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# First Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./B.B.M./B.S.W./B.C.A./B.Sc. (G.M.T.) Degree Examination, Nov./Dec. 2016 ENGLISH - I BASIC ENGLISH (New Syllabus)

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Text: Words and Beyond

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

Annotate any two of the following :

 $(2 \times 6 = 12)$ 

- a) As a public speaker I have to take care that every word I say is heard distinctly at the far end of large halls containing thousands of people.
- b) The four men the corpse down inside the hut and wanted for the pyre wood to be brought.
- They knew how to behave at tea, at a party they were enjoying the dignity of their own performance.
- d) And what is there to life if a man cannot hear the lovely cry of the Whippoorwill or the arguments of the frogs around a pond at night?
- II. Answer any one of the following:

 $(1 \times 16 = 16)$ 

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- a) How does G.B. Shaw argue to prove his point that there is no ideally correct English?
- b) Describe the unfortunate set of incidents and circumstances in the life Kadambini and how did she estrange herself to the family with whom she was living.

# III. Annotate any two of the following:

 $(2\times6=12)$ 

- a) \_\_\_\_\_, for my laugh in the mirror
   Shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!
- b) 'He thought he'd list, perhapsOff-hand like just as I –

spread beyond her skin.

c) And as you look on,
 the cracks that begin around her eyes

P.T.O.

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d) Sun, rain, curving sky

Mountain, oceans, leaf and stone

Star shine, moon glow

You're all that I can call my own.

# IV. Answer any one of the following:

 $(1 \times 16 = 16)$ 

- a) How does Gabriel Okara bring out the comparison in the attitude of erstwhile and people of Modern Age?
- b) How does Thomas Hardy bring out the tragedy and absurdity of war in the poem "The Man He Killed"?

## V. Grammar:

a) Rewrite the following sentences as directed:

 $(4 \times 2 = 8)$ 

- i) It has been raining all night, (rewrite into past perfect continuous)
- ii) I am hoping to get a holiday, (rewrite into past continuous)
- iii) Lazy boys fail in their examinations. (rewrite into past perfect continuous)
- iv) My father works in the income-tax office. (rewrite into past perfect tense)
- b) Rewrite the following sentences as directed:

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- She always drank coffee after meal. (rewrite into present perfect tense)
- The artist drew a life-like picture of the Queen. (rewrite into present perfect continuous tense)
- iii) He spent the afternoon in playing Chess. (rewrite into simple present tense)
- iv) He had ruined his sight by reading small print. (rewrite into present tense)
- c) Rewrite the following sentences into passive voice:

 $(4 \times 2 = 8)$ 

- i) The hunter shot the tiger.
- The baker sells bread.
- iii) Mr. Green will buy a new car next week.
- iv) The cow gives us milk.