

B.A. 1st Semester (General) Examination, 2017 (CBCS)**Subject : English****Paper : L1-1****Time: 3 Hours****Full Marks: 60***The figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.**Answer questions as directed.***1. Answer any ten questions:****2×10=20**(a) Replace the italicized word with its standard English form (*any two*):

- (i) Neha helps her *hubby* in running the family business.
- (ii) Karim earns a lot of *bucks* from writing novels.
- (iii) He was *sacked* from his job for misconduct.
- (iv) Boeing 747 is a *jumbo* aeroplane.

(b) Replace the italicized word with its colloquial/non-standard form (*any two*):

- (i) He passed the *examination* last year.
- (ii) I lost my *handkerchief* in the train.
- (iii) She loves her *father* very much.
- (iv) Sima's *mother* brought her up with love and care.

(c) Rewrite *any two* of the following sentences in standard English:

- (i) She ain't going to watch the movie released today.
- (ii) Now I wanna play with my friends.
- (iii) He gonna drive the bus.
- (iv) 'Get outta my room', shouted the manager.
- (v) The sky was kinda cloudy.

(d) Identify the two words mostly used in non-standard/colloquial speech:

- (i) Admittedly
- (ii) Fest
- (iii) Perks
- (iv) Elocution

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- (e) Identify the word carrying pejorative/offensive sense (*any two*):
- I like the witty but dislike the cunning.
 - Avoid ragging, welcome the fresher.
 - Some terrorists pretend to be as freedom-fighters.
 - 'Black' is a better word than 'nigger'.
- (f) Replace *any two* of the italicized words/phrases with non-offensive terms/phrases:
- Neel earns a living as *a hack* in College Street.
 - Mujib is *crazy about* this relation.
 - Neena often sheds *crocodile tears*.
 - Bijay is an *old fox*.
- (g) Identify from the pairs the expressions that are less offensive (*any two*):
- Retarded child — Child with special needs
 - Differently abled — Physically handicapped
 - Skinny — Thin
 - Boss — Leader
- (h) Fill in the blanks (*any two*) with the correct alternatives given in the brackets below:
- Always shop in a market where the price is _____.
 - I rang him up but couldn't connect because of _____ signal.
 - The whole stadium greeted Sachin's six with _____ cheers.
 - Neither _____ wind nor _____ frost breaks the brave person's heart.
(strong, loud, weak, reasonable, hard)
- (i) Replace the italicized words (*any two*) with gender neutral terms (i.e. words without any sexist nuance):
- Nargis was a famous *actress* of the twentieth century.
 - People like the *chairman* of the board for her strong personality.
 - I have asked the *cameraman* to take videos of my daughter's wedding.
 - Our *forefathers* had no knowledge of the digital world.
- (j) Identify the word carrying gender-bias (*any two*):
- The manpower of this factory is acceptable.
 - The authoress will be interviewed tomorrow.
 - The college administration is yet to be manned.
 - The businessmen are coming to the annual economic conference.

- (k) Choose from the words in the brackets the correct declarative form of the italicized expression and rewrite the sentence (*any two*):
- (i) Amrita *raised her eyebrows*, watching the circus trapeze artist swing.
 - (ii) Pradip *bit his nails* as the plane took off.
 - (iii) Arpita's *cheeks grew red* as she realized her mistake.
 - (iv) The boy *flexed his muscles* at the slightest provocation.
(got aggressive; felt nervous; was surprised; blushed)
- (l) Match the words of Group A with those of Group B so as to form meaningful pairs (*any two*):
- Group A: Glaring, Soft, Dense, Scorching
- Group B: Forest, Heat, Error, Drink
- (m) Write the correct category (Formal/Disapproving/Colloquial) beside the following words (*any two*):
- (i) Hypocrite
 - (ii) Inexpensive
 - (iii) Moron
 - (iv) Prig
 - (v) Fixing
 - (vi) Perusal
- (n) Use the italicized words in a different Register (field of reference) and form new sentences (*any two*):
- (i) Film stars like to have many *fans*.
 - (ii) Do not blow *horn* near a school or hospital.
 - (iii) The weather office predicts a deep *depression*.
 - (iv) Use wooden *boards* to partition the room.
- (o) Choose the correct Register (i.e. field of reference) of the following italicized words (*any two*) from those in the brackets:
- (i) Water the *plants* regularly.
(court, gardening, anatomy, computer)
 - (ii) Of all animal organs, the *heart* never rests.
 - (iii) The *Bar* welcomed the new law.
 - (iv) Save the file in the D *drive*.

2. Answer *any four* of the following questions:

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- (a) Mention two non-verbal modes of communication and discuss them briefly.
- (b) Give the full form of *any two* of the following Internet Acronyms (i.e. abbreviations used in cyber language)
- (i) OMG
 - (ii) RIP
 - (iii) ASAP
 - (iv) F2F
 - (v) HAK
 - (vi) TYVM
 - (vii) WYCM
 - (viii) OIC
 - (ix) LOL
- (c) Discuss with suitable examples the two features of colloquial English.
- (d) Rewrite the following passage in formal English:
I dunno who hit my pal on the head. I gonna call the cop. The fella who done it will be nabbed. But if I find him now, I gonna give him a punch.
- (e) Frame short sentences with *any two* of the following words in the Register (i.e. field of reference) given in the bracket:
- (i) Point (Geometry)
 - (ii) Paper (Print Media)
 - (iii) Flat (Housing)
 - (iv) Operation (Surgery)
 - (v) Note (Currency/Money)
 - (vi) Pen (Animal house)
 - (vii) Cross (Religion)
- (f) Briefly discuss two aspects which distinguish human language from animal language.

3. Answer *any two* questions:

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- (a) Discuss with examples two varieties of human language.
- (b) You have recently lost your University Registration Certificate. Write an application in formal English to the Registrar/ Principal with a request to issue a duplicate Registration Certificate.
- (c) Discuss two key factors for the recognition of any language as Standard Language.
- (d) Write a short dialogue based on the following context:

Patient requesting the Receptionist of a Medical Clinic/Hospital for an appointment with a doctor.

Or,

Write a report on a cultural function held in your college.