

**B.A / B.Sc. / B.COM/B.B.A./B.C.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION,
APRIL 2020
I YEAR I SEMESTER
GENERAL ENGLISH - I**

Time : 3 Hours

Max.marks :75

SECTION – A (10×2=20)

I. Answer any FIVE of the following in 30 words:

1. What was the ultimate goal of human life according to S. Radhakrishnan?
2. Comment on positive thinking according to Shiv Kera.
3. Who is the central figure of the poem ‘Incident of the French Camp’?
4. What is the theme of the poem “Matilda”?
5. Who wrote the play “Lithuania”? List out any two characters from the play.
6. What is your opinion about the short story “The Jewelry” ?
7. How did the conjurer take revenge?

II. Answer ALL the questions:

8. Choose the correct word from the brackets:
 - (a) Please give me a -----of paper. (peace/piece)
 - (b) How much is the railway-----? (fare/ fair)
9. Fill in the Articles:
 - (a) He is not -----honourable man.
 - (b) -----sun shines brightly.
10. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:
 - (a) I prefer to read -----the library.
 - (b) Take your brother -----you.
11. Give the synonyms for the following words:
 - (a) Fair (b) Rapid
12. Write the question tags for the following sentences:
 - (a) He is coming tonight.
 - (b) She never informed us.

SECTION – B (5×5=25)

Answer any FIVE of the following choosing not less than TWO from each part:

PART – A (100 words)

13. Write a short note on “The Boatswain’s Mate”.
14. What is Khushwant Singh trying to convey through his story “The Mark of Vishnu”?
15. Comment on Lamb’s humour in his essay “A Dissertation Upon Roast Pig”.
16. Critically analyse Shelley’s “Love’s Philosophy”

PART – B

17. Draw and fill the Bank Challan.
(pay-in-slip or withdrawal from)

18. Develop the following hints into a story.

A rich farmer-lot of land-cattle and servants-two sons-happy life- after some years younger son unhappy – asked for his share of the property – wouldn’t listen to father’s advice- got his share- sold them all- went away to another country- fell into bad ways- soon all money gone-poor-no one to help him- understood his mistakes.

19. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

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 theatre an actor’s dramatic performance is primary, and the music plays a lesser role. The drama in an opera is presented using primary elements of theatre such as scenery, costumes, and acting. However, the words of the opera, or libretto are sung rather than spoken. The singers are accompanied by a musical ensemble ranging from a small instrumental to a full symphonic orchestra.

Questions:

- (a) What is Opera?
- (b) How is emotional content conveyed to the audience?
- (c) What are the primary elements of a theatre?
- (d) In the given passage singers are accompanied by -----?
- (e) Comment on the given passage.

SECTION – C (3 × 10 = 30)

Answer any THREE of the following in 250 words each:

20. Discuss in detail Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's "My Visions for India"
21. Write a critical appreciation on Maya Angelou's "A Phenomenal Woman"
22. Analyse the poem "A Game of Tigers and Sheep".
23. Discuss the characters in "The Proposal".
24. Describe the encounter between Bob and Jimmy Wells in "After Twenty Years".