

Second Year B.Com. Degree Examination**August/September 2011**

Directorate of Correspondence Course

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time: 3 hrs]

[Max.Marks: 70/80

Instructions to candidates:

1. Students who have attended 30 marks IA Scheme will have to answer for total of 70 marks.
2. Students who have attended 20 marks IA Scheme will have to answer for total of 80 marks.
3. Section-D is compulsory for 80 marks Scheme only.

SECTION - A

- I. **Answer any TWO of the following in a page and a half each:** 2 X 6 = 12
- a) Describe the scene in which Marcus Brutus and Cassius quarrel with each other.
 - b) Sketch the character of Julius Caesar.
 - c) How did Portia persuade her husband Brutus to tell her the secrets? Did she succeed?
 - d) Why did Cassius kill himself?
- II. **Answer any TWO of the following in a paragraph each:** 2 X 3 = 6
- a) Flavius and Marullus
 - b) The Sooth Sayer
 - c) Calphurnia's dream
 - d) The ghost of Caesar

SECTION - B

- III. **Answer any TWO of the following in a page and half each:** 2 X 6 = 12
- a) Describe Mother Teresa's selfless service to humanity.
 - b) Give an account of the remarkable efforts made by Mr. Hardy to help Ramanujam.
 - c) How did Miss. Martha Meacham show sympathy to her customer? What was its effect?
 - d) Sum up Dr. S. Radhakrishna's thoughts on the study of Science, Humanities and Religion.
- IV. **Answer any TWO of the following in a paragraph each:** 2 X 3 = 6
- a) Write a brief note on Mini's friendship with Cabuliwallah.

- b) What are your impressions of the character Paul in the story 'Some Day'?
- c) Examine the factors that lead to soil erosion as you read in the lesson 'Physics of the country side water'.
- d) What makes advertising a traffic in youth as you read in the lesson 'A talk on Advertising'?

SECTION - C

- V. A) Write an application in reply to the following advertisement. 4

'Wanted an Accountant for a private firm in Bengaluru. Only B.Com, graduates need apply. Apply giving the details of age, qualifications, experience, languages known to Post Box no. 101, C/0 The Deccan Herald, Bengaluru.

OR

Draft a circular letter as from 'Basanti Textiles', of your town announcing the stock clearance sale of silk sarees.

- B) A lady customer finds fault with the sewing machine supplied to her by 'Sandhya Traders', Shivamogga. Write a letter of complaint to the supplier asking for replacement. 4

OR

On behalf of 'Rajkumar Youth Club' of Vidyanagara, Write a letter to Kapil Sports Ltd. K.G. Road, Bengaluru, placing an order for certain sports items.

- C) On behalf of 'Shree Ram Enterprises', Mysore, Write a letter to the Manager, State Bank of Mysore, asking for overdraft facility. 4

OR

As from a customer, write a letter to a supplier cancelling the order due to delay in dispatch

- VI. Write an essay on any ONE of the following topics in not more than two pages. 1 X 10 = 10

- a) Youth and Social service
- b) Air pollution
- c) Letter writing - a lost art

- VII. Explain the meaning of any four commercial terms given below. 1 X 4 = 4

- a) Carriage paid
- b) Articles of Association
- c) Face value
- d) Market value
- e) Working capital
- f) Power of Attorney

VIII. *Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.*

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For centuries, personal letters were the dominant mode of communication among people. The postman was one of the most awaited daily visitors in the household. Emotions varied from disappointment when the postman said 'no letter' to excitement and euphoria when he handed an inland letter card, a post card or an envelope.

The inland letter was the most preferred mode for personal communication as its contents could be protected from prying eyes. The card was mostly used for conveying simple messages not requiring confidentiality. Some chose the envelop as it could enclose several pages. The younger generation might ask: what is so great about the hand written letter? Is it not a waste of time to sit down and write on a paper which will anyway take a few days to reach the addressee when the message could be conveyed within seconds by e-mail? The advent of cheap mobile has driven another nail in the coffin of personal letter. A printed letter lacks the personal feeling and emotional affinity a written letter conveys. There is an instant rapport in the written communication which the printed message or telephonic talk could never replicate. The familiar hand writing of a dear one's evokes such happiness and delight that has to be experienced to be believed. People used to preserve letters for years as these humble pieces of paper afforded companionship in absentia.

IX.

SECTION - D

(Compulsory question for 80 Marks scheme only).

Answer any ONE of the following questions.

1 X 10 = 10

1. Examine the part played by Mark Antony in the play "Julius Caesar".

OR

Show how the story "The Cabuliwallah" deals with an untainted friendship between a small girl and a grown-up man.
