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B.A. (Part-I) Examination, 2018

GENERAL ENGLISH

(Compulsory Paper)

Time allowed : Three hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Attempt all questions.

1. Fill in the blanks as directed (any ten) [1×10 = 10]
- (i) Give me _____ five books. (determiner)
 - (ii) She is _____ very good doctor. (determiner)
 - (iii) There is _____ water in the jug. (determiner)
 - (iv) He _____ (attend) classes regularly. (Verb)
 - (v) She _____ (come) in the meeting just now. (Verb)
 - (vi) They _____ (go) to America last week. (Verb)
 - (vii) Regular exercise _____ (keep) the body fit. (Verb)
 - (viii) We _____ obey the law. (Auxiliary)
 - (ix) You _____ stop smoking. (Auxiliary)
 - (x) I _____ read without glasses. (Auxiliary)
 - (xi) This table is made _____ wood. (Preposition)
 - (xi) My brother prevented me _____ going there. (Preposition)
2. Transform the sentences as directed (any ten) [1×10 = 10]
- (i) People play football all over the world. (Passive voice)
 - (ii) Are they disturbing you? (Passive voice)

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- (iii) Don't touch this wire (Passive voice)
(iv) The thief confessed his crime (complex sentence)
(v) He is so young that he cannot understand it. (Simple Sentence)
(vi) Although it was raining, they went out. (simple sentence)
(vii) They corrected the mistake. (Negative)
(viii) I didn't see them. (Affirmative)
(ix) You are my boss. (Interrogative)
(x) Doctor said, "Take these medicines regularly." (Indirect speech)
(xi) He said, "You are wasting time". (Indirect speech)
(xii) My friend said to me, "Are you interested in music?" (Indirect speech)
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3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

"But these goats are much better than money and they will some day bring fortune to you", the old woman said in a solemn voice. Then she drew a little bamboo flute from her willow basket and began to play. Would you believe it? The three goats began to dance to the tune! They were lovely goats from the Himalayan region, quite different from the ones we see in the plains. They had long hair, long flapping ears and round noses. The old woman called them Chapu.

- (i) What did the old woman say in solemn voice? [3]
(ii) What happened when the old woman began to play on the flute? [3]
(iii) Describe the appearance of the goats. [4]

4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

My father could convey complex spiritual concepts in very simple, down-to-earth Tamil. He once told me, In his own time, in his own place, in what he really is, and in the stage he has reached – good or bad – every human being is a specific

element within the whole of the manifest divine being. So why be afraid of difficulties, sufferings and problems? When troubles come, try to understand the relevance of your sufferings. Adversity always presents opportunities for introspection.

- (i) What is the significant quality of the father? [3]
- (ii) Who is a specific element within the whole of the manifest divine Being? [3]
- (iii) What is the positive relevance of Adversity? [4]

5. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The king turned round and saw a bearded man come running out of the wood. The man held his hands pressed against his stomach, and blood was flowing from under them. When he reached the king, he fell fainted on the ground moaning feebly. The king and the hermit unfastened the man's clothing. There was a large wound in his stomach.

- (i) Who came running out of the wood? [3]
- (ii) What did the king see when he unfastened the man's clothing? [3]
- (iii) What was the condition of the man who fell fainted on the ground? [4]

6. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Aunt Jane – Now, I'm sorry if I sounded rude, really I'm shocked to find the way you're living. I've never owed a penny in my life — cash down, that's my motto and I want you to do the same. (She opens her handbag) Now look, here's little cheque I was meaning to give you, anyway (She hands it to Jill) Suppose you take it and pay off just one of your bills— so that you can say one thing at least really belongs to you.

Jill – Er – thank you, Aunt Jane. It's very nice of you.

- (i) Why is Aunt Jane shocked? [3]
- (ii) What does Aunt Jane give to Jill? [3]
- (iii) What is Aunt Jane's Principle of life? [4]

7. Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions that follow:

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so
For, those, whom thou think'st, thou dost overthrow,
Die not, poor death, nor yet canst thou kill me.

- (i) Who is addressed in the above lines ? [3]
(ii) Does the poet feel fear of death ? [3]
(iii) Explain the phrase 'Mighty and dreadful'. [4]

8. Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title : [5]

I require friendship particularly I require the friendship of my colleagues and comrades in scientific and political work. I want the society of equals who will criticize me. I cannot be friends with a person whose orders I have to obey without criticism before or after, or with one who has to obey my orders in a similar way. And I find friendship with people much richer or poorer than myself very difficult.

9. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on any one of the following topics : [10]

- (i) Cleanliness Drive in the Country
(ii) Corruption in Public Life

10. Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you money for the purchase of books. [5]

OR

Write a letter of complaint to the Principal of your college about the rude behaviour of the librarian.

11. Prepare a report on the cultural programme held in the college. [10]

OR

Write a report on the 'Sports Week' organized in the college.