

Semester End Examination, Oct.-Nov. 2019

Programme: B.A.B.Ed.

Subject: Compulsory English

Course Title: Functional English

Semester: III

Time: 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 70

Instructions:

1. The question paper contains **six** questions spread across **three** pages
 2. All questions are compulsory
 3. Figures to the right in brackets indicate maximum marks
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Q.I a) Punctuate the following:

3 Marks

- i) today i want to talk to you about the dangers of fireworks the teacher announced in the class
- ii) come and see me on thursday he said i shall be at home then
- iii) were looking for dogfriendly hotel said the man to the receptionist

b) Identify the idioms in the following sentences, write their meanings and use them in sentences of your own:

4 Marks

- i) When the boy warned the villagers about the tiger, they turned a deaf ear to him.
- ii) It is unfortunate that in today's world we see cut-throat competition in primary schools, too.
- iii) Parents ought to put their foot down when disciplining a mischievous child.
- iv) The farmer had to pay through his nose to repay the bank loan.

c) Write the full form of the following abbreviations:

4 Marks

- i) P.S. _____
- ii) E.g. _____
- iii) Vs. _____
- iv) Lb. _____

d) Fill in the blanks with appropriate question tags:

4 Marks

- i) He played very well yesterday, _____?
- ii) Harita is not in college, _____?
- iii) The movie is a super hit, _____?
- iv) You couldn't wait till you finished the cake, _____?

e) Insert articles wherever necessary. If an article is not required, then write 'no article' in your answer sheets.

3 Marks

- i) What beautiful painting it is!
- ii) This chair is made of iron.
- iii) Indus is the longest river in India.

f) Transform the sentences according to the instructions:

2 Marks

- i) "Take life seriously. Don't waste your time with unnecessary distractions", said the coach to his students. (change to indirect)
- ii) The headman said that he had heard the story many times from the villagers but had not paid attention to it. (change to direct)

Q.II Assuming that you are the convener of Students' Council of the college, draft a notice for a meeting with an agenda to discuss *Srujanotsav* 2019.

10 Marks

Q.III. Draft the minutes for the Students' Council meeting keeping in mind the agenda written in Q.II.

10 Marks

Q.IV. Write a letter of representation to the municipality about the condition of the roads in your locality in spite of several complaints about the same.

10 Marks

Q.V. Write a précis for the following passage. Provide a suitable title.

10 Marks

We are all selfish. We may not have thought of it, but we are all guilty of being selfish. That word 'selfish' at once calls to mind the impression of our giving somebody something, in return for which we expect something else. Or the word reminds us of the small child who is busy at play when his equally small friend enters the room and demands the plaything from him; the first child pretends to ignore the demand; the other persists with greater vehemence till there is an eruption. Tears are shed by both and some adult has to intervene to settle the dispute. The first child has shown selfishness and the second has shown avarice. In adult relations the same situation arises countless times but in a more subtle manner.

Now, the would-be saint, the religious minded or the altruistic adult, manifests a desire to satisfy the wants of others, to alleviate the sufferings of others. What does he do? He goes out of his way to be kind and generous. He sacrifices personal pleasures or personal needs for the sake of those whom he has singled out for these ministrations. He then indulges himself in the act of giving. But his giving is in itself a selfish act; he has given in order to seek the subtle pleasure of sensing or seeing the marks of gratitude or happiness manifested by the recipient of his act of charity, his act of kindness, his act of nobility, his act of self-sacrifice. Thus he has received his reward in the form of a certain exquisite pleasure that he has experienced. That is his reward. He has given in order to receive. He has been selfish. (284 words)

Q.VI Write a letter to the Head of the Department of English requesting a day's leave to attend a workshop to be held in the university next week.

10 marks