

Q.P. Code – 51208

Second Year B.Com. Degree Examination

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2014

(Directorate of Distance Education)

(DCB 080) – ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70/80

Instructions to Candidates :

- 1) *Students who have attended **30** marks I-A scheme will have to answer for total of **70** marks.*
- 2) *Students who have attended **20** marks I-A scheme will have to answer for total of **80** marks.*
- 3) *Section-D is **compulsory** for **80** marks scheme only.*

SECTION – A

I. Answer any TWO of the following in a page and a half each : 2 × 6 = 12

- (a) Describe the assassination of Caesar.
- (b) How does Mark Antony instigate the Romans to take revenge on the conspirators?
- (c) Sketch the character of Marcus Brutus.
- (d) How does Cassius persuade Brutus to join the conspirators?

II. Answer any TWO of the following in a paragraph each : 2 × 3 = 6

- (a) The ghost of Caesar
- (b) Festival of Lupercalia
- (c) The opening scene
- (d) The death of Brutus

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SECTION – B

III. Answer any TWO of the following in a page and a half each : $2 \times 6 = 12$

- (a) Why does work criticize the advertisers?
- (b) How did Mr. Hardy help Ramanujam?
- (c) Why was the customer angry with Miss Martha Meacham?
- (d) What does the story “Someday” predict about education in future?

IV. Answer any TWO of the following in a paragraph each : $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (a) According to Raman, how can soil erosion be prevented?
- (b) What does Dr. S. Radhakrishnan say about the study of religion?
- (c) Write a brief note on the Missionaries of Charity.
- (d) Describe the first meeting between Mini and Cabuliwallah.

SECTION – C

V. Write an application in response to the following advertisement :

- (a) ‘Wanted B.Com. graduates, with knowledge of computer, to work as accountant _____ for a reputed firm in Bengaluru. Apply giving details of age, qualification and experience to Post Box No. 131, C/o The New Indian Express, Bengaluru. **4**

Or

Place an order from “Shobha Watches”, Hubli to “Ajanta Company”, Mumbai for latest models of wrist watches.

- (b) Draft a letter from “Garden Hotel”, K.R. Pura to “Kamal Furniture”, Bengaluru complaining about chairs received in a damaged condition. **4**

Or

Write a letter as the proprietor of “Raj Home Appliances” requesting the manager of “Punjab National Bank” for overdraft facility.

- (c) On behalf of “Sri Ram Electricals” of your town, write a letter to the supplier cancelling the order due to delay in dispatch of goods. **4**

Or

Draft a circular announcing the opening of a new branch of Titan watches in your city.

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VI. Write an essay on any ONE of the following :

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) Commercialization of education.
- (b) The impact of advertisements on youth.
- (c) Junk food culture.

VII. Explain the meaning of any FOUR commercial terms given below :

4 × 1 = 4

- (a) Premium.
- (b) Open check.
- (c) Liability.
- (d) Bad debt.
- (e) Arbitration.
- (f) Hypothecation.

VIII. Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title : 8

Education must be of a new type for the sake of the creation of a new world. Every one of us has good inherent in the soul, it needs to be drawn out by the teachers, and only those teachers can perform this sacred function. Such teachers should always be ready to learn and grow from perfection to perfection.

Useful manual labour, intelligently performed develops the intellect. A balanced intellect requires a harmonious growth of body, mind and soul. Such an intellect will be useful for service. Craft, art, health and education should all be integrated into one scheme. Craft and art should not be considered different from education. Our education system should lead to the development of mind body and soul. Both the teacher and the student have to produce in the very act of teaching and learning. This shall make the nation independent of the search for employment. The largest part of our life is devoted to labour for earning our bread, our children must be taught dignity of labour from the childhood. Children should not be taught to hate labour. There is no reason why a farmer's son, after going to school, should refuse to become a farmer. It is a superstition to think that the fullest development of man is impossible without a knowledge of the art of reading and writing. That knowledge adds grace to life, but it is not essential for man's moral, physical or material growth.

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SECTION – D

IX. Compulsory question for 80 marks scheme only :

Answer any **ONE** of the following questions :

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(1) Comment on the female characters in the play “Julius Caesar”.

Or

Why did Miss Martha Meacham show special interest in a customer and what was the result?
