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II Semester B.Sc./B.C.A./B.Sc. (FAD) B.Sc. (IDD)
Examination, May/June - 2019

GENERAL ENGLISH

Language English - II

(FRESH) (CBCS) (2018-19 & Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (1) Answer **all** the questions.
(2) Mention the question numbers **correctly**.

SECTION - A

(Prose and Poetry - 40 Marks)

- I.** Answer **any five** of the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences each : **5x2=10**
1. What has man done to the lakes, seas and mountains according to the poet in the poem 'Earth Never Dies' ?
 2. Who is Bannister in the story 'The Adventure of the Three Students' ?
 3. How did the General respond to Ivan's apology in the story 'The Death of a Government Clerk' ?
 4. What makes us truly human according to TabishKhair ?
 5. _____ came to his view when the poet remembered his friendship in 'Bonds of Friendship' ?
 6. Why did the constable yell at Anna in the story 'A Corpse in the Well' ?
 7. Why did the refugees leave their village in 'The Refugee' ?
 8. What is the cliché about mainstream Indian Cinema according to SundarSarukkai ?

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II. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **80-100** words each. **4x5=20**

1. How will the Earth bounce back according to the poem 'Earth Never Dies' ?
2. Describe the three suspects in 'The Adventure of the Three Students'.
3. Briefly describe the sneezing episode at the opera house in 'The Death of a Government Clerk'.
4. How are human beings different from non-human beings according to the writer in 'Ignorance isn't Bliss' ?
5. Describe the atmosphere near the well when the narrator arrives in 'A Corpse in the Well'.
6. Why did the old man not buy noodles for himself in the story 'The Refugee' ?
7. What is the author's response to those who say that films are for entertainment only in 'It's Time to Call the Bluff' ?

III. Answer **any one** the following questions in about **200-250** words : **1x10=10**

1. Explain how the poet highlights the importance of friendship in the poem 'The Bonds of Friendship'. <https://www.onlinebu.com>
2. How does the act of sneezing become a matter of importance and fatality in the story 'The Death of a Government Clerk' ?
3. The story 'A Corpse in the Well' brings out the humiliation meted out to the Mahars. Discuss.

SECTION - B

(Grammar and Composition - 30 Marks)

I. Do as directed :

1. Fill in the blanks using the passive forms of the verbs given in the brackets. **1x5=5**
Last summer our house _____ (paint) by me. The job took about two weeks. First, the exterior _____ (wash) using warm water and a mild detergent. Then all the chinks and pores in the walls _____ (seal) with putty. A latex paint _____ (use) because it is easy to apply and cleans up with water. A whole week _____ (need) to finish this part of the job.



2. Change the following into reported speech. 1x2=2
 - (a) "I am not good at Mathematics", Pavitra told Kavya.
 - (b) The Manager said, "Please assemble in the auditorium in 10 mins".
3. Frame a question to get the underlined word as the answer. 1

Our teacher advised us to be more serious about our studies.
4. Fill in the blank using the correct tense form of the verb given in the brackets. 1

The girls _____ (enjoy) a lot at the picnic last week.
5. Punctuate the following sentence. 1

I am coming to your house on Sunday.

II. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

"I Have a Dream" is a public speech delivered by American civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. during the 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. Delivered to over 2,50,000 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 is not free". Toward the end of the speech, King departed from his prepared text for a partly improvised peroration on the theme "I have a dream", prompted by Mahalia Jackson's cry : "Tell them about the dream, Martin!" In this part of the speech, which most excited the listeners and has now become its most famous, 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. joined Jefferson and Lincoln in the ranks of men who've 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 issues does Martin Luther King's speech address ? 1
 - (a) Continuation of racism
 - (b) End to racism and civil and economic rights
 - (c) Civil rights
2. What makes King to speak : "I have a dream" ? 1
 - (a) He reads out the Emancipation Proclamation
 - (b) He is prompted by Mahalia Jackson
 - (c) He is overwhelmed by the crowd
3. In the second paragraph, find one word which means 'to leave'. 1
 - (a) ranked
 - (b) improvised
 - (c) departed

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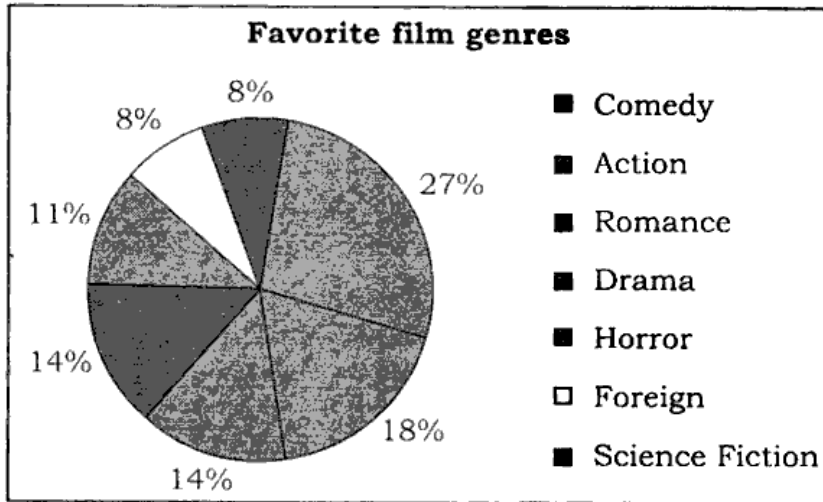
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4. What is the title of Martin Luther King's famed speech ? 1
5. Who does King address ? 1

III. Write a paragraph based on the diagram given below : 5



- IV. Your Internal Assessment Marks are missing in the Consolidated Marks Card issued by the University. Write a letter to the Registrar (Evaluation) for inclusion of marks and request for a rectified marks card. You may use the following hints : 5
- Give details of your register number and course
 - College copy of Internal Assessment Marks awarded
 - Your previous Marks Card copies
- V. Write a review about any product you bought recently (mobile phone, computer, household item). 5

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