



**II Semester B.Com./B.B.M./B.B.A./B.H.M. Degree Examination,
September/October 2020**

BASIC ENGLISH

Paper II

(CBCS – New Syllabus – 2017-18)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

**SECTION - I
(SHORT STORIES)**

1. Annotate **any two** of the following : (2 × 3 = 6)
- (a) The child wept more bitterly than ever now and only cried : 'I want my mother, I want my father !'
- (b) And so I became the tanpura player for Ustad Rahim Khan's group. I have played for him since then, for no one else.
- (c) Having run to and fro in a rage of running, for a while he stood defeated, his cries suppressed into sobs.
2. Answer **any one** of the following : (1 × 10 = 10)
- (a) What were the things that the child wanted to have in the fair. When he was with his parents?
- (b) Explain briefly about the bond between the accompanist and his Ustad.

**SECTION - II
(ESSAYS)**

3. Annotate **any two** of the following : (2 × 3 = 6)
- (a) He used an awl, the same tool that he had blinded him, to create his own raised-dot system.
- (b) Ambani was an Indian credited with revolutionising capital market and shaping India's equity culture.
- (c) He believed he had found the means by which the blind could finally read and write.

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4. Answer **any one** of the following : (1 × 10 = 10)
- (a) Describe how Louis Braille used an awl to invent a new method of reading and writing for the blind.
- (b) Describe how Ambani changed Indian corporate history.

SECTION - III
(POETRY)

5. Annotate **any two** of the following : (2 × 4 = 8)
- (a) One short sleep past, we wake eternally.
And death shall be no more; Death,
Thou shalt die.
- (b) I hate hyphens
the artificial bridges
between artificial values.
- (c) The village school master taught
his little school;
A man severe he was, and
stern to view,

6. Answer **any one** of the following : (1 × 10 = 10)
- (a) Why does the poet feel that death is arrogant in poem "Death Be Not Proud"?
- (b) Describe Syed Amanuddin's self assertion in the poem "Don't Call Me Indo - Anglican".

SECTION - IV
(GRAMMAR)

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given in the bracket : (5 × 1 = 5)
- (a) No civilized country _____ (should/might) allow such terrible injustice.
- (b) This medicine _____ (may/should) soothe your cough.
- (c) Children _____ (must/ought) to respect their elders.
- (d) Samarth _____ (could/shall) not find his purse.
- (e) You _____ (need/must) do your homework regularly.



8. Change the sentences according to the instruction given in the bracket :
(5 × 1 = 5)
- (a) No other planet is as big as Jupiter.
(Change into superlative degree)
 - (b) London is the biggest city in the world.
(Change into comparative degree)
 - (c) The giraffe is taller than any other animal.
(Change into superlative degree)
 - (d) Platinum is the most precious metal.
(Change into comparative degree)
 - (e) A cheetah can run faster than a deer.
(Change into positive degree)
9. Change the sentences according to the instruction given in the bracket :
(5 × 2 = 10)
- (a) I had completed my assignment last night.
(Change into simple past tense)
 - (b) Yesterday I walked in the park.
(Change into past continuous tense)
 - (c) Students were going to industrial visit.
(Change into past perfect tense)
 - (d) He had earned a lot of money.
(Change into past perfect continuous tense)
 - (e) Manvith was playing indoor games.
(Change into negative sentences)

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