

**First Semester B.A/B.S.W Degree Examinations**

**APRIL/MAY 2019**

(2018 – 19 Syllabus)

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**[SAA/SWA 080] Paper – I: READING ROOM AND WORK BOOK**

Time: 3 hrs]

[Max. Marks: 80

**Instructions to Students:**

- i) Write the question numbers in the margin of the answer book exactly as they appear in the question paper.
- ii) Do not repeat the answers.
- iii) In case of repetition, only the first answer will be considered for awarding marks.
- iv) Answers to one mark questions should not exceed one sentence.

**SECTION – A  
(PROSE)**

1. Answer the following questions in a word, or a phrase or a sentences each: 6 x 1 = 06

- a) Why did Framton come to the Sappleton household?
- b) What did the first settler do in a town in America as described in 'Silent Spring'?
- c) In which year was the elephant declared as National Heritage Animal?
- d) What did the swallow do before its death in the story 'The Happy Prince'?
- e) How much more money did Sam and Bill need to pull off in the story 'The Ransom of Red Chief'?
- f) In the story 'The Open Window' who else went with the aunt's husband for hunting?

2. Write a short note on any ONE of the following: 1 x 4 = 04

- a) The ending of the story 'The Open Window'.
- b) The changes, that have taken place in the world since the age of Imperialism according to Rachel Carson?
- c) The two most precious things in the city according to God in the story 'The Happy Prince'.

3. Answer any TWO of the following in a page and a half each: 2 x 8 = 16

- a) How does O'Henry bring out 'irony and humour in the story 'The Ransom of Red Chief'?

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- b) 'Silent Spring' describes a perfect world which is ruined when introduced to chemical poisons. Comment.
- c) How are the values like generosity, courage and love exhibited in the story, 'The Happy Prince'?

**SECTION – B  
(POETRY)**

4. *Annotate any TWO of the following:*

2 x 4 = 08

- a) Did I pass that way huge times  
Ago and negligently drop them?
- b) We passed the school, where children strove  
At Recess – in the Ring.
- c) And he was rich, - yes, richer than a king  
And admirably schooled in every grace.

5. *Answer any TWO of the following questions in a page and a half each:*

2 x 8 = 16

- a) Describe the dull, drab and exhaustive daily routine life of a commuter as pictured in 'Father Returning Home'.
- b) How does Emily Dickinson deal with the theme of Death in 'Because I could not stop for Death'?
- c) 'Wealth cannot buy peace of mind'. How is this suggested in 'Richard Cory'?

**SECTION – C**

**(LANGUAGE SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)**

6. *Read the following Passage carefully and answer the questions set on it:*

Here is a scientific experiment on the homing of birds. Homing, let me tell you, is the ability of some animals to find their way home. A few years ago seven swallows were caught near their nest at Bremen, in Germany. They were marked with a red dye on some of their white feathers, so that they could be easily seen. Then they were taken by aeroplane to Croydon, near London; this is a distance of 400 miles.

The seven swallows were set free at Croydon. Five of them flew back to their nests in Bremen. How did the birds find their way on that long journey, which they had never made before? That is the great puzzle. Explanations like 'sense of detection' or 'an instinct to go home' explain nothing.

Perhaps migrating birds are the greatest mystery of all. Swallows leave England in August and September. They fly to Africa, where they stay during winter. Some of them reach as far as South Africa which is at a distance of 6000 miles from England. They

return to England in the spring, to nest. A lot has been found about the journeys of migratory birds by marking the birds with aluminum rings put on one leg. And the birds not only return from Africa to England next year spring; but often they come back to nest in the very same house where they nested the year before.

**A) Answer the following in a word, a phrase or a sentence as required:** 6 x 1 = 6

- i) How could one easily see the birds which are caught?
- ii) What did the five birds do when they were set free?
- iii) When do the swallows leave England?
- iv) Why do these birds return to England?
- v) What is put on the leg of the bird?
- vi) What is homing?

**B) Answer the following in about two or three sentences each:** 2 x 2 = 4

- i) Why are the migratory birds the greatest mystery of all?
- ii) How did a few scientists experiment on the homing of birds?

**7. A) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles:** 2 x 1 = 02

- i) \_\_\_\_\_ Tunga flows in Shimoga.
- ii) One of my students is \_\_\_\_\_ doctor.

**B) Fill in the blanks with correct forms of verbs given in the brackets:** 6 x 1 = 06

- i) One of the students \_\_\_\_\_ won the first prize (have)
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_ you meet the principal yesterday? (Do)
- iii) Either Sheela or Supriya \_\_\_\_\_ done this (have)
- iv) Fifty kilometers \_\_\_\_\_ a long distance (be)
- v) I \_\_\_\_\_ in Mysuru yesterday (be)
- vi) Physics and Economics \_\_\_\_\_ interesting subjects (be)

**C) Rewrite the sentences as directed:** 4 x 1 = 04

- i) Rosy met Robert.  
(Change the sentence into Present Perfect Tense)
- ii) My friend speaks to the minister.  
(Change the sentence into Simple Past Tense)
- iii) The team is playing tomorrow.  
(Change the sentence into Simple Present Tense)
- iv) All students have written good answers.  
(Change the sentence into Present Continuous Tense)

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*D) Fill in the blanks with correct forms of verbs given in the brackets:*

4 x 1 = 04

i) One of the students \_\_\_\_\_ absent today. (are, is)

ii) The dancer and the singer \_\_\_\_\_ coming (are, is)

iii) Each one \_\_\_\_\_ a text book. (have, has)

iv) The Deputy. Commissioner and District Judge \_\_\_\_\_ here yesterday (was, were)

8. Write a dialogue between Suresh (Student leader) and the Principal about the arrangement of a three day tour. 4 x 1 = 04

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