A-2601-02
First Year B. Com. (Sem. I) Examination
March/April - 2015
Foundation Course In English :
A-2601 : Language Through Literature
A-2602 : Written & Spoken Communication Skills-I

Time : Hours] [Total Marks : 50

A-2601 : Language Through Literature

Instructions :

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

(2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

(3) Indicate clearly the options you attempt.

1 Answer briefly : (any five) 10

(a) Which are the preferred colours for the bangles of a newly married woman ?

(b) By what name is the squirrel referred to in the poem ?

(c) Why did the astrologer run away from his village ?

(d) Who was Banu ?
(e) Why, according to the Reader, did we want to drive away the English from India?

(f) How had the Indian education system trained Gopal?

(g) Who was Pemy? What did she do for Banu?

2 Write in detail the significance of bangles of different colours for women of different ages.

OR

2 What ideas do you get about Indian and American from the lesson "Education: Indian and American".

3 Write a paragraph on: (any one)

(i) Education Today

(ii) Fusion dance

(iii) The Memorable Day of my life.

4 (a) Write a letter to your grandmother who lives in a village and who is very ill.

OR

(a) Write a letter to your uncle thanking him for sending you a wonderful birthday gift.
(b) Do as directed: (any **six**) 6

(i) Give prefixes of:
   
   Climax,
   
   necessary.

(ii) Give antonyms of:

   inferior
   
   encourage.

(iii) Give suffixes of:

   employ,
   
   happy.

(iv) Give synonyms of:

   prig
   
   restless

(v) Use any one of the following phrasal verbs in sentences of your own:

   die down,
   
   die off.

(vi) It was a useless question.

   (Change the verb into Past perfect tenses)

(vii) Give one word for the following phrase:

   Acting without thinking of results.

(viii) My father rarely gets angry. However, to day ________ is in very bad temper.

   (Fill in the blank with an appropriate pronoun.)
1 Answer the following questions briefly : (any five) 10

(i) What does W. B. Yeats think the end of the war will bring?

(ii) What in the poem suggests that Brahma is the creator?

(iii) Who arrested `Silky' Bob and why?

(iv) Why does the poet refer to the bangles as `rainbow tinted circles of delight'?

(v) What are the myths regarding artificial intelligence?

(vi) What did the narrator find when she visited Miss Krishna's house?

(vii) Who was `Silky' Bob?

2 (a) Miss Krishna had a passion for beautiful things'. 14

Explain with reference to Miss Krishna's character.

OR

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(b) What message does Emerson convey through the voice of Brahma?

3 Write a paragraph on any one of the following:

(i) Pen is mightier than the sword.

(ii) Energy conservation.

4 (a) Summarize the following passage:

The necessity for training the body is universally recognized but the training itself is by no means universal. Failure to train the mind is looked upon with contempt and considered folly, because it is by means of the mind that most educated men earn their living. The claims of the body to attention are not so urgent, especially in youth, when it is strong and capable of performing its functions for a long time unexercised, without causing serious discomfort. Nevertheless abuse of the body always brings its own punishment, even if that punishment is delayed. A premature old age, failure of working power when a man should be in the prime of life, impaired digestion, and a proneness to catch whatever epidemic may be raging, are often the result of careless treatment of the physical nature.

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Constant and regular exercise is imperative for the preservation of good health; otherwise the mind is distracted by bodily pain and weakness, and either grows sluggish and apathetic, or becomes distorted and takes a jaundiced view of life. Exercise again is an abiding source of pleasure, all the greater when constant practice has given skill, trained the eyed rendered the limbs supple and readily obedient to the will'. There is intense pleasure in a good drive with a cricket bat, in a clever shot at football or hockey, or in controlling a spirited horse. Exercise is also a form of discipline. It implies self-control and accordingly strengthens the character. It makes men capable of enduring fatigue and hardship without injury and, as the mind is affected by the body, it gives them the power of performing better intellectual work.'

(b) Read the following passage and make notes on it:

Industry or diligence must be made a habit in youth; for it is very difficult to get out of the habit of idleness, once it is formed, in later life. The young man who gets into the way of shirking his daily work, or scamping it to get it through as quickly as possible, will not only be a failure, but will be an idler all his days.
Industry not only brings success, but is a true source of happiness. Regular work which has to be done, even though at times it is irksome and tiring, gives a man in the end far more solid contentment than any amount of pleasure-seeking. People who have nothing to do soon become discontented, and get into the way of feverishly indulging in passing pleasures to fill up the time that hangs so heavy on their hands. But they find no lasting peace or happiness in this way.

Lastly, industry gives a man the satisfaction of independence. The steady worker who earns all he has by honest toil and owes no man anything, can look the world in the face, being dependent on none.