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B.Com. (Part-I) Examination, 2020

(Foundation Course)

Paper - II

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

Minimum Pass Marks : 25

Note : All questions are compulsory.

Unit - I

Q. 1. (a) Do as directed (any 20) : **20×1=20**

Add 'a', 'an' and 'the' where necessary.

- (i) Cigarette is made of tobacco and paper.
- (ii) Milk comes from cow.
- (iii) Window is made of glass.
- (iv) Grass always grows in English field.
- (v) There is ___ fly in ___ lemonade.

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Fill in the blanks with Present Indefinite / Present Continuous form of the verbs provided in the brackets :

- (vi) The girls generally _____ to their grand-parent's house for the holidays, but this year the _____ there. (go, not, go)
- (vii) I _____ anything during vacations. (not, study)
- (viii) He rarely _____ a pen, but he _____ one now. (use, use)

Fill in the blanks with Past Indefinite / Past continuous form of the verbs provided in the brackets :

- (ix) The children were frightened because it (get) dark.
- (x) He (live) in Jabalpur for twenty years.

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Use some or any as required :

(xi) There isn't _____ milk in the pot.

(xii) Do you take _____ sugar in tea ?

Use too / enough :

(xiii) It's very cold; we cannot go out.

(xiv) You are quite clever; you know well.

Use if / unless :

(xv) Don't watch the film on T.V. this evening _____ you have a strong heart.

(xvi) _____ you don't like samosa's, try something else.

Use may, must, should :

(xvii) You ____ leave the office early today.

(xviii) There is no other offer. I ____ accept this job.

(xix) The country ____ build submarines before the Second World War.

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Rewrite the following in reported speech :

(xx) The visitor said, "I want to speak to you".

(xxi) The man said to the fruit seller, "These mangoes won't keep, they are too soft."

(xxii) His neighbour said, "You have an excellent cook."

Change the voice :

(xxiii) Five hundred Gramsevak's gave up their government posts.

(xxiv) We know that the earth is not oval.

(b) Vocabulary :

(i) Match the column : **5×1=5**

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|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Mansion | (a) an aspect of something. |
| 2. Hectic | (b) the highest point. |
| 3. Zenith | (c) great public sacrifice |
| 4. Hecatomb | (d) without rest |
| 5. Facet | (e) a large house |

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(ii) Match the column : **5×1=5**

Poverty	Praise
Insincerity	Prosperity
Vanish	Sincerity
Disparage	Slow
Rapid	Appear

(iii) Give synonyms : **5×1=5**

Rescue, Dominant, Chaotic, Progeny,
Qualm.

Unit - II

Q. 2. Comprehend the passage and answer the questions in your own words : **5×1=5**

The entire night of April 5th the ashramites prayed and early in the morning they accompanied Gandhi to the sea. He dipped into the water returned to the beach and there picked up some salt left by the waves. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, standing by his side cried, "Hail, Deliverer," Gandhi had broken the

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British law which made it a punishable crime to possess salt not obtained from the British government salt monopoly. Gandhi, who had not used salt for six years, called it a "nefarious monopoly". Salt, he said is as essential as air and water and in India all the more essential to the hard working, perspiring, poor man and his beasts because of the tropical heat.

- (a) What did the ashramites do on the night of April 5th ?
- (b) Who accompanied Gandhi to the sea ?
- (c) What did Mrs. Sarojini Naidu say when Gandhiji picked up some salt ?
- (d) For how many years had Gandhi not used salt ?
- (e) To whom is salt essential in India and why ?

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Unit - III

Q. 3. Write a paragraph in about 150 words (any one) : **10×1=10**

- (a) Indian Architecture
- (b) Arts and Indian Life
- (c) Religion and Art in India
- (d) Gandhi's Salt March

Unit - IV

Q. 4. (a) Write a letter to the Bank Manager for opening of an account in his bank. **5×1=5**

Or

Write an application to the Registrar of your university for an early declaration of result.

(b) Write a letter to your father, who wants to know the progress in your studies. **5×1=5**

Or

Write a letter to your mother, asking her to send you some money for buying books.

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Unit - V

Q. 5. Answer any five of the following questions : **5×3=15**

- (a) What is meant by the expression “knowledge is free” ?
- (b) What did the artists aim at in achieving in ancient India ?
- (c) What is the most significant quality of Indian civilization ?
- (d) In what does the cultural heritage of India lie ?
- (e) Mention five vedangas.
- (f) Who first wrote the story of Lord Ram ?
- (g) What happened in 1857 ?
- (h) What was the reaction of Subhash Chandra Bose to this breaking of the Salt Law ?
- (i) By which consideration should a constitution be judged ?
- (j) What does the poet mean by piling rubbish on rubbish ?

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