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B.Sc. (Part-III) Examination, 2020

(Foundation Course)

Paper - II

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

Minimum Pass Marks : 25

Note : Attempt all the questions. Marks have been indicated against each question.

Unit-I

Q. 1. Answer any three of the following questions in about 200 words : **5×3=15**

(i) Write a summary of the short story "Death of a Clerk" in your own words.

(ii) Why could the shepherd-boy sit on the judgement-seat of Vikramaditya and not the king ?

(iii) How does Vivekanand prove that spiritual ideas are not dying out, rather they have just begun to grow ?

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- (iv) What was the position of panchayatiraj institutions before India's independence ?
- (v) Write the story of the poem "The Mouse and the Snake" from the point of view of the mouse which defeated the snake.

Unit-II

Q. 2. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 500 words : **10**

- (i) Religion and Politics
- (ii) Digital India
- (iii) Discipline in education and youth
- (iv) Secularism
- (v) Impact of Advertisement in the Society

Unit-III

Q. 3. Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable heading to it : **10**

Let us briefly turn to the question of quality of life. As society developed, differences between the rich and the poor began to emerge. There were appreciable differences between the life styles and consumption levels of these classes. But how rich

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was the rich class, and how poor was the poor class ? Today there are the super rich for whose consumption levels the sky is the limit and the poor of the poor who find minimum needs for survival unobtainable. Relative affluence or poverty does make a difference in equality of life, but wealth should not be confused with happiness as it does not necessarily add to the richness of life.

Unit-IV

Q. 4. (a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : **5**

The great advantage of early rising is, the good start, it gives in our day's work. The early risers have done a large amount of hard work before other men get out of bed. In the early morning the mind is fresh and there are few sounds and distractions so that work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases, the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and

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this exercise supplies him with a fine energy that lasts until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. He gets to sleep several hours before midnight, at the time when sleep is most refreshing and after a night's sound rest, early next morning he is in good health and spirits for the labours of a new day.

Questions :

- (i) What advantages does an early riser have over others ?
- (ii) Why should one take exercise with morning ?
- (iii) Why should one begin one's work early ?
- (iv) What are the uses of going to sleep before midnight ?
- (v) Give a suitable title to the passage.

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(b) Vocabulary :

- (i) Give one word substitute for the following expressions (any four), from the given alternatives : 4

(dell, glade, heath, bower, discourse, egotism).

- (1) To speak or write on a thing at length -
- (2) A shady place under tree -
- (3) A small valley -
- (4) The habit of talking about one self -
- (5) Open space in a forest -
- (6) A flat waste land -

- (ii) Match the animals in column 'A' with the sound it makes from column 'B' : 4

A	B
(1) Elephant	— Trumpet
(2) Pig	— Neigh
(3) Monkey	— Grunt
(4) Horse	— Chatter

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- (iii) Give antonyms of the following words
(any two): 2
conceal, wild, guilty

Unit-V

Q. 5. Do as directed : 25

- (i) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences
with the correct question tag (any three):

(a) In that case he will have to get a new
one made, _____

(b) You have not heard about them,

(c) Meera is very cute, _____

(d) You would not like to open the door,

- (ii) Put a noun, made from the given adjective :

(a) _____ is one of the world's
greatest problem. (poor)

(b) Please tell the _____. (true)

- (iii) Complete the following sentences. Use
some or any plus a suitable noun :

(a) Can I have _____ in my tea? I do
not like it black.

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(b) Sorry, but everyone has to sit on the
_____ floor. We haven't got _____ yet.

(c) Parth has gone to the bank to get

(d) Karan is not very happy with his
Arithmetic examination. He knows he
made _____

- (iv) Insert the blanks with suitable articles :

(a) He is _____ honest man.

(b) It is _____ easy option.

(c) He bought _____ pearl yesterday

(d) _____ sun rises in the east.

(e) There isn't milk in _____ pot.

- (v) Put one of the following prepositions in each
space in the sentences given below (in, to,
on, from):

(a) Profits depends largely _____
production and sales.

(b) Gujarat suffers _____ lack of
water.

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(c) India is self sufficient _____ water.

(d) He is junior _____ me.

(vi) Change the voice :

(a) Did the noise frighten you ?

(b) Today people can shell cities from a distance.

(c) You must iron this dress for tonight.

(d) Pakistan declared war against India.

(vii) Change the narration (any three) :

(a) Sheela said, "Thankyou".

(b) Go and take rest at home, the doctor said to patient.

(c) I said to him, "Let us go for a walk".

(d) The pilot said, "I have flown about a million k.m."