

B.A./B.A.(Hons.) I Year, Exam. 2017**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Time : 3 Hrs.

Max. M. 75 Min.M. BA- 25

Note: All questions to be attempted.

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1. (A) Answer any five of the following: -

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1. What is meant by the expression "Knowledge is Free"?
2. Why are the artists who painted the exquisite frescoes at Ajanta not known?
3. What is the most significant quality of Indian civilization?
4. What is the significance of Trimurti in Elephanta?
5. How would you describe the Vedic hymn?
6. Who wrote the Ramcharitmanas?
7. When did the Mahabharat acquire its present form?
8. Why were the Rowlatt Acts known as the "Black Acts"?
9. What were the words of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu when Gandhi broke the salt law?
10. What sort of judiciary have we in India?
11. What is the first article in the list of fundamental duties?
12. How do the trees sing?

(B) **Match the words in list A with their Antonyms in list B.** 5

A	B
Wide	Ignorance
Knowledge	Appear
Poverty	Narrow
Vanish	Affluence
Disparage	Praise

2. **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:-** 15

The other day we heard someone smilingly refer to poets as dreamers. Now it is accurate to refer to a poet as dreamers, but it is not discerning to infer, as this person did, that the dreams of the poets have no practical value beyond the realm of literary diversion. The truth is that poets are just as practical as people who build bridges or look into microscopes; and just as close to reality and truth, where they differ from the logician and the scientist is in the temporal sense alone; they are ahead of their times, whereas logicians and scientists are abreast of their time. We must not be so superficial that we fail to discern the practicableness of dreams. Dreams are the sunrise streamers. Heralding a new day of scientific progress, another forward surge. Every forward step man takes in any field of life, is first taken along the dreamy

paths of imagination. Robert Fulton did not discover his steamboat with full steam up, straining at a hawser at some Hudson Rives dock; first he dreamed the steamboat, he and other dreamers and then scientific wisdom converted a picture in the mind into a reality of steel and wood.

Questions:-

1. Are poets dreamers? In what sense?
2. Is a poet a practical man? In what way?
3. If the poet did not dream, what would happen?
4. In what way is the poet a specialist?
5. Give a suitable title to the passage.

3. Write a paragraph of about 100 words on any one of the following topics:- 15

- (a) The Ramayana and the Mahabharata.
- (b) Individual Freedom.
- (c) Indian Music and Indian Dance..
- (d) Indian art and culture.

4. Write a précis (summary) of the following passage and give a suitable title: :- 15

We do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's service; yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in a fair way become his masters. Already most of men spend their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal and given petrol to drink and oil to wash with and must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, and blow up and spread ruin and destruction all round them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and a time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals.

5. Attempt any fifteen of the following. Do as directed: - 15

Add 'a' 'an' or 'the' where necessary.

1. _____chair is made of wood.
2. He is not _____honorable man.
3. Who is _____girl sitting there?
4. Raju is _____cleverest boy in the class.
5. He is _____M.L.A.

Put the verbs in brackets into future indefinite:-

6. Unless he makes haste he (not catch) the train.
7. If he works well I (pay) him handsomely.
8. They (know) the result in a couple of days.

Add 'some' or 'any' as required:

9. Can you give me _____more information?
10. _____milk was spilt.
11. _____fool can do that.

Fill in the blanks with suitable modals:

12. They _____gladly accept the offer (willingness).
13. I _____run a mile when I was young (ability in the past).
14. _____you prosper and live long.
15. We _____aim at noble goals (desirability)

Change the voice of the following sentences:

16. We know that the earth is not oval.
17. He reads a book.
18. The inspector did not examine the finger prints.

Insert preposition if necessary:

19. Sitting _____the floor is not very comfortable.
20. He told lies_____the police.
21. _____one morning, grandfather went _____the garden to get some sun.
22. Reetika asked _____her grandfather to take a cherry.

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1. Attempt any five of the following: - 15

1. Who is the true daughter of Old Time?
2. How are the methods of ordinary individuals different from those of scientists?
3. How were wounds sterilized in ancient India?
4. Which Indian scientist is known as the father of plastic surgery?
5. When did the pulse of the plant become more violent and more rapid?
6. Why was Ramanujan granted half exemption in fees at school?
7. What is information technology?
8. Which situation is worse than illiteracy?
9. How can you say that a plastic surgeon is a sculptor?
10. How can one know about the presence of pollution in water?
11. How was uranium designated?
12. With what is parental love compared by the author and why?
13. William Thomas says "I am burning a way of life". What is this way of life?

2. (A) Read the following passage and answer the questions:- 05

Opera refers to a dramatic art form, originating in Europe, in which the emotional content is conveyed to the audience as much through music, both vocal and instrumental, as it is through the lyrics. By contrast, in musical theater an actor's dramatic performance is primary, and the music plays a lesser role. The drama in opera is presented using the primary elements of theater such as scenery, costumes, and acting. However, the words of the opera are sung rather than spoken. The singers are accompanied by a musical ensemble ranging from a small instrumental ensemble to a full symphonic orchestra.

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Answer in short the following questions: -

1. What is an opera?
2. What kind of content is conveyed to the audience?
3. What is important in musical theater?
4. What are the primary elements that are used to present a drama in opera?
5. How are the singers accompanied in opera?

(B) Give two synonyms of each word given below: - 10

- (a) Convey
- (b) Contrast
- (c) Small
- (d) Full
- (e) Ensemble

3. Write a report on any one of the following in 200 words: - 15

1. Report on any festival celebration.
2. Report on Sports Day held in your University/College.
3. Report on water scarcity in your town/village.
4. Report on Global Warming.

4. Expand the idea any one of the following in 200 words:- 15

1. All that glitters is not gold.
2. Knowledge is power.
3. Time is money.
4. It's no use crying over spilled milk.

5. Do as directed (Any fifteen): 15

- (a) _____ teacher is one who teaches. (apply an article)
- (b) _____ Ganga is a sacred river of India. (apply an article)
- (c) My father is _____ engineer. (apply an article)
- (d) She _____ nothing to declare. (fill the blank with the correct form of 'have')

- (e) The man _____ from Bhopal. (fill the blank with proper form of verb 'be')
- (f) They found _____ in great difficulty. (fill the blank with a self-form)
- (g) She cut _____ while cutting vegetables. (fill the blank with a self-form)
- (h) Tell me the name of the student _____ won the first prize. (fill the blank with a suitable relative pronoun)
- (i) I am keen to buy back the land _____ my parents sold many years ago. (fill the blank with a suitable relative pronoun)
- (j) Your plan is not very **good**. My plan is _____. (fill the blank by using the comparative degree of the word given in bold)
- (k) This stupa is very **old**. It is the _____ in the world. (fill the blank by using the superlative degree of the word given in bold)
- (l) We cannot come to a decision before we _____ (know) the facts. (fill the blank with the correct tense of the verb given in the bracket)
- (m) If you took less exercise, you _____ (feel) better. (fill the blank with the correct tense of the verb given in the bracket)
- (n) When _____ the book arrive? (apply will/shall)
- (o) _____ you be thirty on your next birthday? (apply will/shall)
- (p) Somebody hit her on the head. (change the voice of the sentence)
- (q) The student asked me a question. (change the voice of the sentence)
- (r) He was born _____ a Sunday. (apply appropriate preposition)
- (s) Kalidas lived _____ the reign of king Vikramaditya. (apply appropriate preposition)
- (t) _____ six O'clock only six people had arrived. (apply appropriate preposition)

B.A. III Year, Exam. 2017**ENGLISH LANGUAGE****Time: 3 Hrs.****Max. M. 75 Min.M. 25****Note: Attempt all the questions.**

1. Attempt any two of the following questions in about 200 words: - 15
 1. Write a summary of the essay "Women and Development"
 2. What were the findings of Ashok Mehta Committee?
 3. Write a summary of "Death of a Clerk".
 4. What were the reasons that led to the declaration of the new economic policy in 1991?
 5. How can the modern skeptics be made to accept religion?
 6. Why is the 'twilight' called the 'hour of cow dust' in India?

2. Write an essay on any one of the following topics: - 10
 1. Importance of cows in India
 2. Rationalistic Religion
 3. Role of women in society
 4. Importance of English

3. Write a précis summary of the following passage and give suitable title:- 10

When we survey our lives and efforts we soon observe that almost the whole of our actions and desires are bound up with the existence of other human beings. We notice that whole nature resembles that of the social animals. We eat food that others have produced, wear clothes that others have made, live in houses that others have built. The greater part of our knowledge and beliefs has been passed on to us by other people though the medium of a language which others have created. Without language and mental capacities, we would have been poor indeed comparable to higher animals.

We have, therefore, to admit that we owe our principal knowledge over the least to the fact of living in human society. The individual if left alone from birth would remain primitive and beast like in his thoughts and feelings to a degree that we can hardly imagine. The individual is what he is and has the significance that he has, not much in virtue of the individuality, but rather as a member of a great human community, which directs his material and spiritual existence from the cradle to grave.

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4. (A) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:- **05**

What is Music? Music is the 'art of combining tones in a manner to please the ear'. It may also mean sounds so combined as to make a pleasant impression on the mind. All sound, however, is not music. It is only when the sounds (combined) produce harmony and melody and please the ear that they become music. Music paves the way for the absorption of the mind in the Supreme. In fact, it is an innocent and refining diversion. Importance of Music:

1. Music can bring excitement in our life.
2. It can stir up the feelings of love and sympathy.
3. Music makes our life beautiful and fills our heart with joy.
4. An emotional song can melt the heart of even a violent person.
5. A patriotic song awakens in one of the love for one's country.
6. The solemn and stately music fills the worshipers with awe and reverence and the sense of the Divine Presence.
7. Some famous musical pieces are ranked among the greatest achievements in human history.

Everyone knows how the song of Orpheus, the great musician of ancient Greece, proved captivating to stones, trees and flood. The song of Tansen at Akbar's court brought about a heavy shower and kindled a fire. Music not only rouses various feelings but also quiets the worried and wearied soul. We can play a musical instrument. Alternatively, we can listen to a song according to our mood or choice. Either way, music enhances our lives in many ways

Answer the following questions based on the passage: - **05**

1. Define Music.
2. Why music is important?
3. What can an emotional song do?
4. What music does to our lives?
5. Who was Orpheus?

(B) Use the following words in your own sentences:- **10**

- (a) In fact
- (b) Ancient
- (c) according to
- (d) Either way
- (e) Combined

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5. Do as directed (Attempt all):

1. Give antonyms of the following:

- (a) Guilty
- (b) Precious
- (c) timid
- (d) ancient
- (e) sorrow

2. Supply the correct form of the verb given in brackets:

- (a) A Tale of Two Cities (is/ are) an excellent novel by Charles Dickens
- (b) If either of them (phone/ phones) please record the message carefully.
- (c) Each of the players (was/ were) hoping to be selected in the University Team.
- (d) Weather (Change/ Changes) all the time.
- (e) Regions near the Equator (receive/ receives) more heat from the Sun.

3. Match each animal with the sound it makes:

A	B
Lion	Miaow, purr
Cat	Bark
Serpent	roar
Mouse	squeak
Dog	hiss

4. Put one of the following prepositions in each space in the sentences given below:

For, off, from, in on

- (a) We went down _____ the lift.
- (b) She waited ____ the train at the platform.
- (c) We finally got ____ the bus at our destination.
- (d) He left _____ Raipur yesterday.
- (e) The book is _____ the table.

5. Give synonyms of the following:-

- a. Warrior
- b. greed
- c. companionable
- d. handicap
- e. answer

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