

Second Year B.Com., Degree Examination**August/September 2010***(Directorate of Correspondence Course)**(Freshers')***ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Time: 3 hrs]

[Max.Marks: 80

*Note: Answer all questions.***SECTION - A**

- I. Answer any TWO of the following in a page and a half each:** 2 X 6 = 12
- Write briefly about the importance of the opening scene of the play 'Julius Caesar'.
 - Sketch the character of Portia.
 - How does Cassius raise conspiracy against Julius Caesar?
 - Describe the scene in which Julius Caesar was assassinated.
- II. Answer any TWO of the following in a paragraph each:** 2 X 3 = 6
- Casca's description of terrible night.
 - The death of Marcus Brutus.
 - Artemidorus' letter to Caesar.
 - Octavius Caesar.

SECTION - B

- III. Answer any TWO of the following in a page and half each:** 2 X 8 = 16
- Describe the events which led to the Cabuliwallah's imprisonment in Rabindranath Tagore's story.
 - Bring out the importance and the need for conservation of water as you read in Dr. C.V. Raman's essay "Physics of the Countryside Water".
 - How does Khushwant Singh portray Mother Teresa?
 - Bring out the element of shock and surprise in O.Henry's story 'Witches Loaves'.
- IV. Answer any TWO of the following in a paragraph each:** 2 X 3 = 6
- Write briefly about Mr. Hardy's assistance to Ramanujan.
 - Comment on Dr. S. Radhakrishna's views on Science education.
 - Sum up Herman Wouk's observations on the language of advertisement.
 - Write a note on Mr. Daugherty's collection of old computers (Someday - Isaac Asimov)

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V. A) *Write an application in reply to the following advertisement.*

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“Wanted a Sales Executive to ‘Karnataka Silk Industries’, Chamunidpuram, Mysore. B.Com graduates with proficiency in English and any two south Indian languages will be given preference. Apply stating your age, qualification, experience etc to the Managing Director.

OR

On behalf of ‘Hindustan Soaps and Detergents’ Bengaluru, draft a circular letter announcing the introduction of a new washing powder to the market.

VI. B) Write a letter as from the Secretary of your college Co-operative Society to Geetha Book House, Mysore, placing an order for language text books.

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OR

Kamath Traders, Shimoga have not received umbrellas and rain coats from their supplier ‘Standard Umbrella Works Ltd, Pune. Write a letter of complaint to the supplier asking reasons for the delay.

C) Write a letter as from ‘Siddeshwara Trading Co., of your town to the Manager, State Bank of India, requesting for overdraft facility for Rs. 50,000/- only against shares and LIC Policies.

OR

Draft the Bank Manager’s reply to ‘Siddeshwara Trading Co., informing that the overdraft facility can’t be sanctioned against shares and LIC Policies.

VII: *Write an essay on any ONE of the following topics in not more than two pages.*

1 X 10 = 10

- Mobile phone – advantages and disadvantages
- Importance of Distance Education.
- Need for Computer Literacy.

VIII. *Explain the meaning of any four commercial terms in one or two sentences.*

1 X 4 = 4

- Octroi
- Open credit
- Trademark
- Working capital
- Credit standing
- Demurrage

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IX. Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.

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Those who oppose caste based reservation observe that the process of modernization, urbanisation and industrial development has destroyed the traditional social and economic structure. The relationship between hereditary caste and the associated traditional occupations has broken down. Therefore, no group can be called forward or backward on the traditional basis of caste and occupation. The definition of backwardness has altered now with the change in its form and basis. According to this system of logic, deprivation in terms of income, education and occupation should now form the basis of backwardness and not caste classifications and traditional occupations. Since reservation is considered a means of removing backwardness, its basis should also be absolute deprivation related to income, occupation, income and education being delinked from caste, the social or economic status of an individual or a group are not determined by caste any more. People of higher as well as of lower caste can be found in all occupations and income groups at all educational levels. Therefore, the people who need reservation most are urban and rural labourers, unorganized, untrained, and uneducated people irrespective of the caste they belong to.

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