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B.A. (Pass Course) 6th Semester

Examination, December-2022

ENGLISH (Compulsory)

w.e.f. session 2016-17

Time allowed : 3 hours]

[Maximum marks : 80

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. (a) Explain the following with reference to the context : 8

Ist like that lead contains her ? Twere damnation
To think so base a thought It were too gross
To rib her cerecloth in the obscure grave.

or

O my Antonio, had I but the means
To hold a rival place with one of them,
I have a mind presages me such thrift,
That I should questionless be fortunate !

(b) Answer any five out of following eight questions in about 50 words each : 5×3=15

(i) What was Portia's father's will about her marriage ?

(ii) Why does Bassanio need money from Antonio ?

(iii) Describe the scene of Jessicas elopement?

(iv) How does Antonio ill treat Shylock ?

(v) How is Shylock's trial unfair ?

(vi) Why does Antonio look sad in Act I Scene I?

(vii) Who is Nerissa ?

(viii) What kind of lender is Shylock ?

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2. Discuss the dramatic importance of the rings episode in *The Merchant of Venice*. 12

or

Draw a brief character Sketch of Portia.

3. (a) Read the following passage and write its precis in about one third of its length. Also assign a suitable title. 10

Citizenship goes for beyond voting, paying taxes, sitting on a jury and the other duties expected by a nation from its members. Properly conceived, it involves actions from its members. Properly conceived, it involves actions which touch his fellow citizens and affect the health and well being of the state ; it is almost coexistent with his duty to his neighbour. It includes everything which the law requires but also many duties about which it is silent and which are left to the individual conscience. It is not passive but active. We regard the man who holds aloof from public duties as useless. An ideal state is a machine of which no part is idle or inefficient, none rusted, broken or ill fitting, in which each pulley and cog takes up

its full share of the whole. A man who evades his taxes is, so far, a bad citizen but so is one, who is giving vote for parliament, thinks only of his private interests, or is too indifferent or lazy to vote at all ; so is the bad employer whose treatment of his employees is not only a breach of the moral law, but adds to the social problems of the country ; So are profiteers and the traders and clients of the 'black market'; So are workmen who strike for some private interest when the existence of their country is at Stake ; So is the man who would be useful in local government but evades the burden, not because he cannot, but because he will not spare the time.

(b) Draft a summary and an abstract of the following passage : 10

The means of transportation has changed and improved over many centuries. Long ago, during the times of kings and Knights, animals such as horses, buffaloes and coamels were used by man for transportation purposes. These animals, no doubt, save man from travelling by foot, they took a long time to complete the journeys, especially when transporting goods.

In 1825, George Stephanson's opening of the first railway, marked a significant progress in the history of transportation. Railways were in popular demand because they could carry more people and loads. More importantly, they ran faster than animals. Railways improved the communication networks and hence, imports and exports of goods and people travelling out of their towns or even countries to work were made possible. Unfortunately, since the invention of motor vehicles, the popularity of railways has declined. Motor vehicles were first invented in the eighteenth century. These vehicles were preferred by many people as they do not run on tracks and hence do not have fixed routes. Travellers can then plan their own routes to suit their convenience. This is especially so when the destinations are places like small towns or remote areas. In these places, few or even none of the trains ever reach them; So travelling by motor vehicle would solve this problem. Over many years of modifications, the motor vehicle is now one of the most commonly used means of transportation.

Another form of transportation is by water.

It may be the slowest but definitely the cheapest form of bulk transportation. Though over the centuries of innovations, water transportation has improved from the ancient wind dependent yachts to the modern motor driven ships, journeys by water are still characterized by the dangers and unpredictability of meeting natural disasters like the storms.

The evolution of world transportation has reached its pinnacle with the invention of airplanes. Transportation by planes is the easiest and fastest. Planes gliding smoothly are not obstructed by Seas, hills, buildings, and so on. Though convenient, this means of transport is the most expensive. Despite the popular demand, the transportation network of planes, is still not a balanced and complete, till today. Developed countries tend to make use of air transportation more frequently than the less developed countries.

(c) Write **one** word substitute of any **five** of the following : 5

(i) A decision taken with the consent of all.

(ii) One who is hopeful of the future.

(iii) One who is averse to missing in society

(iv) Prayers offered in the evening.

(v) A man who is a specialist of language.

(vi) A person who loves mankind.

(vii) One who cannot be corrected.

(viii) Something that is not important.

4. Write a letter to a book-seller placing an order for the books required by you. 10

or

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper pointing out the dangers of environmental pollution.

5. Read the following passage and answer the questions : 5

There was a time when man took life easily and had enough leisure, life was simple and wants were few and these could be easily satisfied. But that time has gone.

With the industrial revolution, with the progress of scientific discoveries and inventions and with ever growing demand for machinery, our demands have increased and life have become complex. Now-a-days we want to do many things and enjoy too many benefits. Consequently, we are always pressed for time. But the fact is that we want shortcuts. Hence, in the age of hurry, there is a persistent demand for summaries and precis.

A busy political or a merchant has got so many things to do and so many important decisions to take that he has no spare time for each. Yet he must know what is going on in the political or business world. So, he asks his secretary to make a precis or summary of what is being said, done and thought about the thing which he is vitally interested in.

- (i) How was life in the past ?
- (ii) Why has life become so complex these days ?
- (iii) What do we want to do now-a-days ?
- (iv) What is the use of a precis ?
- (v) Use in meaningful sentences : persistent, leisure.