



**I Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Degree Examination,
November/December 2019**

BASIC ENGLISH

English — I

(CBCS - 2017-18) (New Syllabus)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

SECTION - I

(SHORT STORIES)

1. Annotate **any two** of the following : **(2 × 3 = 6)**
 - (a) There are ceremonies going on, I said, and I am busy. Perhaps you could come another day?
 - (b) "You needn't go on", interrupted the broker. "It isn't a case of that kind. I merely wanted the address. How much shall I pay you?"
 - (c) On a charge of murderous assault. Rahman was sentenced to several years imprisonment.

2. Answer **any one** of the following : **(1 × 10 = 10)**
 - (a) Comment on the changing relationship between Mini and Cabuliwallah. Why was Cabuliwallah so attached to Mini?
 - (b) In the short story, "Girl" O' Henry uses suspense to create the use tone and mood for the reader. Elucidate.

SECTION - II

(ESSAYS)

3. Annotate **any two** of the following : **(2 × 3 = 6)**
 - (a) It took me two months on the job to realize that something a lot less plush and a lot more mentally demanding would suit me better.
 - (b) Some books are to be tasted, other to be swallowed, and some are to be chewed and digested.
 - (c) If you have a young man to put his travel into a little room, and in short time to gather much, this must do.

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

(1 × 10 = 10)

- (a) The essay "Dream Your Own Dream" is a inspirational success story for young generation students. Elucidate.
- (b) Explain the advantages of travel as discussed in Francis Bacon's essay 'Of Travel'.

SECTION - III

(POETRY)

5. Annotate **any two** of the following :

(2 × 4 = 8)

- (a) For the moisture in their eyes.
With zodiac doodling on the sands.
They guard their tattooed thighs.
- (b) 'And post o'er land and ocean without rest;
They also serve who only stand and wait'.
- (c) I hated wasted journey - I am African,
Silence. Silenced transmission of
Pressurised good-breeding.

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

(1 × 10 = 10)

- (a) How does Shri. K. Kumar capture the plight of the women in a male dominated society?
- (b) How does John Milton mediate upon different ways to serve God in his poem "On His Blindness"? Explain.

SECTION - IV

(GRAMMAR)

7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles :

(5 × 1 = 5)

- (a) I would like a piece of cake.
- (b) The train was late by an hour.
- (c) I always listen to an radio in the morning.
- (d) I put an egg on the kitchen table.
- (e) My brother is a honest man.



8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : (5 × 1 = 5)

- (a) The stick hit me _____ my shoulder.
- (b) All of us went _____ the movie theatre.
- (c) People _____ a lot of money are not always happy.
- (d) We live _____ India.
- (e) The seminar starts _____ 10:00 a.m.

9. Change the following sentence as directed : (5 × 2 = 10)

- (a) My ^{brother} serves in the army.
(Rewrite it into present perfect tense)
- (b) Students ^{have been} are preparing project work.
(Rewrite it into present perfect continuous tense)
- (c) We have travelled long distance.
(Rewrite it into simple present tense)
- (d) He ^{is} has been repairing a bike.
(Rewrite it into present continuous tense)
- (e) He ^{has} has submitted the assignment.
(Rewrite it into negative sentence)
