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B.Sc. (Part - I) Examination, Mar.-Apr., 2023

(Foundation Course)

Paper - II

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

Minimum Pass Marks : 25

Note : Answer all questions. The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

UNIT-I

Q. 1. (a) Do as directed any twenty of the following : 1×20=20

Add 'a', 'an', 'the' or 'some' where necessary :

- (i) Give me _____ ink to write _____ letter.
- (ii) There is _____ fly in _____ lemonade.
- (iii) _____ honesty is _____ best of all _____ virtues.
- (iv) Mr. Smith is _____ European.

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Complete the sentences using correct forms of Tenses :

- (v) Neha _____ her homework at present.(do) (Present Continuous Tense)
- (vi) I _____ to work by car yesterday.
 (go) (Past Indefinite Tense)
- (vii) She _____ medicine for the last four years. (Present Perfect Continuous Tense)
- (viii) He rarely _____ a pen, but he ______ one now. (use, use) (Present Indefinite Tense and Present Continuous Tense)
- (ix) By the time the ambulance ________
 (arrive) the patient _______ (die). (Past Indefinite Tense and Past Perfect Tense)
- (x) My mother _____ (be) tired as she _____ (work) all the day. (Past Indefinite Tense & Past Perfect Tense)
 Rewrite using "be going to" form :
- (xi) He _____ (grow) sugarcane next year.
- (xii) If you don't hurry you _____ (miss) your train.

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- (xiii) Look at the sky. It _____ (rain).
- (xiv) When you ____ (pay) the electricity bill ?

Insert a "Preposition" if necessary :

- (xv) He told lies _____ the police.
- (xvi) Aparna is knitting socks _____ war widows.
- (xvii) Tanuja asked _____ her father _____ money.
- (xviii) Sitting _____ the floor is not very comfortable.

Change the voice of the following sentences :

- (xix) The students are decorating the college hall.
- (xx) Make these announcements.
- (xxi) Columbus discovered America.

(xxii) Someone has stolen my watch.

Rewrite the following sentences in indirect speech :

- (xxiii) "Did you lock the house or not ?" He asked his son.
- (xxiv) "Don't try to be very clever." Said Mrs. Verma to her servant.
- (xxv) His neighbour said, "You have an excellent cook."

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(xxvi) "Shall I live to be a hundred ?", the old man asked.

Fill in the blanks with Modals :

- (xxvii) You _____ leave the office early today. (Permission)
- (xxviii) She _____ tell her father the whole truth. (Absence of courage)
- (xix) They _____ gladly accept the offer. (Willingness)
- (b) Give antonyms of any five of the following words : 1×5=5
 - (i) Truth
 - (ii) Human
 - (iii) Renounce
 - (iv) High
 - (v) Assimilate
 - (vi) Rapid
 - (vii) Excel
 - (viii) Denial
- (c) Give synonyms of any five of the following words : 1×5=5
 - (i) Striving
 - (ii) Fusion
 - (iii) Custom
 - (iv) Crafty

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(v) Divorce

(vi) Image

(vii) Abnormal

(viii) Evolution

- (d) Use the following words in sentences of your own : 1×5=5
 - (i) Striving

(ii) Superb

(iii) River

- (iv) College
- (v) Examination

UNIT-II

Q. 2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 5

Secularism is the very soul of Indian society and the democracy. India has a tradition of coexistence, tolerance, cooperation, and mutual respect between all its social and religious groups. Islam came to India with Muslim conquerors. A large number of natives turned Muslims over the period and presently they make up the second-largest community of our nation. The contribution of Islam to Indian culture and civilization has been spectacular. It added variety, colour and richness to native heritage. Islam

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enriched India with architectural wonders, the most precious being 'Tajmahal', the symbol of aesthetic India. Christianity had preceded Islam to India. St. Thomas, the twelve disciples of Christ arrived in India to preach his message when St. Peter was in Rome. Paris came to India in the 8th century to escape from religious persecution in Iran. They brought Zoroastrianism. Jews sailed to India 2000 years ago to settle down in Mumbai, Pune, Kochi and Delhi. Hinduism itself was a religious conglomeration of thousands of sects having distinct beliefs, rituals, customs and practices. Three nearly different religions branched out of it, namely, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism having separate places of worship and holy books. In all, India remained a shining example of unity in diversity, nowhere else found in the world.

Answer following questions :

- (1) What has been the tradition of India ?
- (2) Which religions came to India from abroad ?
- (3) What is the most precious gift of Islam to our country ?
- (4) What has India been the shining example of ?
- (5) Give a suitable title to the passage.

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(7) UNIT-III



Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics in about 150 words : 10

- (i) The Hindu Trinity
- (ii) Dandi Salt March
- (iii) Impact of Covid-19 on Education Sector in India
- (iv) Importance of Trees

UNIT-IV

Q. 4. (a) Write a letter to your mother asking her about her health.

OR

Write a letter to your classmate to spend summer vacation with you.

(b) Write an application to the Registrar of your University for the early declaration of result. 5 OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college to grant you three days leave.

UNIT-V

Q. 5. Answer any five of the following questions : 3×5=15
 (i) To whom is the poem "Where the Mind is without Fear" addressed ?

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- (ii) Why are the artists who painted the exquisite frescoes of Ajanta not known ?
- (iii) Who abducted Sita ?
- (iv) What is regionalism ?
- (v) On which date did the Dandi Salt March commence ?
- (vi) Where did Ghalib's wife send her jewels and valuables ?
- (vii) How do the trees sing ?
- (viii) Who was responsible for the partition of Bengal ?
- (ix) What was the slogan Tilak gave to Indian masses ?
- (x) Who was the last person in the story "Rajah's Diamond" to receive the diamond ?

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