



**First Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.S.W./B.B.M./B.C.A./G.M.T Degree
Examination, November/December 2015**

ENGLISH

Basic English (New Syllabus)

Text : Words and Beyond

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Annotate any two of the following : (2×6=12)
- The two simplest and commonest words in any language are 'yes' and 'no'.
But no two members of the committee pronounce them exactly alike.
 - I'm banished from the world of the living – I'm my own ghost now'
 - Tears from the depths of despair rose in her heart and gathered in her eyes.
 - The earth is not his brother, but his enemy, and when he has conquered it.
He moves on.
- II. Answer any one of the following : (1×16=16)
- How does Kadambini's character become a major source for the story "The Living and the Dead" ? Explain.
 - What theme is depicted by Joyce Cary in his story "Growing Up" ?
- III. Annotate any two of the following : (2×6=12)
- "Feel at home"! "Come again";
they say, and when I come
again and feel at home.
 - 'He thought he'd' list, perhaps,
Off-hand like – just as I –
 - Sun, rain, curving sky
Mountain, oceans, leaf and stone
Star shine, moon glow
You're all that I can call my own.
 - 'What else can an old woman do
On hills as wretched as these ?'



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(1×16=16)

IV. Answer any one of the following :

- a) The woman here appeals to a few elements of nature to come to her rescue. Which are they ?
- b) 'Where the Mind is without Fear' is an extremely thoughtful poem. What are the poet's thoughts and aspirations as he wrote this poem ?

V. a) Rewrite the following passage into simple past tense :

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He gives me back the book and thanks me for lending it to him and says that he enjoys it very much; but I know that he does not read it because most of the pages are still uncut.

b) Rewrite the following passage into simple present tense :

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He parked his car under a No Parking sign and rushed into the shop. When he came out of the shop ten minutes later the car was no longer there. He wondered if someone stole it or if the police drove it away.

c) Change the voice of the following :

(4×2=8)

- i) They are demolishing the entire block
- ii) Someone left this purse in the class yesterday
- iii) An ambulance took the sick man to the hospital
- iv) We never saw him in the dining-room.