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B.A. LL.B., (Hons) DEGREE FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 2015

GENERAL ENGLISH-I

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

I. Correct the following sentences if necessary

(5 x ½ = 2 ½)

- (a). It is high time that somebody does something about it.
- (b). The bridegroom has ordered for a new wedding suit.
- (c). Would you mind to tell me your name?
- (d). Either of the boys or their father have come.
- (e). A great deal of effort have already been made in this direction.

II. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of the words given in brackets. (5 x ½ = 2 ½)

- (a). He (work) in this office for three years..
- (b). He usually (go) to college by bus, but today he (go) in his uncle's car.
- (c). When we (reach) the aerodrome the flight(take off) already.
- (d). The intruder (catch) by the police as he (leave) the premises.
- (e). I (take) the examination only when satisfied with my preparation

III. Rewrite the following sentences according to the directions given in brackets.

(5 x 1=5)

- (a). If you get a chance to speak to him..... (Complete the sentence)
- (b). Let not the flowers be plucked. (Change the voice)
- (c). The load was too heavy for him to carry. (Into a compound sentence)
- (d). You must work hard or you will not do well. (Into a complex sentence)
- (e). Had I met him on the way..... (Add a suitable clause).

V. Rewrite in indirect speech.

(5 x1=5)

- (a). "When I was reading the book the idea struck me," My friend said.
- (b). He said to me, " May you prosper."
- (c). "The announcement about bonus will be made tomorrow," the manager said.
- (d). "Is the flight delayed?" the lady asked the superintendent.
- (e). He said, "Have you analysed all aspects of it? But I exhort you to be cautious."

(Turn over)

VI. Answer ANY TWO of the following in SIXTY words.

(2 x 5 =10)

- (a). Why does Russell argue that the West redefined Christ's Good Samaritan?
- (b). What was the religious controversy associated with the use of anaesthetics?
- (c). What makes Russell criticize the grand conception of the Soul?
- (d). What according to Russell is the historical reason for exempting the use of tobacco and wine from the ascetic of saints?

VII. Write an essay in about 300 words on ANY ONE of the following.

(1 x 10=10)

- (a). Russell's view on the conflict between the inflexible doctrines of religions and the delayed but rational judgement of philosophy.
- (b). The Ethical values of Russell, the Rational Humanist, considers ideal for mankind

VIII. Write an essay in about 300 words on ANY ONE of the following.

(1 x 10=10)

- (a). Protection of Environment and Law.
- (b). Women empowerment in a democratic system.
- (c). Religions in a secular democracy.

IX. Write a précis of the following passage

(5 marks)

English is an elite language, and elite languages have inbuilt limits to growth, or they risk losing their exclusiveness. We have had precious little success teaching English to non-elite Indians, even though the same courses are quite effective when used on non-Indian learners. English in India is not just a duplicate code to use with foreigners. Indians cannot just 'learn' English. We acculturate ourselves to it slowly, with no short cuts, and usually do not get very far. It is precisely because English in India is a social and academic prize, that it cannot be learnt quickly and dispassionately. In stratified society like India, English is simply not available for the non-elites to adopt *en masse*. English is not available because its world, the world power and technology in India, is not available outside the English speaking class. English not available because, for anyone who is not highly motivated specialist, a living language is more than just a taught code: It is a total culture absorbed through a need for the benefits of that culture, through exclusive and intensive interactions with people from that culture. So, the benefits of the English-medium culture are clear, but this culture is not easily available outside the privileged elite segments of our society.