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II Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, May 2017  
(Fresh + Repeaters) (2014-15 and Onwards)(CBCS)  
ENGLISH  
Language English – II

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

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

PART – A

- I. Answer **any five** of the following in a **word** or a **sentence each** : (5×2=10)
- 1) What does the phrase "mass lunacy" mean in the context of the poem, 'To a Student' ?
  - 2) What has the "glorious war" done to the soldiers in 'Survivors' ?
  - 3) Who is Sergeant Hornus ? What was the one ambition of his life ?
  - 4) The active ahimsa includes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5) What is the challenging journalistic assignment given to Stanley ?
  - 6) Why is Manasarovar called so ?
  - 7) The expression 'Martian monsters' refers to :  
a) the goal post      b) cameras      c) spectators
  - 8) Who visited Reynolds in the infirmary in 'The Prize Poem' ?
- II. Answer **any three** of the following in about a **page each** : (3×5=15)
- 1) What picture of student life do you get in the poem, 'To a Student' ?
  - 2) Write a note on the sufferings of the soldiers in 'Survivors'.
  - 3) Describe Hornus before he took charge of the Ensign.
  - 4) How did the three comedians submit the poems which commenced with same four lines in 'The Prize Poem' ?
  - 5) How does Bill Cosby try to adapt himself to the differences caused by the generation gap ?
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages : (1×10=10)
- 1) Explain with examples the distinction between positive and negative ahimsa as explained by Gandhiji.
  - 2) Narrate Pele's journey to attain his thousandth goal.
  - 3) Consider Shinkre's 'I Visited Shiva's Paradise', as a religious travelogue.

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## IV. Do as directed :

- A) Choose the appropriate word/expression closest in meaning to each of the words given below : 2
- 1) Rage –                      a) anger                      b) destroy                      c) cross
- 2) Ordeal –                      a) deal                      b) painful experience                      c) order
- B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words : 2
- i) A full moon reflected in the lake created a silvery \_\_\_\_\_  
(ambience, ambivalence)
- ii) They have become \_\_\_\_\_ of the unfair social system  
(victims, sufferers)
- C) Use the following phrase in a sentence of your own : 1
- to give away.

## PART – B

**(Work Book-Communication Skills)**

- V. 1) Change the following into indirect speech : 2
- a) Sridhar said to Sudhir, "I was swimming in the pool."  
b) The teacher said to the boys, "Do your best."
- 2) Rewrite the following in the passive voice : 2
- a) The Principal welcomed the chief guest.  
b) Our college celebrated the diamond jubilee this year.
- 3) Combine the following into a single sentence using the linker 'but' : 1
- Geetha is an intelligent girl. She is irregular to the class.
- 4) Frame a suitable 'Wh' question to get the underlined word/s as the answer : 1
- The people of Ujiji rushed up to meet him.
- 5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement : 1
- They don't know her.



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

One of the most famous monuments in the world, the Statue of Liberty, was presented to the United States of America by the people of France. The great statue, which was designed by the sculptor Auguste Bartholdi, took ten years to complete. The actual figure was made of copper supported by a metal framework which had been specially constructed by Eiffel. Before it could be transported to the United States, a site had to be found for it and a pedestal had to be built. The site chosen was an island at the entrance of the New York Harbour. By 1884, a statue which was 151 feet tall, had been erected in Paris. The following year, it was taken by pieces to America. By the end of October 1886, the statue had been put together again and it was officially presented to the American people by Bartholdi. Ever since then, the great monument has been a symbol of liberty for the millions of people who pass through New York Harbour to make their homes in America.

- i) Who designed the great statue of Liberty ?
- ii) What arrangements were to be made to erect the great statue ?
- iii) What was it made up of ?
- iv) Which year was the Statue of Liberty presented to the American people ?
- v) Of what has the great monument been a symbol ever since its erection ?

VII. Write a paragraph in about **80-100** words on **one** of the following topics using the hints given. 5

The benefits of reading books.

Hints :

- 1) A source of pleasure, instruction and inspiration
- 2) No feeling of boredom
- 3) Enhance knowledge, noble thoughts and ideals
- 4) One can develop skills of language.

OR

Healthy life through yoga and meditation.

- 1) Improves concentration and memory
- 2) Keeps one active throughout
- 3) Increases immunity and fitness
- 4) Avoids diseases and develops healthy mind.



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

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Speech is a great blessing, but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word, and so on may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again different class of people use different vocabularies, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike an uneducated listener as showing pride. Unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to men of our own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but which demands careful handling. Only a fool will express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.

- IX. Do as directed :

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

2

- a) To know the arrival time of Rajdhani express train.
- b) To know the last date for the payment of examination fee.

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

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Rajesh : Good Morning! I am Rajesh from HP computers. May I speak to the Principal.

Receptionist : He is in a board meeting and will be available only after 2 p.m.  
Any message ?

Rajesh : He had given me an appointment to meet him today, to finalise the quotation for twenty desktops and ten laptops. I will leave my number with you. Please call me when he is free. My no. is 9892364513.

Message for :

Message from :

Information :

Contact No. :

- 3) You have to attend a committee meeting convened by the Principal of your college. You are unable to attend it as you are not well. Send a message through your friend expressing :

3

- Your inability to attend the meeting.
- Information that you have sent the relevant documents.
- Assure you will attend the next meeting.



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(F+R) (2014-15 and Onwards) (CBCS)  
LANGUAGE ENGLISH - II

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

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

PART - A  
(Course Book - Literary Component)

I. Answer any five of the following in a word or a sentence each. (5×2 = 10)

- 1) In the poem *To a Student* fragments of \_\_\_\_\_ are suspended from bushes and trees  
a) cloth                      b) human flesh                      c) paper
- 2) In the poem *Survivors* what has shattered the pride of the soldiers ?
- 3) Why was Hornus very happy on the days of battle ?
- 4) Which Jain poet influenced Gandhiji ?
- 5) Whom did Bennett, Jr send to find Livingstone ?
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ caused the mound of muddy rocks that blocked the pilgrims' path at Kailash Manas Sarovar.  
a) Landslide                      b) Earthquake                      c) Tsunami
- 7) Who visited Reynolds in the infirmary ?
- 8) Where would Cosby's father sit and listen to music ?

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

- 1) What appeal does the narrator make in the poem *To a Student*? Why ?
- 2) How does the poem *Survivors* reflect the horrors of war ?
- 3) How is Hornus' patriotism brought out in the story ?
- 4) What does ahimsa mean in its negative and positive form ?
- 5) Why was finding Livingstone a challenging task ?

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

- 1) Comment upon the humour in *The way it was and is*.
- 2) How does the headmaster learn the truth about poems with same opening lines?
- 3) Give an account of Shinkre's experiences during Kailash-Manasarovar yathra.

IV. Do as directed :

A) Choose the appropriate word/expression closest in meaning to each of the words given below :

- |                  |            |            |            |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| i) Chuckle –     | a) knuckle | b) break   | c) giggle  |
| ii) Convalesce – | a) create  | b) destroy | c) recover |

B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words :

- i) Mount Kailash is \_\_\_\_\_ for Tibetans. (holy/extraordinary)
- ii) The \_\_\_\_\_ costed thousands of pounds. (exemption/expedition)

C) Use the following phrase in a sentence of your own :

(to) pull down

#### PART - B

#### (Work Book - Communication Skills)

V. 1) Change the following into indirect speech :

- a) The teacher said, "We shall plan fresh methodologies."
- b) Hornus told the colonel, "Give me my flag."

2) Rewrite the following in passive voice :

- a) Stanley searched for Livingstone.
- b) I had never seen such a mountain.

3) Combine the following into a single sentence using the linker 'but'  
It was a great story for them. It made me nervous.

4) Form a suitable question to get the underlined word as answer.  
Reynolds composed an ode.

5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement :

She is beautiful.



VI. Read the following passage **carefully** and answer the question set on it. 5

Men and women respond to problems in very different ways and consequently have very different emotional needs. When people insist on their own needs and fail to properly appreciate the needs of their partners, there is bound to be friction. Women, typically, deal with problems and stresses by talking about how they feel. There is no need to deal with the practicalities of the problem - they are of secondary significance. What really matters is expressing herself. Men, on the other hand, withdraw into the caves of their mind to focus on solving the problem. He feels he must develop the skills to solve his problems on his own. Asking for help or idly expressing how terrible you feel is perceived as an admission of weakness and incompetence. With a little help men and women can understand each other better and learn to respect their differences.

- i) Why do men and women have different emotional needs ?
- ii) What happens when people fail to understand others' needs ?
- iii) How do women deal with their problems ?
- iv) How do men react to problems ?
- v) What is considered as weakness ?

VII. Write a paragraph in about **80-100** words on **one** of the following topics using the hints given. 5

Commercial breaks on TV shows

- 1) They are inevitable as source of income
- 2) Not sought by viewers
- 3) Sometimes interesting, sometimes irritating
- 4) Advertisement has grown as an industry.

OR

Food habits

- 1) Health depends on food we eat
- 2) Have to be careful due to changing lifestyles
- 3) Liking for the junk food
- 4) Good life linked to good food



VIII. Prepare a summary of the following passage bringing out at least **four** important points. Suggest a suitable title to the summary. **5**

English education and English language have done immense good to India, in spite of their glaring drawbacks. The notions 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 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.

English is spoken throughout the world. For international contact our commerce and trade, for the development of our practical ideas, for the scientific studies, English is indispensable "English is very rich in literature," our own literature has been made richer by this foreign language. It will really be a fatal day if we altogether forget Shakespeare, Milton, Keats and Shaw.

IX. Do as directed.

1) What enquiries will you make in the following situations ? Write a sentence each. **2**

- a) To know the arrival of a train to Bengaluru.
- b) To know the closing time of a hospital.

2) Read the following telephone conversation and organize a message in the format given : **3**

Raam : Hello, Good morning. I am Raam. May I speak to the Principal ?

Receptionist : Sorry sir, he is on leave for two days. If you leave a message, I shall pass it on to him.

Raam : Well, tell him I wanted to discuss about the computers I wanted to donate to the college. Please ask him to call me on 9876512345.

Message for : \_\_\_\_\_

Message from : \_\_\_\_\_

Information : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No. : \_\_\_\_\_

3) You had to attend the meeting convened by the College Principal as a student welfare officer and provide him information about the preparations and the number of students willing to participate in a national camp at Delhi. Since you are unwell, send a message to the Principal that you will provide all the information personally in a day or two. **3**

- Reason for not attending the meeting.
- Details of information you have.
- Assurance to meet him at the earliest.





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**II Semester B.Com./B.B.M. Examination, April/May 2015**  
**(Fresh) (2014-15 and Onwards) (CBCS)**  
**ENGLISH**  
**Language English - II**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

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

**PART - A**  
**(Course Book - Literary Component)**

I. Answer **any five** of the following in a **word** or a sentence **each**. (5x2=10)

- 1) In the poem, 'To a Student', the narrator says that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ should be left to antique dealers.
- 2) What has made the soldiers stammer in 'Survivors' ?
- 3) The greatest ambition of Hornus in 'The Ensign' was
- 4) What is the remedy for all evils according to Gandhiji ?
- 5) Name the servant of Dr. Livingstone.
- 6) Why is Manasasarovar so named ?
- 7) What is 'jinx' as mentioned in 'Pele's thousandth goal' ?
- 8) The instruction manual of the stereo system in 'The way it was and it is' was slightly shorter than the novel

II. Answer **any three** of the following in about a page **each**. (3x5=15)

- 1) How does a politician speak casually and callously about war and its effects on soldiers in the poem 'Survivors' ?
- 2) Describe Stanley's personal background and character that prompted him to accept the challenge of finding Dr. Livingstone.
- 3) How did Cosby's father advise him to enjoy the music of his times ? How did Cosby try to avoid him ?
- 4) Which are the two types of Ahimsa and their characteristics according to Gandhiji ?
- 5) What were the obstacles faced by Pele in scoring his thousandth goal ?

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III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages.

(1×10=10)

- 1) Describe how the poem 'To a Student' argues against the pain of war.
- 2) Explain the circumstances that led the school authorities to change the rules of the prize poem.
- 3) How does 'The Ensign' dramatize the patriotic feelings of an innocent person?

IV. Do as directed :

A) Choose the appropriate word/expression closest in meaning to each of the words given below :

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- i) Panacea – a) A cure all    b) A disease    c) Agony  
 ii) Dearth – a) Death    b) Scarcity    c) Sorrow

B) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words :

2

- i) We could \_\_\_\_\_ our competitors very easily. (hit/beat)  
 ii) Suma is of \_\_\_\_\_ nature. (shy/shameful)

C) Use the following phrase in a sentence of your own.

1

(to pull someone's legs)

#### PART – B

#### (Work Book – Communication Skills)

V. 1) Change the following into in direct speech :

2

- a) The thief said to the policeman, 'I have not even looked at these valuables.'
- b) The librarian announced, 'Books will be issued to those who have the library cards'.

2) Rewrite the following in the passive voice.

2

- a) Our team faced the opponents bravely.
- b) Sri Ramakrishna taught Narendra spirituality.

3) Combine the following into a single sentence using the linker 'though'.

1

Raghu worked hard. He failed.

4) Form a suitable 'Wh' question to get the underlined word/s as the answer.

1

Swami announced his renunciation.

5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement.

1

Kareem shouts at the top of his voice.



VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it. 5

We often use the words education and knowledge interchangeably, but these two words mean very different things. Education means schooling which imparts certain skills to help us live in this world. It is the collection of data while knowledge means the discovery of truth. Knowledge cannot be imparted, but education can be imparted. We can teach a child to read and write but we cannot give it knowledge, perception or insight into the true nature of a thing. A child can be taught the rules of grammar and the alphabet but not the comprehensive understanding of the language itself. Many of us know the general rules of grammar involving nouns, verbs and so on but we cannot write a poem in that language. Some of the greatest poets and writers had no formal education, but their compositions are immortal and heralded by all, including learned professors of language !

- i) Which two words do we get confused with ?
- ii) What is meant by schooling ?
- iii) What is the difference between knowledge and education ?
- iv) What should education result in ?
- v) What can a child be taught and not taught ?

VII. Write a paragraph in about **80-100** words on **one** of the following topics using the hints given. 5

The Mother tongue as the medium of instruction.

Advantages :

- 1) Concepts are easily understood
- 2) Understanding and experience are united
- 3) Expression is easy and spontaneous
- 4) If one language is mastered another can be learnt easily.

OR

The value of sports

- 1) Good for exercise, physical fitness
- 2) An excellent source of entertainment and a stress buster.
- 3) The best way to learn sportsman spirit.
- 4) The best way to learn co-operation, co-ordination and team spirit.

VIII. Prepare a summary of the following passage bringing out at least four important points. Suggest a suitable title to the summary. 5

If we examine the lives of great men – scientists, philosophers or sages – we find that the key to their success is in practice. They dedicate themselves to



practising their work with such sincerity and devotion that success is guaranteed in whatever they take up. Even in daily life, practice is essential to be able to achieve anything. For example, a student must practise his lessons in order to pass the exams. In fact, it is through practice that we have mastered the ability to walk and write, so much so that we do not feel the strain any more.

Repeated action creates a habit. We can cultivate good habits through repeated good acts and give up bad habits by using our will-power. Habits influence our mind and nervous system in such a way that they become a part of our nature, our character. If you want to know a man, study his habits. Once we have formed undesirable habits, then it is very difficult to get over them or change them. Yet all is not lost. Difficult activities like swimming, cycling etc. become easy after regular practice. Similarly our acts and habits can be modified with practice, patience and perseverance.

IX. Do as directed.

1) What enquiries will you make in the following situations ? Write a sentence each. **2**

- a) To know if a room is available in a hotel.
- b) To know if the surgeon is available in a hospital.

2) Read the following telephone conversation and organize the message in the format given : **3**

Viswanath : I am Viswanath from stitch well Tailors. May I speak to the Principal ?

Receptionist : He is in a meeting and will be available only by 1 p.m. Any message ?

Viswanath : He had asked me to meet him today to discuss the matter of uniforms for the students. I will leave my number with you, please call me when he is free. My no. is 9898386812.

Message for :

Message from :

Information :

Contact No. :

3) You have to attend a meeting convinced by you CEO. You are unable to attend it as you are not well. Send a message and papers relevant to the meeting through a colleague. **3**

- \* The reason for your inability to attend the meeting.
  - \* Information that you have sent the relevant papers.
  - \* Assure that you will attend the next meeting.
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