

B. Sc. (Ag.) (First Semester)
EXAMINATION, Dec., 2019

(New Course)

Paper Eighth

COMPREHENSION AND COMMUNICATION
SKILLS IN ENGLISH

Time : Three Hours] [Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Attempt questions from all Sections as directed.

Inst. : The candidates are required to answer only in serial order. If there are many parts of a question, answer them in continuation.

Section--A

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Note : All questions are compulsory. Each question carries 3 marks.

1. (A) Give antonyms of the following words :

(i) happy

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- (ii) perfect
- (iii) practical
- (iv) superior *Inferior*
- (v) honest
- (vi) polite

(B) Write synonyms of the following words :

- (i) sterile
- (ii) brittle
- (iii) beguile
- (iv) kind
- (v) arrogant
- (vi) please

(C) Change the narration of the following :

- (i) He said, "I take bath everyday."
- (ii) My friend said to me, "Has your father returned from California ?"
- (iii) I said to him, "Where does Susheel live ?"

(D) Fill in the blanks, choosing the most appropriate word from those given in brackets :

- (i) We get milk from the nearby
(diary, dairy)
- (ii) Theof love never runs smooth.
(coarse, course)
- (iii) We must what we preach.
(practise, practice)

- (E) Use correct articles in the blank spaces :
- He is honest man.
 - Bible is the holy book of Christians.
 - Ramu is University student.
- (F) Use object, abject, storey, story, vain, vein in sentences of your own.

Section—B

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Note : Attempt any *two* questions. Each question carries 8 marks.

2. (A) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :
- The achievement of science in modern century has been remarkably great. Its influence can be felt in every sphere of life. From the small pins and needles to the huge iron sheets and joints, most of the things we require for our everyday use, come out of factories where scientific principles are utilized for practical ends. Science has enabled man to bring forces of nature under control and to use them for his own advantage. It has brought the distant parts of the world close together. Our knowledge of the universe has been much widened on account of the untiring efforts of the

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astronomers like Jeans and Eddington. Remarkable cures of human diseases have been possible owing to the discovery of some wonderful medicines.

Question :

Write a precis of the above passage and suggest a suitable title. 4

- (B) Answer the following questions on the above passage, choosing the correct alternative from the four choices given under each question : 4
- The main idea of the passage is :
 - The impact of science can be felt in every sphere of life
 - Science is an anathema.
 - Nothing is beyond the purview of Science
 - Science can work miracles
 - Mode of approach is :
 - logical
 - anatomical
 - descriptive
 - expository
 - What has enabled man to harness the forces of nature to his own advantage ?
 - arts

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Note : Attempt any *two* questions. Each question carries 8 marks.

- (ii) oratory
(iii) bravery
(iv) science
- (d) Science has proved a great boon for :
- (i) scientists
(ii) artists
(iii) explorers
(iv) mankind
3. Write an application for the post of lecturer in the Department of Agronomy in your college.
4. Prepare a press report on the agricultural fair held in your college.
5. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using correct prepositions : <http://www.csjmuonline.com>
- (i) He is born rich parents.
- (ii) We are committed a policy of peaceful co-existence.
- (iii) He insists leaving immediately.
- (iv) His company is greatly sought
- (v) Fate smiles him in all his ventures.
- (vi) We are accustomed doing hard work.
- (vii) Few persons in the world die over work.
- (viii) Will you entrust me that money.

6. Summarise *The Sporting Spirit* or *War Minus Shooting* by George Orwell.
7. What is a paragraph ? What are the characteristics of a good paragraph ? Write a paragraph of about 150 words on the importance of agriculture in Indian economy.
8. Define synopsis and highlight the characteristics of a good synopsis.
9. (A) Transform the following sentences as directed : 4
- (i) The sun is too hot to go out.
(Remove 'too')
- (ii) Who can dare oppose him ?
(Change into assertive sentence)
- (iii) I am not as tall as he.
(Change into comparative degree)
- (iv) That is not the way to speak.
(Change into interrogative sentence)

(B) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the verb/verbs in the correct form : 4

(i) The train before I the station. (start, reach)

(ii) The ship, with all its passengers (drown)

(iii) Rice and curry his favourite dish. (is/are)

(iv) 'Hard Times' by Dickens. (write)

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