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First Year B.B.M. Degree Examination

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2014

(Directorate of Distance Education)

(DBA 080) Paper I – ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(Old Scheme)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70/80

Note : Answer **ALL** questions.

SECTION – A

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

2 × 8 = 16

- (a) Describe the difficulties the girl had to face because of her special talent in 'A Flowering Tree'.
- (b) Why does Helen Keller think of establishing a course in "How to use your eyes"?
- (c) Describe the scene in which the elephant was used to transport the road engine.
- (d) Briefly describe the meeting of Bob and Jimmy after twenty years.

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

- (a) Write a short note on the yogic powers of the Swamiji in "Engine Trouble".
- (b) Discuss the details of the letter written by "aggrieved" in "Tar Arrives"?
- (c) How did the King's son find out that the girl could turn into a flowering tree?
- (d) Why did Bob go to the 'West' in "After Twenty Years"?

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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) Summarise Shakespeare's views on death in “Fear No More”.
- (b) Comment on the significance of the title of the poem “Mending Wall”.
- (c) What disturbs Prathibha Nandakumar at midnight and how does she react to it?
- (d) Do you consider “After Blenheim” as an anti-war poem? Elucidate.

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

- (a) Why does William Wordsworth want to be a ‘pagan’ in “The World is too much with us”?
- (b) Annotate the following lines :
‘Before I could find out,
it stopped as abruptly as it had started.’
- (c) Explain the following lines :
“Golden lads and girls all must,
As chimney - sweepers, come to dust.”

SECTION – C

V. A private company in Bangalore requires an experienced Sales Assistant. Apply giving particulars of age, qualification and experience to post box no. 280/1, C/o The New Indian Express, Bangalore.

Or

Draft a letter to the Municipal Chairman of your area drawing his attention to the unhygienic conditions in your locality. **4**

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

Water – essential for all – nowadays scarcity – wastage of water – pollution – scanty rainfall – save water – rain harvesting – protection of water bodies and forests.

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

- (i) One of us _____ to do it. (has/have)
- (ii) Physics _____ difficult. (is/are)
- (iii) We met the Chief Minister and _____ a memorandum. (submit/submitted)
- (iv) He _____ us English at school. (teach/teaches)
- (v) He _____ poetry. (write/writes)

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

- (i) I closed the door.
(Change into passive voice)
- (ii) The contractor is constructing a building.
(Change into passive voice)
- (iii) The thief will be arrested by the police.
(Change into active voice)

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

He asked her, "Where are you going?"
"I'm going to the market," said she.

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

- (i) call on
- (ii) bring up
- (iii) give up
- (iv) put off

E. Give the synonyms of the following : **1**

- (i) command
- (ii) costly

F. Give the antonyms of the following : **1**

- (i) like
- (ii) visible

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SECTION – D

VIII. Compulsory question for 80 marks scheme only :

Answer any **ONE** of the following questions :

1 × 10 = 10

- (a) Consider the story “Tar Arrives” as a record of social change in rural India.

Or

Examine Wordsworth’s attack on gross materialism and spiritual decay in the poem “The World is too much with us”.
