

[21-B201]

AT THE END OF SECOND SEMESTER (CBCS PATTERN)  
DEGREE EXAMINATIONS

ENGLISH - A COURSE IN READING AND WRITING  
SKILLS

(COMMON FOR ALL DEGREE COURSES)

UG PROGRAM (4 YEARS HONORS)

*(w.e.f. Admitted Batch 2020-21)*

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

**SECTION - A**

Answer any 5 questions. Each question carries 5 marks.  
(5×5=25)

1. Write one word substitutes for the following.
  - i. The study of plants.
  - ii. The study of animals.
  - iii. One who sells sweets.
  - iv. A place orphans live.
  - v. Dead body of animal.
2. Write a note on skimming.
3. Read the following paragraph and make notes on the topic and main ideas.

When we survey our lives and efforts we soon observe that almost the whole of our actions and desires are bound up with the existence of other human beings. We notice that whole nature resembles that of the social animals. We eat food that others have produced, wear

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clothes that others have made, live in houses that others have built. The greater part of our knowledge and beliefs has been passed on to us by other people though the medium of a language which others have created, without language and mental capacities, we would have been poor indeed comparable to higher animals we have, therefore to admit that we owe our principal knowledge over at least to the fact of living in human society. The individual if left alone from birth would remain primitive and beast like in his thoughts and feelings to a degree that we can hardly imagine. The individual is what he is and has the significance that he has, not much in virtue of the individuality, but rather as a member of a great human community which directs his material and spiritual existence from the cradle to grave.

4. Write a neat paragraph on "True Friendship".
5. Write a note on E-correspondence.
6. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Albert Einstein was travelling to universities in a chauffeur - driven car, delivering lectures on his theory of relativity. One day on their way, the chauffeur remarked. "Dr. Einstein. I have heard you deliver that lecture 30 times. I know it by heart and bet I could give it myself. "Well I will give you the chance said Einstein". They don't know me at the next college, so when we get there, I will put on your cap and you introduce yourself as me and give the lecture." The chauffeur delivered the lecture flawlessly. As he started to leave a professor there

asked him a complex question filled with equations and formulas. The chauffeur thought fast. The solution to that problem is so simple he said, "I am surprised you have to ask me. In fact to show you just how simple it is, I am going to ask my chauffeur to come up here and answer your question.

- i. Why was Albert Einstein travelling to universities?
  - ii. What was the chauffeur's (driver) remark to Einstein?
  - iii. How did the chauffeur deliver Einstein's lecture?
  - iv. Who answered the complex question from a professor?
  - v. This incident projects the chauffeur as
    - a. a funny man.
    - b. a man with good presence of mind.
    - c. a cunning man.
7. Write a note on Florence Nightingale.
8. Write a letter to the municipal commissioner about the menace created by the street dogs.

### SECTION - B

Answer **All** the questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

(5×10=50)

9. a) Write an email letter to principal to renew the library facilities.

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- b) Summarize *Coromandel Fishers* by Sarojini Naidu?



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10. a) What does Katherine Mansfield want to convey through the story "The Doll's House"?

(OR)

- b) Trace the evolution of thoughts in Shelley's "Ode to the West Wind".

11. a) Prepare an Agenda and minutes of the meeting regarding the staff meeting.

(OR)

- b) Write definition, meaning and types of collocations.

12. a) Expand the idea "Necessity is the mother of invention".

(OR)

- b) Retell the story "An Astrologer's Day" from the point of view of Guru Nayak.

13. a) Show a sample Resume/CV.

(OR)

- b) What is the mystery about Deoli station that the author talked about?
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