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**B. A. EXAMINATION, 2024**

(Main) (Second Semester)

ENGLISH

20UENG02

Language and Literature-II

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 80*

**Note :** All questions are compulsory.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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(a) The Hermit lived in a wood which he never quitted and he received none but common folk. So the king put on simple

clothes and before reaching the Hermit's cell dismounted from his horse and leaving his body-guard behind, went on alone.

*Questions :*

- (i) What is the name of the chapter ?
- (ii) Name the author of the chapter.
- (iii) Where did the Hermit live ?
- (iv) Does the Hermit meet all people ?
- (v) Who left his body-guards behind ?

*Or*

(b) America is a country of great possibilities, but they look upon everything un-American with suspicion and contempt.

They suffer from a deep-rooted NIH-Not  
Invented Here, complex and lockdown  
on alien technologies. If you want to do  
anything in rocketry, do it yourself, Von  
Braun advised me.

*Questions :*

- (i) Name the chapter of this passage.
- (ii) Which country is known for great possibilities ?
- (iii) What is the meaning of NIH ?
- (iv) Who was Von Braun ?
- (v) Use the word 'invention' in your own words by framing a sentence.

2. Explain the following extract with reference to the context : 5

- (a) I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance. We believe not only in universal toleration, but we accept all religions as true. I am proud to belong to a nation which has sheltered the persecuted and the refugees of all religions and all nations of the earth.

*Or*

- (b) Mere hard work cannot fetch you honour. Building a rock wall is back breaking work. There are some people who build

rock walls all their lives. And when they die, they leave behind miles of walls, mute testimony to how hard they had worked.

3. Attempt any *four* out of the given questions in around 30 words each :  $4 \times 2 = 8$

- (i) What was the Hermit doing when the king approached him ?
- (ii) How did Swami Vivekananda start his speech ?
- (iii) Explain the line "help and not fight."  
(Chicago Speech)
- (iv) When was the first V-2 missile tested ?
- (v) What does Kalam mean by the word 'Workaholic' ?

(vi) What does Raman always carry with him ?

(vii) What was the first question of the King ?

4. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 100-120 words : 8

- (i) Write a critical summary of Vivekananda's views on religion and Hinduism presented in his essay "The Chicago Speech".
- (ii) Discuss the title "Work Bring Solace".

5. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow : 5

- (a) Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;

Where knowledge is free;

Where the world has not broken up into  
fragments

By narrow domestic walls;

Where words come out from the depth  
of truth,

Where tireless striving stretches its arms  
to words perfection;

*Questions :*

- (i) What is the name of this poem ?
- (ii) Who is the poet of this poem ?
- (iii) Explain the line 'narrow domestic walls'.
- (iv) How can people achieve perfection ?

- (v) What is the antonym of the word 'perfection' ?

*Or*

- (b) No time to see, when woods we pass  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass ?  
No time to see, in broad daylight  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night ?

*Questions :*

- (i) Name the poem.
- (ii) Name the poet.
- (iii) Where do squirrels hide their nuts ?
- (iv) How do the streams look in broad day light ?
- (v) Why do we have no time ?

6. Explain the following stanza with reference to the context : 5

(a) Where the clear stream of reason has not  
lost its way,  
Into the dreary desert sana of dead habit,  
Where the mind is led forward by thee  
into ever-widening thought and action-  
into that heaven of freedom, my father,  
let my country awake.

Or

(b) Money is our madness, our vast collective  
madness.

And of course, if the multitude is mad;

The individuals carries his own grain of  
insanity around-with him.

I doubt if any man living hands out a  
pound note- without a pavy;

And a real tremor, if he hands out a ten-  
pound note.

7. Attempt any *four* out of the given questions in  
around 30 words each : 4×2=8

(i) What is the prayer of Rabindranath  
Tagore for his country ?

(ii) Explain the phrase 'narrow domestic  
walls'.

(iii) What do you mean by 'Leisure' ?

(iv) What is the demerit of life if it is full of  
care ?

(v) How does money trigger fear in an  
individual ?

(vi) What is the meaning of the title 'money madness' ?

8. Attempt any *twenty* of the following :

1×20=20

(a) Subject verb agreement :

(i) There.....many rooms in our college. (be)

(ii) You.....completed your task successfully. (has/have)

(iii) Water.....at 0°degree Celsius. (freeze)

(b) Adjective and Adverb :

(iv) Two school students were injured.....(serious/seriously) in a car accident.

(v) He walks.....(fast, fastly)

(vi) It feels very.....(cold, coldly) in this room.

(c) Comparative and Superlative :

(vii) My dress is.....than yours.

(beautiful)

(viii) He is.....man of our town.

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(rich)

(ix) My sister speaks French.....

well.

(very, much)

(d) Introductory 'There' : (Rewrite the sentences) :

(x) Only two students were present in hall.

(xi) A cat was sitting on the table.

(xii) A time will come when you will realize your mistakes.

(e) Use infinitive :

(xiii) She stood up.....the question.

(to answer/answer)

(xiv) She made me.....(to laugh,

laugh) <https://www.cbluonline.com>

(xv) My son wants.....I.A.S. (to

become, become)

(f) Re-write the following sentences by using anticipatory 'it' :

(xvi) The heart that never rejoices is a poor heart.

(xvii) The thing that ruined him was smoking.

(xviii) That he has left the country is shocking.

(g) Use Adverbs :

(xix) It is.....raining. (still, just)

(xx) He has not returned.....

(yet, still)

(xxi) Have you.....been to London ?

(ever, never)

(h) Use correlatives :

(xxii) Ram sold his house. Ram sold his car.

(xxiii) She is beautiful. Her mother is beautiful.

(xxiv) He is poor. He is honest.

9. You are Amit/Amita. Write a letter applying for the post of school teacher along with C.V.

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*Or*

Draft a CV for applying for the post of Head Clerk.

10. What is an Interview ? Describe the various types of Interview.

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*Or*

What are the important points which one should observe while preparing for an interview ?