

B.A./B.Sc./B.B.M./GM.T./B.C.A./B.S.W./B.Com. I - Semester  
Degree Examination, Nov./Dec. - 2018  
BASIC ENGLISH - I (Old syllabus)  
(New)

Time :3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Texts: Words and Beyond

**I. Annotate any TWO of the following: (2x6=12)**

- a) Our chairman is the poet laureate, who is not only an artist whose materials are the sounds of English, but a specialist in their pronunciation.
- b) There was no sound anywhere - only the crickets' chirp and croaking of frogs from the nearby pond.
- c) She was sitting on the swing, leaning sideways against a rope, with her head down, apparently in deep thought. Her bare legs, blotched with mud.
- d) Whatever befalls the earth, befalls the sons of the earth.

**II Answer any ONE of the following: (1x16=16)**

- a) Describe the unfortunate set of incidents and circumstances in the life of kadambini and how did she estrange herself to the family with whom she was living.
- b) O'Henry's short story 'spring time' is primarily based on the theme of 'love' Discuss.

**III Annotate any TWO of the following: (2x6=12)**

- a) \_\_\_\_\_; show me how I used to laugh and smile once upon a time when I was like you.
- b) I gotta clean up this but then see about the slick And the cotton to pick.
- c) I shot him dead because - Because he was my foe.
- d) The cracks that begin around her eyes spread beyond her skin.

**IV. Answer any ONE of the following: (1x16=16)**

- a) "Where the mind is without Fear" is Tagore's nationalistic and thoughtful poem. Discuss.
- b) How does the poet Gabriel Okara bring out the difference between the past and the present?

**V. Grammar: (4x2=8)**

**a) Rewrite the following sentences as directed :**

- i) Ramesh is going to USA.(Rewrite into simple past tense).
- ii) He drives a car very carefully. (Rewrite into past perfect tense).
- iii) I have learnt photography. (Rewrite into past perfect continuous tense).
- iv) We have been waiting for him. (Rewrite into past continuous tense).

**b) Rewrite the following sentences as directed : (4x2=8)**

- i) Govind rode on his bike: (Rewrite into present continuous tense).
- ii) Students are preparing for their examinations. (Rewrite into present perfect continuous tense).
- iii) He had fallen into a ditch. (Rewrite into simple present tense).
- iv) Naresh has bought a new bike. (Rewrite into present continuous tense).

**c) Rewrite the following sentences into passive voice: (4x2=8)**

- i) He gave me a book.
- ii) People pay tax to the government.
- iii) The chief minister inaugurated the bridge.
- iv) Children read stories.