AC-2054-55
First Year B.A. (Sem. II) Examination
March/April – 2015
Foundation Course in English
1. Language Through Literature (New Course)
2. Written & Spoken Communication Skill

Time : Hours] [Total Marks : 50

1. Language Through Literature (New Course)

Instructions :
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(2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
(3) Indicate clearly the options you attempt.

1. Answer briefly any five of the following 10

(a) Who was Gomti?
(b) How much did Della get for her hair?
(c) How many dollars did Stephen Leacock deposit in the account?
(d) On which day had Nehru delivered his speech?
(e) Where does Tagore want the country to wake up in?
(f) How does money change an individual?
(g) How did Gangu fall in love with Gomti?
2 Answer the following in detail:

(a) Narrate in detail the experiences of Stephen Leacock at the bank.

OR

(b) What is the moral teaching of the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'?

3 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

Gandhiji said that the greatest lessons in life are learnt from children, not from learned men. A child will fearlessly try before giving up. As adults, fearing failure, we give up before we try.

A child is inherently curious about the world, about relationships, about warning to understand how things work. As adults, our blinkered and conditioned self prevents us from truly exploring without prejudice. For a child what she does is meaningful in its own right. As an adult, we usually link every action to an eternal reward of money or recognition.

I did not learn how to be a father from manual? Whatever little I learnt about being parent, I learnt by observing my children and letting them teach me. Similarly,
I think our teachers could grow enormously by learning from their students.

We will refrain from pushing our knowledge down their young minds; and begin the democratic process of being-joint learners as well as discover and understand our world/ I believe a powerful force for empowerment has to have motivated teachers who are earners first, teachers second. Only then will we stop, trying to mould children into our 'adult' likenesses. Only then will we let them blossom.

Questions:

(a) What according to the writer is a powerful force for empowerment?  

(b) How did the writer learn his role as a father?  

(c) Why did Gandhiji say that great lessons in life are learnt from children?  

(d) How according to the writer, is a child different from an adult?  

(e) Give the suitable title to the passage.  

(f) Who according to you is an ideal student?
(A) Write a formal letter on any one of the following.

(a) Write a letter to the principal of your college with a request to provide more facilities for girls students in the ladies room.

(b) There are a few buses on your route in the morning and they are invariably late, thereby causing inconvenience to many school and college going students and other passengers. Write a letter to the manager of your local S.T. bus depot requesting him to solve the problem.

(B) Do as directed. (Any Six)

(i) Add Prefix: (Any One)

(a) just

(b) respect

(ii) Give Antonyms: (Any One)

(a) meaningful

(b) persuaded

(iii) So she _______ (pour) herself some water.

(Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb given in bracket).
(iv) Write a Single word to any one of the phrases given below:

(a) One who cannot read or write

(b) Unkind talk about somebody not present

(v) Money is the cause ______ madness.

(Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition).

(vi) I am not a detective at all. (Change the speech.

(vii) Give the meaning of any one word and use it in a sentence of your own:

(a) hysterical

(b) tremendous

(viii) This gentleman is opening an account.

(Change the voice).
2. Written & Spoken Communication Skill

Instructions:

(1) Fill up strictly the details of signs on your answer book.

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Student’s Signature

(2) Indicate clearly the options you attempt.

(3) Figures to the right indicate marks.

1 Answer briefly any five of the following: 10

(i) What had the maharaja of Khetri given Vivekananda?

(ii) What is the 'NIH, complex' in prose 'Work Brings Solace' by A.P.J. Abdul Kalam?

(iii) What according to Palkhivala, has caused more deaths than all the weapons of mass destruction?

(iv) Who is the 'goddess' in the poem "full moon"?

(v) Who is Triton and what does his horn do in the poem - "The world is too much with US"?

(vi) Who are the 'watchers of the moon'? What happened to them?

(vii) Mention three qualities which the poet envies in others in sonnet 29.
2  (a) Summarise the points of advice that Von Braun gave kalam in prose "work Brings Solace".

OR

(b) Comment on the title of the poem - "the world is too much with US."

3  (a) Prepare a CV for the post of a banking sales executive.

OR

(b) Write a CV for the post of an office assistant.

4  (a) (i) You are Student of B.A. Sem-II. Write a letter to the principal with a request for drinking water facility in your college.

OR

(ii) Write a letter to your father about your experience of setting into your new hostel room.

(b) (i) You have just received a letter of appointment as Assistant Executive in the accounts department of Samtron Industries, Surat. Write an email letter accepting the offer.

OR

(ii) The Gujarat Guardian, a local newspaper, has invited readers to send letters to the editor at the email address. Write an email.