

B.A. 1st Semester (General) Examination, 2019 (CBCS)

Subject : English

Paper : LI-1

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer *any ten* of the following questions: 2×10=20

(a) Which of the following words is generally used in informal communication?

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| (i) Boy | (ii) Girl |
| (iii) Lad | (iv) Children |

(b) Which of the following statements is true?

- (i) Communication consists in sending messages from one end only.
- (ii) Communication is an affair of both sending and receiving messages from both ends.
- (iii) Communication is made only verbally.
- (iv) Communication is all about awareness of grammatical rules.

(c) Replace the italicized words with non-offensive terms (any two): 1+1=2

- (i) I never knew that he was such a *prick*.
- (ii) That *dumbo* never gets an idea at one go.
- (iii) Do not always try to be the teacher's *pet*.
- (iv) I have failed to understand her *weird* logic.

(d) Which of the following is an non-native variety of English?

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| (i) Indian English | (ii) Cockney dialect |
| (iii) Yorkshire dialect | (iv) Derbyshire dialect |

(e) Replace the italicized words with their non-standard/colloquial forms (any two): 1+1=2

- (i) My *father* helped me a lot doing my assignment.
- (ii) Do not always count the gains, *my friend*.
- (iii) You are asked to *keep quiet*.
- (iv) You need to spend a lot of *money* to buy this.

- (f) Identify from the pairs the expressions which are gender—neutral (any two): 1+1=2
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| (i) Batter—batsman | (ii) Mankind—humankind |
| (iii) Forefather—ancestor | (iv) Motherland—native land |
- (g) Which of these is an exclamatory sentence?
- (i) You are a third grade student.
 - (ii) What a student!
 - (iii) What are your grades?
 - (iv) None of the above
- (h) Put the correct punctuation on the following sentences:
- (i) Maria is a student in our school _____
 - (ii) Who is your language teacher _____
- (i) Fill in the blanks with the correct collocation from the alternatives given within brackets:
Rabindranath was at once a prolific _____ (reader/writer) and a voracious _____ (reader/writer).
- (j) Identify the register (field of reference) involved in the following italicized words:
- (i) He is proud of his *blue* blood.
 - (ii) The *deep depression* in the Bay of Bengal resulted in a lot of rain in the coastal regions of Bengal and Orissa.
- (k) Match the words of Group A with those of Group B so as to form meaningful pairs (any two): 1+1=2
- (i) Group A: Low, Humid, Brazen, Dazzling
 - (ii) Group B: Lie, Weather, Temperature, Success
- (l) Identify the styles involved in the following pair, on the basis of formality scale:
— “Wanna drink?
Do you want a drink?”
- (m) Use the italicized words in a different register (field of reference) and form new sentences.
- (i) Perform your *duty* diligently.
 - (ii) He has given me *credit* for his success.
- (n) Give at least two examples of non-verbal mode of communication.
- (o) What is a regional dialect? Give one example each from Bengali and English.

2. Answer *any four* from the following questions:

5×4=20

- (a) Can communication take place without the use of language? Illustrate your answer.
- (b) How does geography play a major role in the creation of language varieties? Discuss with suitable examples.
- (c) Discuss with examples the two types of interrogative sentences.
- (d) Suppose you have opened a WhatsApp group entitled, 'Semester-1 Exam. Preparation.' Write a paragraph as Group Information or Introduction clearly mentioning the proposed activities and objectives of the group.
- (e) Convert the following passage written in informal or colloquial English into formal English:
—“My dad is a film buff, and I was raised on John Wayne movies. We also had a VHS camera that the family used on special occasions, and I often borrowed it to make my little TV shows and movies with friends.”
- (f) Find and identify the following in the sentences below:
Declarative Sentences, Interrogative Sentences and Explanatory Sentences
 - (i) This classroom is dark.
 - (ii) Who is the leader of the group?
 - (iii) Wow, what a speech!
 - (iv) I am a huge fan of High School Musical!
 - (v) Tomorrow we will go to the store.

3. Answer *any two* from the following:

10×2=20

- (a) Write an essay on the distinctive features of human language.
- (b) Write an essay on the influence of social media on language.
- (c) Imagine that you are planning an excursion-cum-study tour with your classmates to a nearby place of interest. Write a letter to the Principal of your college seeking permission for the tour with details of the tour and its objectives.
- (d) Write an Internet blog between 150 and 250 words on the following topic:
“# Save the Planet from Climate Change”.

Or

Write a brief report on the devastation caused by the cyclone 'Bulbul'.
