

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) DEGREE SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

JANUARY 2021

ENGLISH I

Question carries Six marks (5*6 =30 Marks)

(Time 10 a.m-10.30 a.m. (20 minutes for writing and 10 minutes for uploading)

Question 1

A) (6 marks)

I Use the following idioms in meaningful sentences of your own: [4x1= 4]

- i] back handed compliment
- ii] stick to one's guns
- iii] splash out
- iv] the last straw

II. Rewrite the sentences as directed:

[2x1= 2]

- i] Spanish is spoken in Mexico. (Change the voice)
- ii] When did you buy this new house? (Change the voice)

OR

B) (6 marks)

I. Give two antonyms for each of the following words:

[4 x1 = 4]

- i] implicit
- ii] foreign
- iii] genuine
- iv] abundance

II. Rewrite the sentences as directed:

[2x1= 2]

- a] I could not complete the tasks in the given time. (Change into Passive voice)
- a] 'I have been waiting here for two hours,' Gavin said. (Change into reported speech)

Question 2

A) Write a précis of the following passage.

[6 marks]

Education ought to teach us how to be in love always and what to be in love with. The great things of history have been done by the great lovers, saints, men of science and artists. The problem of civilization is to give every man a chance of being a saint, a man of science or an artist. But this problem cannot be solved unless men desire to be saints, men of science and artists. And if they are to desire that continuously they must be taught what it means to be these things. It is a commonplace belief that art has ebbed away out of our ordinary life, out of all the things which we use, and that it is practiced no longer recognize the aesthetic activity as an activity of the spirit and common to all men. We do not know that when a man makes anything he ought to make it beautiful for the sake of doing so, and that when a man buys anything he ought to demand beauty in it for the sake of that beauty in it for the sake of that beauty. We think of beauty if we think of it at all, as a mere source of pleasure, and therefore it means to us an ornament added to things for which we can pay extra as we choose. But beauty, in fact, is not an ornament to life, or the things made by man. It is an essential part of both. (249 words)

OR

B) Write a précis of the following passage.

[6 marks]

Trees give shade for the benefit of others, and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure the scorching heat. They produce fruit that benefits others – the animals, birds and human beings. They do not keep it for themselves. The character of good men is like that of such fruit bearing trees. What is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of mankind? Sandalwood, the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield. Sugarcane, the more it is peeled and cut up into pieces and crushed, the more juice does it produce. The men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even if they run the risk of losing their lives. What matters whether men praise them or not? What difference does it make whether they die at this moment or whether their lives are prolonged? Happen what may, those who tread in the right path will not set foot in any other. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the sole sake of living one's life in a purposeless way amounts to live the life of dogs and crows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of others are the true heroes and will assuredly dwell forever in a world of bliss. (230 words)

(Time 11.00 a.m-11.30 a.m. (20 minutes for writing and 10 minutes for uploading)

Question 3

Write an essay of 200 – 250 words on ANY ONE of the following

- A) Mention the different forms of legal reasoning and explain the significance of any one of them?
[6 marks]

OR

- B) What are the important aspects involved in application of precedents. Explain with a two illustrations.
[6 marks]

(Time 11.30 a.m-12.00 p.m. (20 minutes for writing and 10 minutes for uploading)

Question 4

Write an essay of 200 – 250 words on ANY ONE of the following. [6x1 = 6]

- A) Describe and comment on the characterization of Shylock with special reference to Act IV scene 1 (Trial Scene) of '*The Merchant of Venice*'. **[6 marks]**

OR

- B) In 'The Adventure of the Speckled Band' by Conan Doyle, how did Dr. Grimesby Roylott plot the death of his two step daughters and how did Sherlock Holmes pre-empt the second murder? **[6 marks]**

(Time 12.00 p.m-12.30 p.m. (20 minutes for writing and 10 minutes for uploading)

Question 5

Write an essay of 200 – 250 words on ANY ONE of the following.

- A) Describe the pros and cons of abolishing capital punishment and add your view points.
[6 marks]

OR

- B) Explain the advantages and disadvantages of online classes with particular reference to your own experience. **[6 marks]**
