

I Semester B.C.A. Examination, November/December 2009
(Y2K7 Scheme)
Computer Science
BCA 102 : ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

Instructions : 1) Do not copy the questions.

2) For each question, write the exact number as it is printed on the question paper.

3) For grammar answers, write the complete sentence.

SECTION – A
Prose and Poetry

1. Answer **any five** of the following questions : (5×2=10)
 - a) What did the woman in the story, 'Forgetting', expect her husband to say when he returned ?
 - b) What is it that makes parting most painful to the teacher ?
 - c) How does Shakespeare compare the poem to a day in summer ?
 - d) What did Abou see when he woke up one night ?
 - e) Explain the phrase 'The clear stream of reason'. Where does this stream get lost ?
 - f) What are the things that the narrator in "Last Day in School" has kept in the drawer ?
2. Write short notes on **any four** of the following : (4×5=20)
 - a) The conversation between Abou and angel.
 - b) Shakespeare's views on the eternal beauty of the poem.
 - c) Chesterton's attack on the journalists in "The Worship of the Wealthy".
 - d) Character of the teacher in "Last Day in School".
 - e) A.G. Gandiner's meaning of Golden Age.
3. Write an essay on **any one** of the following : (1×10=10)
 - a) "Frost's poems begin with delight and end in wisdom". Justify this statement.
 - b) "And the world for each of us is what the mind makes it". Discuss this with reference to 'The Golden Age'.
 - c) What are the different kinds of forgetfulness described by Lynd ?



SECTION – B
Grammar and Vocabulary

4. A) Rewrite the sentences below, replacing the underlined group of words by a single word. (2×1=2)
- 1) Her story was not such as might be believed.
 - 2) Her handwriting is so bad that it is unable to be read.
- B) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate idiomatic expressions (one is extra). (2×1=2)
- lion's share, move heaven and earth, a bed of roses.
- 1) Life is not _____ to the poor.
 - 2) He _____ to get justice done to her.
- C) Punctuate the following : (1×2=2)
- the sailor seemed at first surprised at his demand but soon recollecting himself and presenting his whole bundle here master says he take all my cargo and a blessing into the bargain.
- D) Which of the two words given in brackets will you choose to fill in each blank ? (2×1=2)
- 1) He is _____ for this post. (illegible, eligible)
 - 2) It is better to _____ in hell than to serve in heaven (rain, reign)
- E) Give a synonym for each of the underlined words, picking out the exact words from those given in brackets. (2×1=2)
- 1) He is an idustrious boy and he will succeed in life. (sensible, hard-working, quiet, efficient)
 - 2) Perversion of human nature makes a man brutal. (disrespect, incompetence, corruption, demoralisation)
- F) Fill in the blanks with words opposite in meaning to the underlined words in the following : (2×1=2)
- 1) The _____ of our army was more surprising than the victory of the enemy.
 - 2) Their friendship turned into _____.
5. A) The following paragraph is written by a student who is not clear with the usage of articles and prepositions. Correct and rewrite the paragraph. (1×4=4)
- It is a very misleading for imagine that computers can 'think' like a people. They cannot. They have no more the mind in their own than the lawn mower. However, they make it possible with people to 'bottle' thought. You work out how in the particular job or solve problem, write program, and computer will then apply your thinking for that job or problem.

B) Do as directed :

(4×1=4)

- 1) They were refused admission. (Change into Active Voice)
- 2) She thinks that you are clever. (Change into a question)
- 3) The teacher picked up my exercise book. (Change into a Negative sentence)
- 4) Shall I ever forget those happy days ? (Change into Assertive sentence)

C) Change the following conversation between Mohan and Sundar into the indirect form of narration (write in a paragraph)

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Mohan : Good evening, Sundar.

Sundar : Good evening, Mohan ! Can you spare me some time ? I need your help.

Mohan : Certainly. What is your problem ?

Sundar : I'd like to refer to some books in Chemistry and Physics. Can you suggest some titles ?

Mohan : I think I can. I have some books here. Have a look at them.

Sundar : I think these books will do. Are they available in our library ?

Mohan : Yes

Sundar : I shall borrow them tomorrow. By the way, how do you understand your text-books ?

Mohan : There are some useful methods for better understanding. Let us talk about these methods tomorrow.

Sundar : Thank you very much.

SECTION – C

Composition

6. Write an abstract of the following passage and suggest a title. (Abstract to be written in 50 words) :

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A great many of the wonderful things we see on the screen, however, are 'faked'. Invisible cords hold the people who appear to fall to earth with a bump. When men have to scale perpendicular walls, those walls are laid flat on the floor, and the camera is held overhead. Some of the 'stunts' with aeroplanes are arranged in the studio, where a white curtain provides the sky, and wires keep the plane suspended



of double exposure; that is, the actors go through their part while the scene is filmed, then the film is exposed while the lions, etc. all alone, are walking about in front of a black background.

But in spite of these shams, the actors have often to perform very dangerous and difficult feats. We notice this and we praise them. But how seldom do we think about the camera-man ! ‘The man behind the gun’, as he who works with the camera is some times called, must be brave and daring, quick-witted, and ingenious.

He goes down into the depths of the sea to photograph divers at their work, and to get pictures of the natural life of the ocean bed. Up into the air he soars to get bird’s eye view of city and plain. He climbs lofty mountains with the most intrepid explorers, goes into the midst of a battle, and ventures to the brink of seething volcanoes. He must be quick, resourceful, and daring, with the clear eye and the steady nerve of the born adventurer.

7. Answer **any one** of the following :

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A) Write an essay on Pavement Professions: Describe some of the ways ‘unemployed’ people earn a living for themselves on city pavements. (Write only 3 sheet paragraphs).

B) Using the outlines given below, write a short newspaper report :

Violence erupted at examination centre – protest against question paper – windows smashed – furniture broken – confusion – one candidate seriously injured – admitted to hospital – police came and order restored.

8. Answer **any one** of the following :

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A) Write a letter to the Commissioner of Police of your town requesting him to take necessary steps to stop snatching of chains, mobile phones and other valuables by anti-social elements.

B) Draft an application letter for the following advertisement given in ‘The Times of India’ of 26th October 2007. HCM Computers Ltd., India’s leading Systems Integration and Networking Company requires freshers to work with the organisation at their Hyderabad Branch Office under its training-cum-recruitment program.