

MAY—2019 (A) DE
BA I Year (IDE) Examination

ENGLISH COMPULSORY

Paper : I (Old and New Course)

**(Basic Language Skills and
Remedial Grammar)**

Full Marks : 70 (for New Course)
90 (for Old Course)

Pass Marks : 35%

Time : Three Hours

- Note :** 1. Answer **all** questions.
2. **Unit—II** is compulsory for **Old Course** candidates only.
3. The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Unit—I

1. (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verb 'to be' (any *five*) : $1 \times 5 = 5$
(i) I _____ a student.
(ii) I have _____ studying hard.

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- (iii) He ____ going to his uncle's house.
- (iv) They ____ good football players.
- (v) I ____ present in the seminar yesterday.
- (vi) When ____ she completing her project?
- (vii) Trespassers ____ prosecuted.
- (viii) ____ they invited to the party last evening?
- (b) Fill in the blanks with suitable verb forms given in the brackets (any five) : $1 \times 5 = 5$
- (i) He ____ (work) for the last three hours.
- (ii) Sonam ____ (sleep) now.
- (iii) I have been ____ (practise) hard.
- (iv) It ____ (rain) two days ago.
- (v) I ____ (watch) that movie last week.
- (vi) The baby ____ (cry) everyday.
- (vii) The man ____ (surprise) by the announcement.
- (viii) The sun ____ (set) in the west.

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Unit—II

2. (a) Complete the sentences using appropriate modal auxiliaries (any five) : $1 \times 5 = 5$
- (i) One ____ respect his/her elders.
- (ii) ____ I help you?
- (iii) Don't worry. I ____ help you.
- (iv) Take an umbrella. It ____ rain later.
- (v) I ____ get you a shawl from Kashmir.
- (vi) He ____ be eighty next year.
- (vii) Your salary is very low. You ____ look for another job.
- (viii) We don't have much time. We ____ hurry.
- (b) Complete each of the following sentences with correct choice from the brackets (any five) : $1 \times 5 = 5$
- (i) She didn't find ____ books. (any / none)

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- (ii) We didn't spend _____ money.
(many/much)
- (iii) She is lucky. She has _____
problems. (a few/few)
- (iv) Can I ask you _____ questions?
(a few/a little)
- (v) One of my friends _____ a good
cricket player. (is/are)
- (vi) _____ enjoyed the party.
(All/Everybody)
- (vii) We didn't buy _____ flowers.
(any/much)
- (viii) He disliked it when things _____
wrong. (went/did)
- (c) Do as directed in each of the
following cases (any five) : $1 \times 5 = 5$
- (i) Vijay said that he went to meet
the Director.
(Change the speech)
- (ii) Who stole the cookies?
(Change the voice)
- (iii) Everybody cannot be pleased.
(Change the voice)
- (iv) You were afraid.
(Add a question tag)

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- (v) The movie wasn't a hit.
(Add a question tag)
- (vi) He is too weak to walk.
(Remove 'too')
- (vii) He is the tallest boy in the class.
(Change into comparative degree)
- (viii) The Anaconda is the largest
snake in the world.
(Change into positive degree)
- (d) Correct and rewrite the following
sentences (any five) : $1 \times 5 = 5$
- (i) He is senior than me.
- (ii) I saw a few sheeps in the farm.
- (iii) None of the girls have come
today.
- (iv) Do you pray God daily?
- (v) He met an accident last night.
- (vi) He carefully investigated into the
case.

Unit—III

3. Read the passage given below and
answer the questions that follow :

Count Leo Tolstoy was born on
28 August, 1828 into a Russian family

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of nobility. He is a well-known modern Russian novelist and short story writer and a great social reformer. He was the fourth of five children of Count Nikolai Ilyich Tolstoy and Countess Mariya Tolstaya, both of whom died when he was quite young. Unable to concentrate on studies due to a mental crisis, Tolstoy left University in the middle of his studies. Returning home, he founded schools for his serfs' children. Tolstoy was greatly influenced by Victor Hugo. He also wrote plays and essays. *War and Peace* and *Anna Karenina* are two of his most famed works. Tolstoy was known as a complicated and paradoxical persona. His moralistic and ascetic views were extreme. This was due to a moral crisis and spiritual awakening after which he became a moral thinker and social reformer. His works such as the *The Kingdom of God is Within You*, greatly influenced important modern thinkers as Gandhi and Martin Luther King. Tolstoy, in his short stories, attempts to convey

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a realistic portrayal of Russian society during that time. Tolstoy died of pneumonia on 20 November, 1910.

(a) Answer the following questions in brief : $2 \times 5 = 10$

(i) Why did Tolstoy leave University in the middle of his studies?

(ii) Name two of Tolstoy's famed works.

(iii) Why did Tolstoy hold extreme moralistic and ascetic views?

(iv) What does Tolstoy convey in his short stories?

(v) Give the passage a suitable title.

(b) Pick out from the comprehension text the synonyms of the following :

$1 \times 5 = 5$

(i) Kids

(ii) Author

(iii) Focus

(iv) Famous

(v) Immature

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- (c) Pick out from the comprehension text the antonyms of the following :

1×5=5

- (i) Traditional
- (ii) Moderate
- (iii) Old
- (iv) Simple
- (v) Unrealistic

Unit—IV

4. You had invited your friend Ruby for lunch to restaurant. You were so busy at work that you forgot to keep the appointment. Write a letter to Ruby explaining what happened and apologize sincerely for forgetting the lunch appointment.

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Or

You placed an order for a book on Amazon. After receiving the book, you have noticed that some pages of the book are missing. Write a letter of complaint to Amazon asking for a refund.

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Unit—V

5. (a) Write an essay on any one of the following topics : 20

- (i) Pollution
- (ii) Democracy
- (iii) Time Management

- (b) Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title : 10

Along with the natural causes, industrialization has also contributed to the increase in global warming. Scientists are of the opinion that industrialization releases various gases like carbon dioxide and methane which are known to cause global warming. Man has been responsible for global warming since some eight thousand years with the start of agriculture. Due to the clearing of forests for agriculture, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere increased drastically. Deforestation is, therefore, said to increase global warming. Trees contain a high level of carbon, so their cutting creates

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an increase in carbon in the atmosphere. Burning of fossil fuels too increase carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The contribution of Man to global warming due to the burning of fossil fuels has increased by about 80 percent in the past 20 years. In conclusion, it can only be said that man has to become aware of the dangers that lurk in the future if he does not do all he can to control this dangerous phenomenon called global warming.

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ENGLISH ELECTIVE

Paper : BENG-101-E (New Course)

(Introducing English Literature—I)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 35%

Time : Three Hours

Note : 1. *Learners are directed to answer questions as per instructions given in Sections—A, B and C respectively.*

2. *Read the instructions and questions in each Section carefully before answering.*

3. *The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.*

Section—A

1. Write short notes on any four of the following : 5×4=20

Metaphor ; Irony ; Imagery ;
Paradox ; Metonymy ; Epigram.

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Section—B

2. Explain the following with reference to the context : 10×2=20

(a) I am not yet born; O hear me,
Let not the man who is beast or who
thinks he is God
Come near me.

Or

When God at first made man,
Having a glass of blessings standing by,
“Let us”, said he, “pour on him all
Let the world’s riches, which dispersed
we can
lie,
Contract into a span.”

(b) At the foot of thy crags, O sea!
But the tender grace of a day that
is dead
Will never come back to me.

Or

But at my back I always hear
Time’s winged chariot hurrying near;
And yonder all before us lie
Deserts of vast eternity.

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Section—C

3. Answer any two of the following : 15×2=30

(a) Examine how Hardy’s *The Darkling*
Thrush embodies the poet’s despair
and pessimism.

(b) Make a thematic analysis of
Anton Chekhov’s *The Bet*.

(c) Which aspect of English
Romanticism is represented in
Shelley’s *Prometheus Unbound*?
Discuss.

(d) George Herbert’s *The Pulley* is a
metaphysical poem. Discuss.
