

**Q.P. Code – 51608**

**First Year B.B.M. Degree Examination**

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2013**

**(Directorate of Distance Education)**

**(DBA 080) Paper I – ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

*Time : 3 Hours]*

*[Max. Marks : 70/80*

**Instructions to Candidates :**

- 1) *Students who have attended 30 marks I-A scheme will have to answer for a total of 70 marks.*
- 2) *Students who have attended 20 marks I-A scheme will have to answer for a total of 80 marks.*
- 3) *Section-D is compulsory for 80-marks scheme only.*

**SECTION – A**

I. Answer any **TWO** of the following in not more than a page and a half each :

**2 × 8 = 16**

- (a) How did the road engine affect the narrator's life?
- (b) How does Devanur Mahadeva describe rural life and its complexities in the story 'Tar Arrives'?
- (c) Consider 'A Flowering Tree' as a woman's tale.
- (d) Narrate the meeting of the two friends before and after twenty years.

II. Answer any **TWO** of the following in about a paragraph each :

**2 × 4 = 8**

- (a) Describe the scene in which the temple Elephant drags the road engine.
- (b) How did the King's youngest daughter ruin the life of the flowering girl?
- (c) What would the author like to see if she had eyes for just three days?
- (d) Write a note on Jimmy Wells as the guardian of Peace.

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SECTION – B

III. Answer any **TWO** of the following in not more than a page and a half each : **2 × 8 = 16**

- (a) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'After Blenheim'.
- (b) Discuss Shakespeare's views on life and death, as you read in the poem "Fear No More".
- (c) Bring out the reactions of the poet when she listened to the voice of wailing women in the poem 'And Suddenly a Woman's Wail....'.
- (d) Comment on the fact that the strength of the poem 'Mending Wall' lies in the very contradiction which it presents - maintaining barriers or doing away with barriers.

IV. Answer any **TWO** of the following in about a paragraph each : **2 × 4 = 8**

- (a) The poem 'And Suddenly a Woman's Wail....' is an earnest plea to allow women to 'breath freely'. Substantiate.
- (b) Annotate the following lines :  
'Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers.  
Little we see in Nature that is ours.'
- (c) Write a note on death as an end to all fears in the poem 'Fear No More'.

SECTION – C

V. Reply to the following advertisement :

"Wanted an Assistant teacher preferably with B.Ed. qualification. Apply stating necessary details to the Principal, A N Composite P U College, Bangalore."

Or

Write a letter of application to the principal of your college, requesting him/her to extend library facilities during the summer holidays. **4**

VI. Develop the following hints into a meaningful paragraph : **3**

Elephant – largest of all the animals – revengeful – two kinds – African and Indian – used in doing many heavy tasks – because of its strength – piling logs – carrying heavy things – very intelligent.

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VII. A. Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate form of the verbs given in the brackets : **5 × 1 = 5**

1. If it \_\_\_\_\_ we shall not play the match. (rain/rains)
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ up at 5 a.m. (get/gets)
3. Rama or Krishna \_\_\_\_\_ broken the glass jar. (have/has)
4. She has \_\_\_\_\_ a song (sing/sung)
5. When we reached the station, the train \_\_\_\_\_ already. (had left/left/have left)

B. Rewrite as directed : **3 × 1 = 3**

- (a) A letter was written by him.  
(Change the above into active voice)
- (b) The hunter has shot a tiger.  
(Change the above into passive voice)
- (c) Ramesh wins the prize in the competition.  
(Frame 'wh' question to get the underlined word as answer)

C. Change the following into indirect speech : **3**

“Swaminathan, where is your homework?” asked Samuel.

“I have not done any homework, Sir”, he said.

“Headache?” asked Samuel.

“Yes Sir” said Swaminathan.

D. Use any **TWO** of the following phrases in sentences of your own : **2**

- (i) break down
- (ii) give up
- (iii) bring up
- (iv) keep off

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- E. Give synonyms for the following : **1**
- (i) Know
  - (ii) General
- F. Give antonyms for the following : **1**
- (i) Victory
  - (ii) Cruel

**SECTION – D**

VIII. **Compulsory** question for **80** marks scheme only :

Answer any **ONE** of the following : **1 × 10 = 10**

Comment on the title of the story 'Engine Trouble' with special reference to humour in the story.

Or

Consider 'After Blenheim' as an anti-war poem.

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