 1818 by Baron Karl.

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But it was not much durable as it was made of wood. James Starley, an English Inventor made several innovations that revolutionized bicycle design. He made the front wheel larger than the back one, put gear on the pedals and lightened the wheels by using wire spokes. In 1874, H.J. Lawson, another Englishman bought safety Bicycle with equal sized wheel. Lawson also attached a chain to the pedals to drive the rear wheel. In 1893, this was improved with air-filled rubber tires, and easy braking. This bicycle became much popular and enjoyed all over the world to day.

Questions:

- (i) Why are Bicycle ride popular?
- (ii) What was the first bicycle and who invented it?
- (iii) Who was the first person to use gear system in the bicycle.
- (iv) What qualified H.J. Lawson bicycle?
- (v) Provide suitable title to the paragraph.

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(b) Match the words in column 'A' with their meanings in column 'B' 5

'A'	'B'
(1) Dismantle	(1) Having a violent effect
(2) Drastic	(2) Bring down
(3) Scam	(3) The sole right to deal in certain goods and services
(4) Monopoly	(4) A dishonest scheme
(5) Oligopoly	(5) A system in which few people control things or services

Unit-V

5. Do as directed any 25. 25

(a) Convert the following sentences into simple sentences:-

(i) We believe that children are benevolent.

(ii) Karan regrets that he has lost his taste for sweets.

(b) Complete the sentences with adverbs given in the options:- especially, partially, recently, wholly.

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(i) I like coffee _____ Colombian coffee.

(ii) Our project is _____ ready. We have few details to finish.

(iii) I flew in the hot air balloon _____ In fact, it was last week and it was very exciting.

(c) Fill in the blanks with correct question Tag.

(i) All of you have heard about Ujjain _____?

(ii) Vikramaditya was a great King and Judge _____?

(iii) I am in a happy, position of life _____?

(d) Rewrite the following sentences as compound sentences:-

(i) He is more a philosopher than a politician.

(ii) If we do not check him, he may become a dictator.

(e) Put into the reported speech.

(i) Shut the door after you.

(ii) Take a look at yourself in the mirror.

(iii) Eat up your dinner at once or I will punish you.

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(f) Complete the sentences with suitable phrasal verb. The meaning of the phrasal verb is given in the bracket.

- (i) Raina is _____ with some sort of viral infection. (confined to bed)
- (ii) It is very expensive to _____ a large house how a days. (maintain, look after)
- (g) Put the following sentences into the passive voice.
- (i) Did the noise frighten you?
- (ii) It surprised me to hear someone had robbed you.
- (iii) Somebody will meet the visitors at the station.
- (h) Fill in the blank with 'despite', 'in spite of', 'because of' or 'due to'.
- (i) _____ the rain, I went to the concert in the park.
- (ii) He could not appear in the examination _____ his illness.
- (iii) They had a wonderful Holiday _____ the bad weather.
- (iv) _____ Karan's age, he remained active and creative.

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- (i) Insert suitable article where required.
- (i) Knowing the language is not the same things as _____ knowing about it.
- (ii) _____ Butter is made from _____ cream. I always enjoy bread and _____ butter for _____ breakfast.
- (iii) _____ retired captain still loves _____ sailing. He has a boat on _____ river.
- (j) Put the preposition in following space as applicable.
- (i) I will meet you _____ the ticket office.
- (ii) We must wait _____ the bus stop.
- (iii) We went down _____ the lift.
- (iv) The conductor asked _____ our fares.
- (v) She waited _____ the train at the platform.