

B.Com. CBCS Pattern Semester-I
UCA1F01S - Supplementary English-I

P. Pages : 2

Time : Three Hours



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Max. Marks : 80

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1. Answer the following questions in about 150 words each. **10**
- a) How did Gandhi attempt to become a proper English gentleman? Support your answer with examples from the text?
OR
Comment on the significance of the line, 'Mother, the holidays have come'.
- b) What advice does William Hazlitt give to his son in the letter written by him"? **10**
OR
What are the fundamental principles of freedom of the press discussed by Shashi Tharoor in the extract 'Freedom of the press'?"
2. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about 75 words each. **15**
- i) Write the summary of the poem 'Quality of Mercy'.
- ii) Write the character sketch of the village schoolmaster.
- iii) Describe the village schoolmaster's skill which made the villagers wonder.
- iv) What is the poet's attitude to life? How does the poem "Laugh and Be Merry" help to acquire positive attitude to life?
- v) What is meant by "So we must laugh and drink from the deep blue cup of the sky" in the poem "Laugh and be merry" by John Masfield?
3. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 75 words each. **10**
- i) Why did Bishambher offer to take Phatik to Calcutta?
- ii) Why did Gandhi begin to experiment with a vegetarian diet?
- iii) What were Gandhi's reasons for trying to learn French?
- iv) What are some of the complaints Hazlitt's son has after attending a new school?
4. a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate tense form of the verbs given in the brackets. **5**
- i) Indians ----- rice. (eat).
- ii) He ----- Mumbai in 2005. (Leave).
- iii) Yesterday I ----- my pen when I ----- to the college. (Lose, go).
- iv) Perhaps we ----- Pune during next vacation. (visit).

v) Raman never ----- wine (drink).

- b) Give the *Synonyms* of the following words. 5
- i) Mandatory.
 - ii) Elementary.
 - iii) Useless.
 - iv) Lucid.
 - v) Wide.

- c) Give the *Antonyms* of the following words. 5
- i) Barren.
 - ii) Exclude.
 - iii) Reveal.
 - iv) Urban.
 - v) Powerful.

5. a) Do as directed. 10

- i) What an intellectual girl Sita is! (change into assertive sentence).
- ii) Can I ever forget those happy days? (change into assertive sentence).
- iii) Vrushali is a very smart girl. (change into exclamatory sentence).
- iv) The holiday has passed very quickly. (change into exclamatory sentence).
- v) He failed to keep his promise. (change into negative sentence).

- b) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. 10

Newton had a little dog named 'Diamond'. One day when Newton was fifty years of age, he was working on some problem and after a while went out of his room. The little dog was asleep in the room near the fire. A heap of written papers containing the labours of twenty years, lay on the table. When Newton was absent from the room, little Diamond rose up, jumped on the table and knocked down the lighted candle. The papers immediately caught fire and were burnt to ashes.

When Newton returned home and opened the door, he was stunned to see what had happened. He found the papers reduced to a heap of ashes. He saw his little dog standing there. He understood that it was Diamond who had all the mischief. Surely any other man would have killed the dog, but Newton behaved very strangely.

Though his hearty was heavy, he simply stroked diamond on the head with his usual affection. He cried, "O, Diamond you little know the mischief you have done!"

Questions:

- i) What was lying on the table when Newton went out of his room?
- ii) What happened in the absence of Newton?
- iii) What did Newton see in his room when he returned?
- iv) Did Newton become angry with his dog? What did he do?
- v) What lesson do you learn-from Newton's behaviour?
