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**91201-N**

**B. A. (Pass Course) 1st Semester  
Examination – November, 2023**

**ENGLISH (w.e.f. 2014-15)**

*Time : Three Hours ]*

*[ Maximum Marks : 80*

*Before answering the questions, candidates should ensure that they have been supplied the correct and complete question paper. No complaint in this regard, will be entertained after examination.*

**Note :** All questions are *compulsory*. Marks are indicated against each question.

1. Transcribe any *eight* of the following words :  $1 \times 8 = 8$   
weigh, stay, car, food, girl, sky, need, person, window,  
army, vision, home.

2. Answer any *eight* of the following questions (using a word, a phrase or *two* sentences each) :  $1 \times 8 = 8$

(i) 'There was a time when big dams moved men to poetry.' Explain. (Are Dams the Temple of Modern India ?)

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(ii) Write about the positive side or rebelliousness. (The Generation Gap)

(iii) Who according to Nehru is 'Bharat Mata' ?

(iv) What is the fiasco which has been discussed in the chapter 'Choosing Our Universe' ?

(v) What relation does the author establish between man and language ? (Language and National Identity)

(vi) How can our country progress, according to Shastriji ? (The Responsibility of Young Men)

(vii) How can we realize the pain of the suffering of the mute ? (Wounded plants)

(viii) What makes human beings autonomous learners ? (Great Books – Born out of Great Minds)

(ix) How does one language differ from another ? (Language and National Identity)

(x) According to Shastriji, who is a good citizen ? (The Responsibility of Young Men)

(xi) What do scriptures say about the origin of the universe ?

(xii) Why have big dams become obsolete ?

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3. Answer any *five* of the following questions (in about 75-100 words each):  $4 \times 5 = 20$

(i) How do symbols like 'Ganga' influence people? (Language and National Identity)

(ii) How, according to Nirmal Verma, is one language differ from the other?

(iii) What is 'paralysis of sensibility'? How is it measured?

(iv) Discuss Dr. Kalam's findings on his interactions with youngsters.

(v) What does the title of the essay 'Playing the Englishman Suggest'?

(vi) Write the positive side of rebelliousness.

(vii) Describe Gandhiji's attempts to inculcate the qualities of an English gentleman. How did these attempts turn out?

(viii) What are the dangers of 'Separatism'?

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:  $1 \times 4 = 4$

In 1929 he published a law relating their rate of recession to their distance from us, and concluded that the universe is expanding. If that is true, then the

universe must have been smaller in the past. In fact, if we extrapolate to the distant past, all the matter and energy in the universe would have been concentrated in a very tiny region of unimaginable density and temperature, and if we go back far enough, there would be a time when it all began—the event we now call the big bang.

*Questions:*

(a) Who published a law relating to the recession of the galaxies?

(b) What did Hubble conclude?

(c) What does this passage say about the universe?

(d) What is the name given to the origin of the universe?

5. Do as directed (Attempt any *eight*):  $1 \times 8 = 8$

(a) Give synonyms of the following words:

(i) Absurd (ii) Vision

(b) Give antonyms of the following words:

(i) Static (ii) Urban

(c) Form words with the help of the following prefixes:

(i) De. .... (ii) Eco. ....

(d) Form words with the help of suffixes :

- (i) .....ism      (ii) .....en

(e) Find *one word* equivalent of the following :

- (i) A disease widely spread.  
(ii) A man whose wife is dead.  
(iii) One who steals books.  
(iv) One who know many languages.

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable of verbs given (any *twelve*) : 1 × 12 = 12

- (i) I ..... you to kindly do it. (request)  
(ii) What ..... you weep ? (make)  
(iii) There ..... an accident here last night. (be)  
(iv) The water ..... not fit for drinking. (be)  
(v) Cows ..... grass. (eat)  
(vi) The audience ..... requested to leave by the near exit. (be)  
(vii) The bread ..... good for eating. (be)  
(viii) One of my friends ..... next door. (live)

(ix) 'A Tale of two Cities' ..... written by Charles Dickens. (is/are)

(x) The committee members ..... satisfied with the decision. (is/are)

(xi) His flight ..... (take off) already.

(xii) Think before you ..... (speak)

(xiii) Hurry up, we ..... late. (get)

(xiv) A thief ..... my house last night. (enter)

(xv) Ravi ..... very well. <https://www.mdustudy.com>

7. Attempt any *twelve* : 1 × 12 = 12

(a) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

- (i) My brother came home ..... Diwali.  
(ii) We shall reach Delhi ..... three hours.  
(iii) She lives ..... a big house.  
(iv) A coolie works ..... a platform.  
(v) He died ..... cancer.  
(vi) He died ..... over eating.

(b) Form abstract noun from the following verbs :

(i) Broad

(ii) Dark

(iii) Ignorant

(iv) Bitter

(v) Vacant

(c) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with relative pronoun :

(i) He is the boy ..... father is a doctor.

(ii) The book ..... is lying on the table is mine.

(iii) You may invite ..... you like to the party.

(iv) The candidate ..... wins the greater number of votes will be elected.

8. Write a paragraph in about 150 words on any *one* of the following topics : 8

(i) My Aim in Life.

(ii) My First Day in College.

(iii) Role of mobile phones in Today's Life.