



13DD 34 – I(02)

B.Com. I Semester Degree Examination, Nov./Dec. 2013
ENGLISH BASIC (New)
Text : Intimations

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer the following questions in a **word/a phrase/a sentence** : (1×10=10)

- A) 1) What had made Alan Trevor give Hughie Erskine the permanent entree into his studio ?
- 2) What made the Principal to go to the Police Commissioner in 'A Special Experience' ?
- 3) 'With the Photographer' is written by _____
- 4) Name the largest sea animal.
- 5) Why is the love of the sea there in the very blood of British people ?
- B) 1) Give the meanings attributed to the word 'talent' in Milton's poem.
- 2) Who has written 'Night of the Scorpion' ?
- 3) Did Wordsworth know what the solitary reaper was singing of ?
- 4) Why did the Duke stop his first wife's smiles ?
- 5) Why does the Duke show Neptune, cast in bronze ?

II. Annotate **any two** of the following, choosing **one** from prose and **one** from poetry : (5×2=10)

- 1) Ultimately, he became nothing, a delightful, ineffectual youngman with a perfect profile and no profession.
- 2) I was inspired to commit a hundred such petty offences.
- 3) _____ who best
Bear His mild yoke, they serve Him best :
- 4) The music in my heart I bore
Long after it was heard no more.

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III. Answer **any one** of the following : (10×1=10)

- 1) Write elaborately how Hughie Erskine's philanthropic spirit is aptly rewarded.
- 2) Comment on the humour in 'With the Photographer'.

IV. Answer **any one** of the following : (10×1=10)

- 1) Show how poetic creation takes place with reference to 'The Solitary Reaper'.
- 2) Critically appreciate 'The Night of the Scorpion'.

V. Write short notes on **any two** of the following, choosing **one** from prose and **one** from poetry : (5×2=10)

- 1) The dictatorial Duke
- 2) 'On His Blindness' - a sonnet
- 3) Gyan Babu
- 4) The Whales.

VI. A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles : (1×5=5)

- 1) He is _____ European.
- 2) June is _____ hottest month of the year.
- 3) He managed by eating _____ orange.
- 4) Tendulkar is _____ Bradman of today.
- 5) She wanted to be _____ physician.

B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions. (1×5=5)

- 1) He has been in the hospital _____ last two days.
- 2) Distribute the sweets _____ the children.
- 3) Kamala is different _____ Vimala.
- 4) Sri Lanka is _____ the South of India.
- 5) These articles are available _____ Bijapur.



C) Transform the following as directed : (1×5=5)

- 1) He is too proud to listen to any one.
(Remove 'too')
- 2) Lucknow is not so populous as Kanpur.
(Change into comparative degree)
- 3) Can a Negro change his skin ?
(Make it an assertion)
- 4) What a Piece of work is man!
(Make it assertive)
- 5) As soon as the summer starts, there is acute power shortage.
(Make it negative)

D) Change the following words as directed : (1×5=5)

- Splendid (Make it a noun)
- Malice (Make it an adjective)
- Generous (Make it a noun)
- Pure (Make it a verb)
- Compassion (Make it an adjective)

E) Complete the following sentences, using the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets : (1×5=5)

- 1) One of those students _____ very brilliant. (are/is)
- 2) If I were you, I _____ not blame her. (would/shall)
- 3) Mahesh _____ well. (has done/have done)
- 4) Neither of the two brothers _____ eligible for the post. (were/was)
- 5) Rashmi was _____ tea. (drinks/drinking)



F) Combine the **two** pairs of sentences by using conjunctions given in the brackets : (1×5=5)

- 1) He doesn't tell a lie. He doesn't tolerate a lie. (neither...nor)
- 2) The cow got up. It slowly walked away. (and)
- 3) He had many friends. He had also several enemies. (Not only ... but also)
- 4) She must be over forty. She looks charming. (Yet)
- 5) He will be promoted. He has never been absent. (therefore)