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B.A/B.Com/B.Sc/BBA/BA(L) II-Year, CBCS-III Semester

Backlog Examinations -Sep/Oct, 2020

PAPER: GENERAL ENGLISH

Time: 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Note: Answer any FIVE of the following questions.

(5x16=80 Marks)

1. a. Why did the astrologer feel that a great load was gone from him? Write in 150 words.

b. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Charminar, considered to be 'Hyderabad's Taj Mahal', was built by Sultan Muhammed Quli Qutb Shah. The fort at Warangal, built during the time of Rudramadevi and Prataparudra, has many gateways, square bastions and circular earthen walls. It is incomparable both in quality and beauty. We are fortunate to be the inheritors to these architectural riches. It is our duty to preserve and treasure these, while bringing them to the notice of the world.

1. How is Charminar described?
2. What is the other monument that was mentioned in the paragraph?
3. Who is Sultan Muhammed Quli Qutb Shah?
4. Why is the fort at Warangal incomparable in quality and beauty?
5. What is our duty?

2. a. Annotate the following in about 75 words

"The power of his eyes was considerably enhanced by their position ----.

b. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The 543 elected MPs will be elected from single-member constituencies using first-past-the-post voting. The President of India nominates an additional two members from the Anglo-Indian community if he believes the community is under-represented.

Eligible voters must be Indian citizens, 18 or older, an ordinary resident of the polling area of the constituency and possess a valid voter identification card issued by the Election Commission of India. Some people convicted of electoral or other offences are barred from voting.

1. How many MPs are elected?
2. What does the President of India do?
3. What is the process of voting called?
4. What are the conditions for eligible voters?
5. Write the synonym for 'barred'.

3. a. Describe Gandhi's efforts to fit in with the fashionable society. Write in 150 words.
b. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Telangana, formed on 2 June 2014 with Hyderabad as its capital, is the 29th and the newest state in India. It is situated on the Deccan plateau in the central stretch of the eastern seaboard of the Indian peninsula. It ranks 12th among Indian states both in its size and the size of its population. Telugu and Urdu are the official languages of the state – 77 percent of the population speak Telugu.

1. Why is 2 June 2014 significant?
2. Where is Telangana situated?
3. What is the rank of the state and why?
4. What are the official languages of the state?
5. What is the percent of people speaking Telugu?

4. a. Annotate the following.

“And how could dancing make a gentleman of me?”

- b. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

Plato is the earliest important educational thinker, and education is an essential element in "The Republic" (his most important work on philosophy and political theory, written around 360 B.C.). In it, he advocates some rather extreme methods: removing children from their mothers' care and raising them as wards of the state, and differentiating children suitable to the various castes, the highest receiving the most education, so that they could act as guardians of the city and care for the less able. He believed that education should be holistic, including facts, skills, physical discipline, music and art. Plato believed that talent and intelligence is not distributed genetically and thus is to be found in children born to all classes, although his proposed system of selective public education for an educated minority of the population does not really follow a democratic model.

1. What is the passage about?
2. What did Plato believe in?
3. What doesn't follow a democratic model?
4. What did Plato advocate?
5. What is the meaning of 'holistic'?

5. a. What kind of a picture evolves about the family background of the Rowlands?
Write in 150 words.

- b. Mark the stress in the following words

Topic electrical special unconscious practical optical

- 6.a. Annotate the following lines in 75 words:

‘To perfume the sleep of the dead’.

- b. Fill in the blanks that are often used in the fields of cinema and television.

Bu_ge_ a_verti_ement d_amatic sou_d tra_k
s_ree_pla_ s_owmo_ion

- 7.a. Account for the enduring fame of Newton.

- b. Explain syllable with suitable examples.

8.a. Annotate the following lines in 75 words.

'I know they pity you, but they don't know my side of it'.

b. In each of the following sets, underline the letters which are not pronounced.

Heir, herb, exhaust, exhibition, white

Swan, answer, sword, swear, wrist

Foreign, signature, reign, benign, resignation

Numb, plumber, tumble, dumb, thumb

9. a. Write an expository essay on 'Fast food and lifestyle diseases'.

b. How do you develop your emotional intelligence?

10.a. What is a personal diary and how does it help oneself in their life?

b. Expand 'Early bird catches the worm'..

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