



DBA – 080

First Year B.B.M. Degree Examination, Sept./Oct. 2012
Directorate of Distance Education
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 70/80

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

SECTION – A

- I. Answer **any TWO** of the following in not more than **a page and a half each** : **(2×8=16)**
- Bring out the element of shock and surprise in the story 'After Twenty Years'.
 - What were the difficulties faced by the flowering girl in the story 'A Flowering Tree' ?
 - Why did the narrator want to sell the road engine ? Did he succeed in his attempt ?
 - Describe how the arrival of road suggests changing patterns of rural life in the story 'Tar Arrives'.
- II. Answer **any TWO** of the following in about **a paragraph each** : **(2×4=8)**
- Sum up the things that the writer wants to see, if she gets the eye-sight in the lesson, 'Three Days to See'.
 - Write a brief note on the Swamiji's yogic feats in the story, 'Engine Trouble'.
 - Give an account of 'News from Hosur', incident in the story 'Tar Arrives'
 - Comment on the significance of Surahonne incident in the story 'A Flowering Tree'.

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SECTION – B

- III. Answer **any TWO** of the following in not more than a page and a **half each** : **(2×8=16)**
- Comment on the treatment of war in the poem 'After Blenheim'.
 - How does the poet try to overcome the fear of death, in the poem 'Fear No More' ?
 - How does Robert Frost build up the arguments on the proposition 'Good Fences make good neighbours', in his poem 'Mending Wall' ?
 - Write an appreciation of Wordsworth's sonnet, 'The World is Too Much with us'.
- IV. Answer **any TWO** of the following in about a paragraph **each** : **(2×4=8)**
- Reflections of the Poet in the poem 'And Suddenly a Woman's Wail',
 - Annotate the following lines :
'They say it was a shocking sight
After the field was Won;
For may thousand bodies here
Lay rotting in the sun.
 - Significance of the title of the poem 'Mending Wall'.

SECTION – C

- V. Reply to the following advertisement :

"L. G. Company is looking for a dynamic sales manager for its office at Shimoga. Any Graduate can apply. Apply giving the particulars of age, Qualifications, experience, etc. to Post box No. 101 C/o The New Indian Express, Shimoga. **4**

OR

Draft a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your town requesting him to take immediate measures to remove garbage in your area.

- VI. Develop the following hints into a meaningful paragraph : **3**
- Plastic Garbage everywhere – Plastic carry bags – empty bottles thrown indiscriminately. Not bio degradable – blocks drains, spoils the beauty of surroundings – Stray animals consume – effect on their health – burning also pollutes environment – alternatives to plastic.



VII. A) Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate form of the verbs given in the brackets : (5×1=5)

- i) The postman on his beat _____ our post at 10.30 a.m. everyday.
[bring/brings]
- ii) 'Time and tide _____ for none. [wait/waits]
- iii) Either a wolf or a fox _____ broken into the hen coop. [has/have]
- iv) They always _____ out through the back door. [gone/went]
- v) The sky looked clear and bright after it _____ for an hour.
[had rained/rained]

B) Rewrite as directed : (3×1=3)

- a) He gave me a present.
[Change the above into passive voice]
- b) The film 'Three Idiots', was seen by us.
[Change the above into active voice]
- c) Thomas Alva Edison invented the Electric bulb.
(Frame 'WH' question to get the underlined word as the answer)

C) Change the following into indirect speech : 3

- Ravi : I want to go to a film. Come with me, John.
John : I am very busy in doing home work. I can't come.
Ravi : Tomorrow is Sunday. You have enough time.
John : O.K. I will join you.

D) Use **any TWO** of the following phrases in sentences of your own : 2

- i) carry on
- ii) make out
- iii) keep up
- iv) look into.



E) Give synonyms for the following :

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i) answer

ii) construct.

F) Give antonyms for the following :

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i) friend

ii) correct.

SECTION – D

Compulsory question for **80** marks Scheme **only** :

VIII. Answer **any one** of the following :

(1×10=10)

1) Describe how the entire village participated in the construction of the road, in the story 'Tar Arrives'.

OR

Write a critical analysis of the poem 'Mending Wall' and bring out its significance.
