



RA-0401

Second Year B. Com. Examination
March / April – 2010
English Compulsory
(English Medium)

Time : Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

Instructions :

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Fillup strictly the details of signs on your answer book.

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Seat No. :

Student's Signature

- (2) Indicate clearly the options you choose.
(3) Figures to the **right** indicate full marks.

1 (a) "The Bishop's Candlesticks" throws a valuable insight into the psychology of crime and punishment." Analyse this statement in the light of the Bishop's character. **10**

OR

(b) Describe the part played by Jim Hawkins in the treasure hunt from the beginning. **10**

OR

(c) Bring out the element of humour in "The Ugly Duckling". **10**

2 Write short notes on any **two** of the following : **10**

- (a) The encounter between the Bishop and the convict
(b) Natalia Stepanovna
(c) Hirst's entrance as the ghost
(d) Dr. Livesey.

- 3** Write an essay on any **one** : **10**
- (a) Indian traditions in the 21st century.
 - (b) Censorship of the media.
 - (c) My idea of a meaningful life.
- 4** Write an argumentative essay on any **one** : **10**
- (a) Books have no place in the electronic age.
 - (b) Films misguide the young generation.
- 5** (a) Write a report for publication in a newspaper on the inauguration of the university youth festival. **10**

OR

- (b) Draft the minutes of the first meeting of the Students' Council of your college. **10**
- 6** (a) Summarize the following passage and give it a suitable title : **5**

One of the consequences of the rapid commercialisation of cricket is the distinct unwillingness on the part of an international side, and especially its captain, to accept defeat with grace. Umpiring is one of the most controversial subjects in international cricket and the way things are going, no umpire anywhere in the world is going to escape criticism from touring teams. The International Cricket Conference (ICC) has considered a proposal about neutral umpires but the effective implementation of such a proposal has many complications. A suggestion to provide electronic assistance to umpires has been viewed with a mixture of amazement and amusement. It is possible, though, that something on these lines could appear in international cricket sooner or later.

The point is, an international captain must be capable of withstanding the demands and the pressures of the modern game. India's problem has generally been captains whose leadership and strategy have depended too much on their own form as cricketers. If in poor form, they tend to get lost in their own worries and forget their other responsibilities. In 1974-75, Pataudi, in his last series as captain, showed that this need not be the case. He had his poorest run with the bat, but managed to get the powerful West Indians on the run.

- (b) Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it : 5

There is a great deal of psychological and ethical difference between Sarvodaya and Marxism. Sarvodaya attached a great deal of importance to traditional morality and is based on the principles of peace and non-violence. Marxism, on the other hand, follows the path of violence and force.

The former cares for the individual and the latter for the class. In the economic and political fields Marxism believes in the centralization or nationalization of all economic activities while Sarvodaya in decentralization and village economy. Besides this, Marxism does not attach any importance to personal freedom of individuals but Sarvodaya considers it the basic necessity of human life.

- (c) Draft telegrams for the following occasions : 5
- (i) Expressing your inability to supply goods to a customer as the workers are on strike.
 - (ii) Inviting your friend to your sister's wedding.

7 Do as directed :

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- (i) Send the reapers into the meadows this minute.
(Change the voice)
- (ii) Give antonyms : idiot, hope
- (iii) Charity begins _____ home.
(Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition)
- (iv) Make your own sentences using the following :
to make out, to call upon
- (v) Substitute one word for : 'act of killing oneself'.
