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I Semester B.Com./B.B.M./B.H.M. Examination, Nov./Dec. 2014
(Repeaters) (2010-11 and Onwards)

LANGUAGE ENGLISH – I

Time : 3 Hours

Total Marks : 90/100

- Instructions :**
- 1) Answer **all** the questions.
 - 2) Students of Repeaters Scheme **2010-11** answering for **90** marks should answer **1** out of **4** questions in Part – A, III Main question.
 - 3) Students of Repeaters Scheme **2011-12** and onwards answering for **100** marks should answer **2** out of **4** questions in Part – A, III Main question.
 - 4) **100** marks for students of **2011-12** and Onwards.
 - 5) **90** marks for Repeater Students prior to **2011-12**.

PART – A

(Course Book – Literary Component)

Marks : 60/50

I. Answer **any seven** of the following in **one** or **two** sentences **each** : (7×2=14)

- 1) Mention any two books written by Rachel Carson.
- 2) Name the environmental activists mentioned in 'Two Kinds of Environmentalism'.
- 3) What do you understand by the expression 'sulphurous cauldron' in the poem Tiger Tiger Revisited ?
- 4) What exactly is the argument of the tenant in the poem Ballad of the Landlord ?
- 5) Why was Carmel reluctant to come to Madam's house in the story 'The Advance' ?
- 6) How did Sanitation Inspector Khairat Ali Khan react, when Alarakkhi abused ?
- 7) Where had Jerome's father been heading to on the ill-fated day he was killed ?
- 8) What is the benefit of the advancing technology as mentioned in 'The Throw Away Society' ?
- 9) What are the methods used by Northern Environmentalists to draw the attention to Environmental issues ?

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II. Answer any four of the following in about a page each : (4x5=20)

- 1) How did Rachel Carson start an ecological revolution through her book *Silent Spring*?
- 2) Describe the two kinds of Environmentalism Ramachandra Guha talks about in his essay.
- 3) Write a brief note on 'human ignorance and 'greed' brought out in the poem *Tiger Tiger Revisited*.
- 4) What are the charges levelled against the tenant in the poem *Ballad of the Landlord*?
- 5) How does Carmen try to balance her work and fulfill her motherly duties as well?
- 6) Discuss the reasons for buying the things for short term use in 'The Throw Away Society'.

III. a) Students of Repeaters' Scheme 2010-11 answering for 90 marks should answer 1 out of 4 questions in about 2 pages each : (1x10=10)

b) Students of Repeaters' Scheme 2011-12 and onwards answering for 100 marks should answer 2 out of 4 questions in about 2 pages each : (2x10=20)

- 1) Describe how Rachel Carson has become a crusader unknowingly.
- 2) Mention the anguish and the anxieties of Alarakkhi on the pay day.
- 3) Write a note on the death of Jerome's father.
- 4) Explain in detail the theme of the poem *Tiger Tiger Revisited*.



IV. Do as directed : (6×1=6)

a) Identify the suitable synonym from the brackets for **each** of the given word.

- i) contrast (opposite, similar, same)
- ii) distinguish (great, ordinary, unknown)

b) Use the appropriate form of the word in the brackets to fill in the blanks.

- i) Everyone's _____ is very much required to save the environment.
(participate)
- ii) Rachel Carson got a Junior Aquatic Biologist's job after _____
the Civil Service Examination. (pass)

c) Add 'ist' or 'er' to the words given below and fill in the blanks appropriately.
(Ecology, biography)

- i) Rachel Carson is not only a writer but also an _____
- ii) Ramachandra Guha is a well-known _____

PART – B

(Work Book – Communication Skills)

Marks : 40

V. 1) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate article : (1×1=1)

One should always make it a habit of seeing _____ notice board.

2) Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition :

Sardar Sarovar Dam is built _____ the river Narmada. (1×1=1)

3) Fill in the blank with the correct verb :

People _____ lot of expectation from the new government (has/have) (1×1=1)



- 4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate tense form of the verb given in the brackets : (1×2=2)
- a) Prince Harry _____ to be a professional Pilot in the British Army. (intend)
- b) BCCI has _____ the names of Dhoni and Kohli for Padma Bhushan and Padma Sri respectively. (recommend)
- 5) Re-write the following with appropriate punctuation marks **wherever** necessary : **2**
- my government is committed to provide clean and efficient administration
said narendramodi

VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it :

Working twelve to eighteen hours a day was not uncommon for scientists at the rocket launching station, Thumba. A group of such scientists was frustrated due to the work pressure and meeting their boss's demands; however, they were loyal to him.

One day, a scientist gathered enough courage to go up to his boss and said, "Sir, I have promised my children that I will take them to the exhibition this evening. Therefore, I have to leave the office at 5.30 p.m. Can I leave early today, Sir" ?

His boss replied, "Alright. You may leave early today".

The scientist was happy for having received the permission and went on to continue his work. He stayed on to work after lunch, and, as always, got so engrossed in his work, that he peered at his watch only when he thought he was done. Unfortunately, it was past 08.15 p.m.

With a jolt, he remembered his promise to his children. He looked for his boss who was not in his office. Having told him just that morning, he wrapped up work and hurried home.



As he drove home, he felt very guilty for having let his children down. When he reached, the children were not at home. His wife was busy reading. He felt that initiating any conversation with her would only add fuel to fire, so he remained quiet.

Looking at him, his wife asked, "Do you want something hot to drink or have dinner right away?"

The man could only ask, "Where are the children?"

His wife said, "Don't you know? Your boss came here at 5.15 p.m. and took the children to exhibition you had promised to take them to".

He was surprised, but it did not take him too long to guess what had happened.

The boss who granted him permission had observed him working very seriously well past 5.00 p.m. He must have thought that the scientist would not leave the work half done, but if he has promised his children a visit to the exhibition, then they deserve it. So, he took the lead in taking them to the exhibition himself.

The boss does not have to do it every time. But once it is done, loyalty is established.

No wonder, all scientists at Thumba continue to work under this boss in spite of the great pressure.

This boss is none other than Dr. APJ Abul Kalam.

- 1) Why were the scientists working at Thumba frustrated? 1
- 2) What did one scientist ask the boss? 2
- 3) How did the boss react to the scientist's request? 1
- 4) Why do you think the scientist could not go home early? 2
- 5) Why was the scientist feeling hesitant to initiate conversation with his wife at home? 2
- 6) Who had taken the children to the exhibition and why? 2



VII. Write a paragraph of about **80-100** words using the following hints given below: **(5+5=10)**

a) Narrate your visit to an Exhibition; you may use the following guidelines to write a paragraph.

- Location and arrangements
- The products on display and shopping
- Amusements and fun filled games.

b) Describe the Health Club/Gym/Sports Complex/Stadium constructed for the use of public by the Government in your locality with the help of following hints :

Location – facilities – maintenance – usage – suggestions; if any, you want to give to the authorities.

VIII. Make notes on the following passage by choosing either linear or a diagrammatic format :

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Project Tiger is a Wildlife Conservation Project initiated in India in 1972 to protect the Bengal Tigers. It was launched on April 1, 1973 and has become one of the most successful wild life conservation ventures. The project aims at Tiger conservation in specially constituted Tiger Reserves representative of various bio-geographical regions through-out India. It strives to maintain a viable conservation reliant on tiger population in their natural environment.

Project Tiger was Indira Gandhi's pet project. The main achievements of this project are excellent recovery of the habitat and consequent increase in the tiger population in the reserve areas, from a mere 268 in 7 reserves in 1972 to above one thousand in 28 reserves in 26.

Tigers being at the apex of the food chain can be considered as the indicator of the integrity of the ecosystem. They can be found in wide range of habitats, from the evergreen and monsoon forests of the Indo-Malayan realm to the mixed



coniferous-deciduous woodlands of the Russian Far east and mangrove swamps of the Sundarbans, shared by India and Bangladesh. Tigers are mostly nocturnal but in northern part of its range, the Siberian sub-species may also be active during the day at winter time. All wild tigers live in Asia; others live in the humid jungles of Sumatra.

IX. Do as directed :

- a) Introduce Manju your classmate to your mother. 2
- b) Write a set of instructions to your younger sister on how to prepare vegetable palav. 3
- c) Give directions to your uncle who is on K.R. Puram Outer Ring Road to attend a House Warming (Gruha-Pravesha) of SAI DHAM in Horamavu Kalkere Road. 3

