

B.A./B.Sc./B.B.M./G.M.T./B.C.A./B.S.W./B.Com. I - Semester

Degree Examination, Nov./Dec. - 2018

BASIC ENGLISH - I

(CBCS - 2016-17)

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Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Texts:

Words and Beyond.

- I. Annotate any **TWO** of the following : (2×4=8)
- The two simplest and commonest words in any language are 'yes' and 'no'. But no two members of the committee pronounce them exactly alike.
 - The four men down the corpse inside the hut and wanted for the pyre wood to be brought.
 - There is no quiet place in the white man's cities. No place to hear the leaves of spring or the rustle of insect wings.
 - They knew how to behave at tea, at a party they were enjoying the dignity of their own performance.
- II. Answer any **ONE** of the following : (1×15=15)
- How does G.B. Shaw argue to prove his point that there is no ideally correct English?
 - How did Walter find Sarah? What is the significance of the dandelion in the story, "Spring Time"?
- III. Annotate any **TWO** of the following : (2×4=8)
- "I shot him dead because - Because he was my foe.
 -, for my laugh in the mirror shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!
 - "What else can an old woman do On hills as wretched as there"?
 - Shine on me, sunshine



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Rain on me, rain
Fall softly, dewdrops
And cool my brow again.

IV. Answer any **One** of the following : (1×15=15)

- a) What is Rabindranath Tagore's message to the pre - Independent Indian masses in his poem "where the Mind is without Fear"?
- b) How does Gabriel Okara bring out the comparison in the attitude of erstwhile and people of modern age?

V. Grammar:

1. Rewrite the following sentences as directed : (4×2=8)

- a) I am hoping to get a holiday (rewrite into past continuous tense).
- b) My father works in the income - tax office. (rewrite into past perfect tense).
- c) I wake up early in the morning. (rewrite into past continuous tense).
- d) We have heard a strange story. (rewrite into past perfect tense).

2. Rewrite the following sentences as directed : (4×2=8)

- a) He was seen fighting desperately for his life. (rewrite into present tense).
- b) The prisoner was hanged. (rewrite into present continuous tense)
- c) The artist draw a life - size picture of the queen.
(rewrite into present perfect tense)
- d) He spent the afternoon in playing chess. (rewrite into simple present tense).

3. Rewrite the following sentences into passive voice: (4×2=8)

- a) The baker sells bread.
- b) The cow gives us milk.
- c) She will invite all her friends to tea.
- d) Children like a book of pictures.