

II Semester B.Com./B.B.M. Degree Examination, May 2017

ENGLISH – II

Basic English (Old Syllabus)

**Texts : Prose for Pleasure and Comprehension and
Early Modern Poetry**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Annotate **any two** of the following : (2×6=12)

- a) And so destructive has, modern war become, that another blaze will probably burn up our civilization altogether.
- b) Even so great man as Wordsworth was not free from this disease of exclusive possession.
- c) And in the general row, the original number would be forgotten and uncle Podger would have to measure it again.
- d) Perhaps that was the best way – and yet how could I do it after all other bids I had made.

II. Answer **any one** of the following : (1×16=16)

- a) What according to C.E.M. Joad, are the advantages and disadvantages of our civilization ?
- b) Write an essay on how putting up a picture on the wall turned out to be a great adventure for Uncle Podger.

III. Annotate **any two** of the following : (2×6=12)

- a) Their small and heightened faces
Like wine-red winter buds;
- b) White clouds ranged even and fair as new-mown hay.
- c) She bid me take life easy, as the grass grows on the weirs ;
But I was young and foolish, and now am full of tears.
- d) He, too, has been changed in his turn,
Transformed utterly;
A terrible beauty is born.

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

(1×16=16)

- a) Write critical appreciation of Edward Thomas' poem *The Glory*.
- b) "W.B. Yeats' *Easter 1916* is a faithful attempt to bring all patriots of Ireland to limelight who participated in Irish Movement of Independence". Explain.

V. Language Components :

a) Change the following simple sentences into complex sentences :

(4×2=8)

- 1) The man near me is my brother.
- 2) He hoped to win the prize.
- 3) I overheard all his remarks.
- 4) That is not the way to answer.

b) Frame "Wh-Question forms" to get the underlined part as the answer :

(4×2=8)

- 1) He goes to Bengaluru tomorrow.
- 2) He liked Shakespearean plays.
- 3) He swims like a fish in the water.
- 4) He lives at cantonment in Ballari.

c) Rewrite as directed :

(4×2=8)

- 1) I am also as strong as he. (change it into comparative degree).
- 2) Gopal is the cleverest of all boys in the class. (change it into positive degree)
- 3) Pen is mightier than sword. (change it into positive degree)
- 4) No other metal is as useful as Iron. (change it into superlative degree)