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**First Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.Music/B.F.A./B.V.A.
and Other Courses**

Degree Examination, December 2018

(CBCS Scheme – Freshers)

General English

Paper I – LANGUAGE ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

Instructions to Candidates :

- 1) Answer **ALL** the questions.
- 2) Write the question number correctly.

PART – A

(LITERARY COMPONENT – 40 marks)

I. Answer any **FIVE** of the following questions in one or two sentences : **(5 × 2 = 10)**

1. What do the contents in the vanity bag indicate?
2. What does the soul prefer?
3. After some years the house in 'The Axe' came to be known as _____.
4. Who is Malala's best friend?
5. How did Bob describe Jimmy?
6. Who was given Mudal Marayadai and why?
7. What did Deepika tell her father at the age of eighteen?
8. Name the kitten brought by Lakshmi to the class.

II. Answer any **FOUR** of the following in about a page each : **(4 × 5 = 20)**

1. How does Vanity Bag become a metaphor in the poem?
2. Explain Velan's reaction when he saw men cutting down the old Margosa tree.
3. Briefly describe the spat between Lakshmi and her friend on the way to school?
4. How does Malala compare the Swat Valley with Birmingham?
5. Write in brief the friendship between Bob and Jimmy.
6. What did the teacher do in the class that hurt Kalam and his friends?
7. What advice does Prakash Padukone give Deepika regarding money, popularity and human relationships?
8. Why do you think we need a soul? Explain.

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III. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about two pages : **(1 × 10 = 10)**

1. Write a critical summary of the poem 'Don't Look into the Vanity Bag'.
2. 'The Axe' is a story of a society which is in a state of change. Discuss.
3. Explain how the three great hearts of Rameswaram were very religious and also socially responsible.

PART – B

(GRAMMAR AND COMMUNICATION COMPONENT – 30 marks)

IV. Do as directed :

(a) Give diminutive for the given words : **(2)**

1. Leaf _____
2. Sheep _____

(b) Give one word substitute for the given meanings : **(2)**

1. The house or shelter of a horse _____.
2. People collected in the street _____.

(c) 1. Choose the correct antonym from the options given : **(2)**

Software × _____ (Shareware, Freeware, Hardware)

2. Choose the correct synonym from the options given :

Cop _____ (security guard, police, watchman)

V. (a) Correct the errors in the following sentences : **(1 × 7 = 7)**

1. I saw a animal crossing the road.
2. Did you see him carrying a umbrella in his hand?
3. We are at good terms, there is no issue between us.
4. He suffered with cold and fever.
5. My uncle reading newspaper daily.
6. Ram wants to wait at the bus stop yesterday.
7. I does not know anything about computers.

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- (b) 1. Frame a suitable Wh question to get the underlined as answer : **(3)**

Sheela went home early because she was not feeling well.

2. Add as suitable question tag to the given statement :

The tickets are sold out.

3. Form a confirmative question for the given sentence :

They are the owners of the house.

- (c) Punctuate the following sentence : **(2)**

are you planning to dehli this November?

- VI. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it : **(5)**

“I have a Dream” is a public speech delivered by American civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. during March on Washington for jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963, in which he calls for an end to racism in the United States and called for civil and economic rights. It was delivered to over 250,000 civil rights supporters from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., the speech was a defining moment of the civil rights movement.

Beginning with a reference to the emancipation Proclamation, which freed millions of slaves in 1863, King observes that: “one hundred years later, the Negro still not free”. Towards the end of the speech, King departed from his prepared text for a partly improvised speech on the theme “I have a dream”, prompted by Mahalia Jackson’s cry: “Tell them about the dream, Martin”. This part of the speech which most excited the listeners, has now become the most famous speech, King described his dreams of freedom and equality arising from a land of slavery and hatred. Jon Meacham writes that, “with a single phrase, Martin Luther King Jr. jointed Jefferson and Lincoln in the ranks of men who have shaped modern America”. The speech was ranked the top American speech of the 20th century in a 1999 poll of scholars of public address.

1. What issue does Martin Luther King’s speech address?
2. The speech was delivered to 250,000 _____.
3. What is the observation of Martin Luther?
4. Whom does Jon Meacham compare Martin Luther to?
5. Where did Martin Luther deliver his speech?

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VII. Describe the given picture in a paragraph :

(5)



VIII. Identify the redundancy in the following sentences and rewrite the sentences : **(2)**

1. She entered into the staffroom by mistake.
2. He found it difficult to cope up with the new job.
