

I Semester B.A. Examination, October/November 2012
Freshers (2011-12) & Onwards, Repeaters (2010-11) Scheme
LANGUAGE ENGLISH – I

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100/90

- Instructions :** 1) Answer *all* the questions. Write the correct question number.
- 2) Students of the Freshers' Scheme (2011-12) onwards answering for 100 marks should answer 2 out of 4 questions in Part – A, III Main question.
- 3) Students of Repeaters' Scheme (2010-11) answering for 90 marks should answer 1 out of 4 questions in Part – A, III main question.

PART – A

Marks : 60/50

(Course Book – Literary Component)

- I. Answer **any seven** of the following in **one** or **two** sentences each : (7×2=14)
- 1) What was one of the last wishes of Salim Ali ?
 - 2) Where did the modern environmental movement begin as mentioned in 'Going Green' ?
 - 3) How are the elephants decorated during festivals ?
 - 4) What is the atrocity committed on the woman in the poem 'Another Woman' ?
 - 5) Who becomes the 'man of the house' when Ransouli goes away ?
 - 6) Why does Gopalan destroy the woodrose plant ?
 - 7) Why does Mrs. Sappleton always keep the window open in 'The Open Window' ?

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8) Official weather records in Australia date back to less than _____ years.

- a) 200
- b) 400
- c) 600
- d) none of these

9) What according to the niece, was the tragedy in Mrs. Sappleton's life in 'The Open Window' ?

II. Answer **any four** of the following in about a **page each** : **(4×5=20)**

- 1) What inspired Salim Ali to take up the study of birds initially ?
- 2) Describe the appearance of Ransouli.
- 3) How has America benefitted from the environmental movement ? Explain with reference to the lesson 'Going Green'.
- 4) Why does the mother compare herself to the old stone-grinder in the kitchen in the lesson 'The Woodrose' ?
- 5) Describe how the elephants are given a bath.
- 6) Why did Mr. Nuttel leave suddenly and what was the reason given by the niece in the lesson 'The Open Window' ?

III. Students answering for **100** marks should answer **2** out of **4** questions in about **two** pages each : **(2×10=20)**

Students answering for **90** marks should answer **1** out of **4** questions in about **two** pages each. **(1×10=10)**

- 1) Describe Salim Ali's achievements as an ornithologist.

- 2) How does the small paper given by the paper writers upset Ransouli's life in his host country ?
- 3) Discuss the plight of the daughter-in-law in the poem 'Another Woman'.
- 4) Explain how the native wisdom of the tribal communities has benefitted the meteorological bureau of Australia.

IV. Vocabulary :

Rewrite as directed :

- a) Match the expressions in column 'A' with their meanings in column 'B'. (6×½=3)

A	B
1) courage	put an end
2) bound	air of intimacy
3) document	pride in oneself
4) familiar	an official or formal paper
5) dignity	bravery
6) abolish	to be tied to something

- b) By adding the right prefixes (dis, in, un) to the words given in brackets, fill in the blanks with words which have opposite meaning. (3×1=3)

- 1) He was _____ (able) to get a job as he did not have the right qualification.
- 2) Ram _____ (agreed) with his friend's views on education.
- 3) The growing _____ (discipline) in schools is causing worry to the education department.



PART – B

Marks : 40

(Work Book – Communication Skills)

- V. 1) Fill in the blank with an appropriate article : (1×1=1)
His mother is _____ honest person.
- 2) Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition : (1×1=1)
There is a bridge _____ the river.
- 3) Fill in the blank with the correct verb : (1×1=1)
Either Sanyal or Satwik _____ a doctor (is/are).
- 4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate tense form of the verb given in the brackets : (1×2=2)
- a) She _____ (teach) the children last year.
- b) Ms. Sudha _____ (walk) to the office everyday.
- 5) Rewrite the following with appropriate punctuation marks wherever necessary : 2
it was the dropping of a bomb on Nagasaki which virtually made japan surrender during the world war ii

VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it :

A 'blog' is a discussion or information site published on the World Wide Web consisting of discrete entries, otherwise called "posts". The term "weblog" was coined by Jorn Barger. The short form, "blog", was coined by Peter Merholz. It was Even Williams who used "blog" as both a noun and a verb ("to blog," meaning "to edit one's weblog or to post to one's weblog") and devised the term "blogger" to refer to a person who blogs.

Until 2009 blogs were usually the work of a single individual, occasionally of a small group, and often were themed on a single subject. More recently "multi-author blogs" (MABs) have developed, with posts written by large numbers of authors and professionally edited. MABs from newspapers, other media outlets, universities, think tanks, interest groups and similar institutions account for an increasing proportion of blog traffic.

The emergence and growth of blogs in the late 1990s coincided with the advent of web publishing tools which made web publication easy even for non-technical users.

Although not a must, most good quality blogs are interactive, allowing visitors to leave comments and even a message. In that sense, blogging can be seen as a form of social networking. Indeed, bloggers not only produce content to post on their blogs but also build social relations with their readers and other bloggers.

In education blogs can be used as instructional resources. These blogs are referred to as 'Edublog'. A typical blog combines text, images, and links to other blogs, Web pages, and other media related to its topic. The ability of readers to leave comments in an interactive format is an important part of many blogs. Most blogs are primarily textual, although some focus on art (art blogs), photographs (photoblogs), videos (video blogs or "vlogs"), music (MP3 blogs), and audio (podcasts). Micro-blogging is another type of blogging, featuring very short posts.

There are many different types of blogs, differing not only in the type of content, but also in the way that content is delivered or written, like personal blogs, Corporate and Organizational blogs, Health blogs, Travel blogs, Gardening blogs, House blogs, Fashion blogs, Music blogs etc. Blogs are highly popular because of their utility but it goes without saying that they must be used with great responsibility.

- 1) Choose the opposite word of 'occasionally' from the following : 1
 - a) usually b) eventually
- 2) 'discrete entries' means _____ . 1
 - a) distinct entries b) disturbing entries
- 3) Even non-technical users can post on blogs because of _____ . 1
- 4) Photoblogs carry photos, while micro-blogs carry _____ . 1
 - a) Short posts b) Micro photos
- 5) Edublogs usually carry _____ . 1
- 6) Interactive blogs allow visitors to post _____ and _____ on the blog. 2
- 7) Bloggers not only produce content through blogs but _____ . 1
- 8) Blogs are popular because of their _____ but one should use them with _____ . 2

VII. Write a paragraph of each about **80-100** words using the hints given below :

(5+5=10)

a) Narrate an unforgettable experience that you had when you went boating recently with the help of the hints given below :

- * arrangements made over the weekend
- * condition of the river and weather
- * relief you felt after the experience
- * reaction of your parents when you returned.

b) Describe the location of your college with the help of following hints :

Bus stop – main road – foot-over bridge – parking lot – building – canteen – facilities available.

VIII. Make notes on the following passage by choosing either linear or a diagrammatic format :

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Waste generated by health care activities includes a broad range of materials, from used needles and syringes to soiled dressings, body parts, diagnostic samples, blood, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and radioactive materials.

Disposal of this waste is an environmental concern, as many medical wastes are classified as *infectious* or *bio-hazardous* and could potentially lead to the spread of infectious disease. Examples of infectious waste include blood, potentially contaminated “sharps” such as needles and scalpels, and identifiable body parts. Sharps include used needles, lancets, and other devices capable of penetrating skin.

Poor management of health care waste potentially exposes health care workers, waste handlers, patients and the community at large to infection, toxic effects and injuries, and risks polluting the environment. It is essential that all medical waste materials are segregated at the point of generation, appropriately treated and disposed of safely.

IX. Do as directed :

a) Introduce Ms. Vidya, your English teacher, to your mother.

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b) Write a set of instructions you would give your brother on how to draw money from an ATM.

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c) Give directions to your sister on how to reach Funpro mall (Point B) from the bus stop (point A). (FIVE or SIX sentences).

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