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B. A. (Part- I)/ B. Sc. (Part- I)/ B. Com. (Part- I)  
**HALF-YEARLY AND MODEL EXAMINATION, 2020-2021**  
(Foundation Course)  
Paper Second  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

*Time: Three Hours*

*Maximum Marks: 75*

*Note: All questions are compulsory*

**Unit- I**

1. (A) Do as directed any *twenty* of the following: 20

(a) Supply a, an, some or the where necessary.

(i) There is .... fly in .... lemonade.

(ii) .... birds can fly very high in .... sky.

(iii) .... book on that shelf is .... interesting one about history.

(iv) Put .... butter on .... potatoes.

(v) I should like .... house in .... country.

(b) Rewrite the sentences given below using the verbs in brackets in the Present Perfect Continuous form:

(vi) He (live) in this town since 1964.

(vii) I (look) at this group-photo for five minutes, but I can't find you in it.

(viii) She (watch) the TV all evening.

(c) Put the verbs in brackets into the 'be going to' form:

(ix) They (change) their old car.

(x) Look at the sky. It (rain).

(xi) I (stay) here for some more weeks.

(d) Add some or any as required:

(xii) I have .... more work for you to do.

(xiii) I've lost my pencil. Have you .... to lend me?

(xiv) Did you go .... where last night?

(e) Supply "if", "even if", "unless" or "otherwise" in the sentences given below as appropriate. In some cases more than one of these may occur:

(xv) You will be dismissed .... you agree to do as you are told.

(xvi) Don't watch the film on TV this evening .... you have a weak heart.

(xvii) .... you have a strong heart, this evening's movie will come as a shock to you.

(xviii) Write to him; .... he won't come.

(f) Fill in the blanks with:

can, could, may, might, shall, should, will, must or dare suitable for the meaning given in brackets:

(xix) The government has declared that any enemy plane seen flying over its land .... be shot down.

(threat)

(xx) He has sent the message that he .... be late. (possibility)

(xxi) They .... gladly accept the offer. (willingness)

(xxii) I .... run a mile when I was young. (ability in the past)

(xxiii) How .... you insult him? (presence of courage)

(xxiv) .... you prosper and live long! (blessing)

(g) Rewrite the following in reported speech:

(xxv) The student said to the teacher, "We're sorry, we're very late."

(xxvi) My wife said, "I'll answer the phone for you."

(xxvii) His neighbour said, "You have an excellent cook."

(xxviii) The doctor said to me, "You have to stay in bed for a week. You will soon be well."

(h) Rewrite the sentences given below in the passive. Use by+ agent only when it is necessary:

(xxix) They invited Tanuja to deliver a speech.

(xxx) People blame the government for everything.

(xxxi) How can we serve the people?

(i) Insert a preposition if necessary. Choose from at, by, for, in, of, on, past, till/until, to, with.

(xxxii) Tanuja asked .... her father .... money.

(xxxiii) Aparna is knitting socks .... war widows.

(xxxiv) I explained .... him that it was a custom .... India to greet people with folded hands.

(B) (a) Match the words with their meanings: 5

1. lacquered

2. sprinkled

3. strewed

4. fatigued

5. exhorted

1. scattered

2. urged strongly

3. coated with varnish

4. showered with water

5. tired

(b) Give the synonyms (words with similar meaning - - e. g. charm - beauty) of the following words (any five) : 5

expanse, obtain, evolution, larded, chaotic, progeny

(c) Give the antonyms (words with opposite meaning - - e. g. past - present) of the following words (any five) : 5

beauty, creative, excel, rapid, disparage, adequate

## Unit- II

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: 5

India is a culturally rich country. All the parts of India have their specific types of culture. All the forms of culture of the different parts of India make one composite form that is known as the Indian culture. The term 'culture' has a very vast meaning and it is always difficult to define it. It encompasses thoughts, beliefs, values, customs, habits, philosophic systems, religions, education, knowledge, languages, literatures, arts, sciences, cuisines etc. All these mentioned things along with the other similar things come under the purview of culture. It manifests lucidly all the positive activities of a group of people. Our culture is significant for us as it portrays our comprehensive collective achievements that are based on our intellect.

*Questions:*

- 1- What is culturally rich?
- 2- What is difficult to define?
- 3- How does culture manifest all the positive activities of a group of people?
- 4- Why is culture significant for us?
- 5- What is the synonym of the word 'affluent' in this passage?

### **Unit- III**

3. Write a paragraph in about 200 words on any *one* of the following topics: 10

- (a) Freedom Movement in India
- (b) Aspects of Indian Constitution
- (c) The Significance of Trees
- (d) Life in Vedic Literature

### **Unit- IV**

4. (a) Write an application to your Principal for two day leave as you wish to attend your cousin's marriage. 5

*Or*

Write a letter to the Chief Municipal Officer thanking her/him for taking actions to improve sanitary conditions in your locality.

(b) Write a letter to your friend to thank her/ him for helping you in preparing for a quiz competition. 5

*Or*

Write a letter to your uncle to wish him a very happy birthday.

### **Unit- V**

5. Answer any *five* of the following questions: 15

- (a) Why does the poet compare "dead habit" to "dreary desert sand"?
- (b) Why are the artists who painted the exquisite frescoes at Ajanta not known?
- (c) Which American writers were influenced most by Indian thought?
- (d) In what does the cultural heritage of India lie?

- (e) How would you describe the Vedic hymns?
- (f) How many verses does the Mahabharata contain?
- (g) How were the British able to establish their empire in India?
- (h) How many days did it take the satyagrahis to reach Dandi?
- (i) What is the danger when a country drafts a constitution after a revolution?
- (j) What does the conflict in Hungary represent?
- (k) What does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights say regarding duties?

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