

IV Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.C.A. Examination, May/June 2010
(New Scheme)
LANGUAGE ENGLISH – IV
General English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 90

- Instructions : 1) Answer both Sections A and B.*
2) Mark the question numbers correctly.

SECTION – A

I. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph **each**. **(4×5=20)**

- 1) Describe briefly the feelings of Hughie Erskine when he learnt that the model was actually Baren Housberg.
- 2) What were the reasons given by Brutus for assassinating Caesar ?
- 3) What did Jacopo and Nicola do during the war ?
- 4) Give a brief account of the feelings of a woman conveyed in Sylvia Plath's poem 'Mirror'.
- 5) Why does Amitav Ghosh say that the Tsunami was selective in its destruction ?
- 6) How can one overcome fear according to Russell ?
- 7) What are the common causes of death according to Channa in the poem 'Siddhartha' ?

II. Answer **any three** in a **page** and a **half** **each** : **(3×10=30)**

- 1) Who do you think was a better judge of the people - Brutus or Antony ? Give your reasons.
- 2) Give a brief account of the 'Affliction' of Margaret.
- 3) What is the outcome of Hughie's generosity ?
- 4) Write a brief note on Siddhartha's first encounter with the miseries of life.
- 5) What are Amitav Ghosh's reflections on the Director's personal tragedy ?



SECTION - B

III. Do as directed :

- 1) Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word from the words given below (2×1=2)
- a) Persons with _____ skills become inventors.
[Imaginary, Imaginative, Imagination]
- b) I have purchased a corner _____
[Sight, Site, Cite]
- 2) Construct a single meaningful sentence by using the following words in any order. (3×1=3)
- a) Tsunami calamity a natural
- b) Sunday last Mysore went to
- c) Hobbies mental health are essential.

IV. Read the following passage and write a summary of it :

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Dowry system is the evil of our society. The problem lies in the fact that nobody knows how to eradicate it completely. The eradication of dowry system calls for the combined effort of many units of the marriage system. The parents of the bride should be firm in their stand that they never offer dowry. They should never be carried over by the dazzling English degrees to the aristocratic life style of the bridegroom. The bride should be able to realize what is good and what is bad, what is real and what is artificial, what they need in life and what they don't need. The parents of the bridegroom should have the self respect and feel that the parents of the bride are equal to them and they also have their own problems. The bridegroom should never offer himself for sale in the marriage market. For all these changes in the attitudes, the first and the foremost thing needed is Education. It is the pivot on which all the units of the marriage system rotate. Thus, education which touches the morality is the need of the day to eradicate dowry system.

V. Write a news paper report about a Fire Accident that you were a witness to in about 80 - 100 words giving the necessary details about the incident. 5

VI. Read the poem by Rabindranath Tagore and answer the questions below. (5×1=5)

I can not remember my mother
Only sometimes in the midst of my play
a tune seems to hover over my playthings,
the tune of some song that she used to
hum while rocking my cradle.

I can not remember my mother
but when in early autumn morning
the smell of Shiuli flowers floats in the air
the scent of the morning service in the temple
Comes to me as the scent of my mother

I can not remember my mother
Only when from my bedroom window I send
my eyes into the blue of the distant sky,
I feel that the stillness of my mother's gaze on my face
has spread all over the sky.

- 1) When does the poet remember his mother ?
- 2) What did the mother do while she rocked his cradle ?
- 3) How does the early autumn morning remind him of his mother ?
- 4) What do you think the poet's mother did with Shiuli flowers ?
- 5) What was the poet's experience when he looked out of the window ?



VII. Hughie's generosity in the story 'Model Millionaire' means that he has to sacrifice hansoms (a two wheeled horse drawn carriage) for a week for which he gets a charming scolding from Laura Merton. Develop a dialogue between the two.

(About five questions and answers to be framed)

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VIII. Write the following dialogue in the form of narrative.

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Conversation between Abel and his son Henry

Henry : Did you make a will ?

Abel : Yes, it was locked up in the bureau.

Henry : And what was in it father ?

Abel : That doesn't matter now. I am thinking of destroying it and making another.

IX. Write a short story in about **two pages** based on the points using the dialogue form and the narrative form. Also give a suitable title to the story.

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A son is born to a Rajah – the mother dies in child birth – a young mother with a baby is chosen as nurse – she nurses both babies together – enemies of the Rajah plot to kill his son – they bribe the guards and get into the Palace – the nurse is warned just in time – quickly changes the children's dresses – leaves her own child dressed as prince and flies with real prince – murderers enter the room and kill the child left behind – So prince is saved – Rajah offers nurse rewards – she refuses them and kills herself – Rajah grieved – erects splendid tomb for the faithful nurse.

OR

You are the chosen student representative. You are asked to address a gathering of outgoing Pre University students of your college to inform the students about various courses on offer for Degree students.

Prepare a speech in about two pages using the following hints :

Courses available – Career Prospects – ' NCC, NSS sports facilities.
