

B.A. Part-I (Semester-I) (CBCS) Examination
COMPULSORY ENGLISH
(English)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

1. Choose the correct options from those given below :

- (i) The parable of the frog in the well demonstrates the need for :
- (a) Tolerance of other religions (b) Understanding of the Wider World
(c) An awareness of other people (d) An ability to empathise
- (ii) Dr. Kalam had always been fascinated by :
- (a) The teaching profession (b) Physics
(c) Aeronautical Engineering (d) The flights of birds
- (iii) _____ believed that aptitude and passion for one's subject were the keys to success.
- (a) Prof. Sponder (b) Prof. Pandalai
(c) Prof. Kurt Tank (d) Iyadurai Solomon
- (iv) How does the author describe the wheelwright's attitude each Sunday at church ?
- (a) Eager as a beaver (b) Impatient as a school boy
(c) Nervous as a squirrel (d) Squirmy as a sack of cats
- (v) What Jewels are the Prince's eyes made of ?
- (a) Beryls (b) Rubies
(c) Sapphires (d) Diamonds
- (vi) Where is mercy enthroned ?
- (a) In the hearts of men (b) In the hearts of kings
(c) In the hearts of children (d) In the hearts of women
- (vii) Which of the following colours is not represented in the poem "Indian Weavers" ?
- (a) Green (b) Purple
(c) Blue (d) Red
- (viii) Which of the following is not used to describe the lily?
- (a) Stately (b) Pride
(c) While (d) Blushing
- (ix) The colour purple as used in the poem "Success" is associated with :
- (a) Victory (b) Kings
(c) Kingdoms (d) Defeat

- (x) What happens to the swallow in the end ?
- (a) He flies away of Egypt.
 - (b) He dies of cold.
 - (c) He is captured by an Ornithologist.
 - (d) He lives with the Happy Prince forever.
- (xi) Swami Vivekanand's speeches at the unprecedented inter-faith congress promote the idea of :
- (a) International attention
 - (b) Tolerance
 - (c) Violence
 - (d) Acceptance
- (xii) Swami Vivekanand was born in the year :
- (a) 1853
 - (b) 1863
 - (c) 1873
 - (d) 1893
- (xiii) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam died in the year :
- (a) 2012
 - (b) 2013
 - (c) 2014
 - (d) 2015
- (xiv) _____ was an ideal guide of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
- (a) Iyengar
 - (b) Srirangam
 - (c) Iyadurai Solomon
 - (d) T.N. Sequeira
- (xv) _____ taught Dr. Abdul Kalam, theoretical aerodynamics.
- (a) Prof. Sponder
 - (b) Iyadurai Solomon
 - (c) Narasingha Rao
 - (d) Prof. Pandalai
- (xvi) Who is the writer of the story 'The Dispenser of Holy Water' ?
- (a) Toru Datt
 - (b) O' Henry
 - (c) Oscar Wilde
 - (d) Guy de Maupassant
- (xvii) Guy de Maupassant, died in the year :
- (a) 1890
 - (b) 1891
 - (c) 1892
 - (d) 1893
- (xviii) What did the Happy Prince ask the swallow to do with the gold on his body ?
- (a) To take it off leaf by leaf and give it to the poor
 - (b) To take it off and keep it for himself
 - (c) To take it off and give it to the match girl
 - (d) None of the above
- (xix) In the poem "Indian Weavers" the bright garment is compared to :
- (a) Winds of sparrow
 - (b) Peacock's feather
 - (c) Colour of sky
 - (d) All of the above

- (xx) Quality of mercy is compared to :
- (a) Storm (b) Lightning
(c) Gentle rain (d) Heavy rain 20
2. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences each :—
- (i) Why did the swallow delay his departure to Egypt ?
(ii) How did the couple lose their son Jean ?
(iii) What do you know about Iyadurai Solomon ?
(iv) What is the meaning of the line from the Gita which Vivekanand quotes in his address ? 6
- (B) Answer any **one** of the following questions in **150** to **200** words :—
- (i) Illustrate the innovative and unique ways in which each professor at MIT influenced and shaped Kalam's personality.
(ii) Why did the frog from the well call the sea-frog a liar ? What do we understand from the story ?
(iii) Summarise the story 'The Happy Prince'. 6
3. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences each :—
- (i) What does the Sceptre symbolise?
(ii) What are the 'marriage-veils' compared to and why ?
(iii) Why couldn't Love choose between the two flowers ?
(iv) Explain the meaning of the lines "To comprehend a nectar/Requires sorest need". 6
- (B) Answer any **one** of the following questions in **150** to **200** words :—
- (i) Write down the central theme of the poem "Success" by Emily Dickinson.
(ii) Comment on the significance of the poet's use of colours in "The Lotus".
(iii) Summarise the poem 'The Quality of Mercy'. 6
4. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate Articles :
- (i) Sharad must reach _____ school before 9 A.M.
(ii) _____ tiger is very dangerous animal. 4
- (B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions :
- (i) Ram is fond _____ reading [about, of, off]
(ii) Social media is still _____ its infancy. [on, in, near] 4
- (C) Combine the following pairs of sentences with the appropriate Conjunctions :
- (i) You can check the internet or a reference book. It does not matter. (either.....or)
(ii) The manager will be at the meeting. The employees will be at the meeting. (both and) 4

5. (A) Use the appropriate Auxiliary verb in the blanks :
- Sahil was a grim, old barrister and _____ occupied the western rooms for over twenty years. (have)
 - We found that we _____ climb the mountain after a few days of acclimatisation. (can)
 - He _____ to pay for the broken windowpane. (ought)
 - We wanted to let him know that we _____ not attend the event. (will) 8
- (B) Fill in the blanks with correct form of *Verb* :
- The planes _____ the airport. (approach : present continuous)
 - Neither Murali nor Tara _____ the answer to this question. (know : simple present) 4
6. Attempt the questions below by following instructions :
- Complete the following dialogue. After you finish enact it with partner.
(Mr. Jaykumar meets Ms. Rama, his son's teacher at the school. Write a dialogue between them.)
Mr. Jaykumar : Hi, Ms. Rama, _____ ?
Ms. Rama : Hi, _____ fine. How is Karan doing ?
Mr. Jaykumar : _____ is doing much better. But he has to take rest for a week.
Ms. Rama : _____ hopeful that Karan will get well soon.
Mr. Jaykumar : _____ madam, bye.
Ms. Rama : _____ Sir. 3
 - Fill in the blanks after each greeting by introducing yourself in different ways :
(a) Excuse me Sir,
(b) Hello Madam,
(c) Hi Pawan, 3
 - How Kiran introduces Nitin to Sachin Patil at his home ? 3
 - Fill in the blanks to complete the telephone conversation :
Sachin : _____ MSRTC inquiries.
Sharad : Good morning _____ fare from Nagpur to Pune, please ?
Sachin : It's Rs.750 for non-A/c Bus.
Sharad : _____ Sir.
Sachin : _____ Sir. 3