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**II Semester B.Com./B.B.A. Examination, September/October 2021
(CBCS) (Repeaters) (2018 – 19 and Onwards)**

ENGLISH

Language English – II

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

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



**SECTION – A
(Course Book – 40 Marks)**

- I. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **two or three** sentences **each** : (5×2=10)
- 1) Why was the Son-in-law angry with the father-in-law in the lesson 'Money' ?
 - 2) Where and when would the children's Welfare Exhibition open in the Lesson 'The Toys of Peace' ?
 - 3) What thought came across her mind when Anasuya heard the cleaners mop against the door in the lesson 'Alone' ?
 - 4) What was the father's reaction to the caricature in the lesson 'Cartooning' ?
 - 5) Name the temples of new religion in the lesson 'Homeless in the Global Village'.
 - 6) What did her father's superior call him in the lesson 'Rule Britannia' ?
 - 7) Who is the Speaker and what is the subject of the poem 'Caged Bird' ?
- II. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **80 to 100** words/a page **each** : (4×5=20)
- 1) Describe the meeting between the son-in-law and his wife and the wife's Daughter in the lesson 'Money'.
 - 2) Studying historic battles and playing war games go hand in hand. Did it influence the boys in the lesson 'the toys of peace' ? Explain.
 - 3) Anasuya was very accurate in knowing what her neighbours in the apartment were upto. Discuss.
 - 4) Write a note on the Gandmardhan movement in the lesson 'Homeless in the Global Village'.
 - 5) What was the atmosphere in the author's house in the lesson 'Rule Britannia' ?
 - 6) What are the fears of the caged bird as described in the poem 'Caged Bird' ?
 - 7) What will happen after the 'walls' are demolished in the poem 'Wall' ?

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III. Answer **any one** of the following about **200 to 250** words/2 pages : (1×10=10)

- 1) How are “the soil and society, the earth and its people” intimately connected in the lesson ‘Homeless in the Global Village’ ?
- 2) In “The Toys of Peace”, Eleanor and her brother Harvey seem to represent the two sides of an argument that is still talked about and researched today, Nature vs. Nature. Elaborate.
- 3) Explain in your words the message conveyed by the poem ‘Caged Bird’.

SECTION – B

(Grammar and Composition – 30 Marks)

IV. 1) Combine each set of the Simple sentences into one Complex sentence : 2

- a) Some people are rich. They should come forward to help those in need.
- b) The father was poor. He could not send his children to school.

2) Combine each set of Simple sentences into one Compound sentence : 2

- a) The old man sat near the fire, smoking.
- b) Being innocent, he never thought of running away.

3) Change the following assertive into an interrogative sentence : 1
you will take steps to correct this problem.

4) Rewrite the following paragraph into reported speech : 3

“Suddenly I felt a piercing pain in my left ear. The teacher was twisting it and at the same time pulling me up by it ! “You rascal, “he shouted, “making fun of me! You will answer for this mischief!” “Where have I made fun of you, sir!” I moaned, “Here!” He shouted shoving the exercise book in my face and pointing to a creature like a tiger cub I have drawn.

5) Fill in the blanks with suitable clauses : 2

- a) I do not know _____
- b) The truth is that _____



V. Complete the following dialogue between Atual and Clerk by using the following hints :

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Atual : Hello ! _____ ?

Clerk : yes, this is railway enquiry.

Atual : please, _____ ?

Clerk : Express train to Mumbai leaves Delhi at 18 : 30 hrs.

Atual : _____ ?

Clerk : It will reach Mumbai day after.

Atual : _____ fare for 2nd AC sleeper ?

Clerk : _____ Rs. 2000/-

VI. Write a quotation on behalf of Ajantha Travels to Sharadha First Grade College of Management about the educational tours you conduct. Draw attention to the reasonable price, good facilities given and the educational value as well as security arrangements.

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VII. Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title :

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Trees give shade for the benefit of others, and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure the scorching heat, they produce the fruit of which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of mankind ? Sandalwood, the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield, Sugarcane, the more it is peeled and cut up into pieces, the more juice does it produce. The men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even in losing their lives. What matters weather men praise them or not ? What differences does it make whether they die at this moment or whether lives are prolonged ? Happen what may, those who tread in the right path will not set foot in any other. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the mere sake of living one's life is to live the life of dog and crows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of others will assuredly dwell forever in a world of bliss.

VIII. Read the passage and answer the following questions :

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Sportsmanship can be conceptualized as an enduring and relatively stable characteristic or disposition such that individuals differ in the way they are generally expected to behave in sports situations. In general, sportsmanship refers to virtues such as fairness, self-control, courage, and persistence, and has been associated with interpersonal concepts of treating others and being treated fairly, maintaining self-control if dealing with others, and respect for both authority and opponents. Sportsmanship is also looked at as being the way one reacts to a sport/game/player.



The four elements of sportsmanship are often shown being good form, the will to win, equity and fairness. All four elements are critical and a balance must be found among all four for true sportsmanship to be illustrated. These elements may also cause conflict, as a person resulting in a clash within the aspects of sportsmanship. This will cause problems as the person believes they are being a good sportsman, but they are defeating the purpose of this idea as they are ignoring two key components of being sportsman like. When athletes become too self-centred, the idea of sportsmanship is dismissed.

Today's sporting culture, in particular the base of elite sport, places great importance on the idea of competition and winning and thus sportsmanship takes a back seat as a result. In most, if not all sports, sportsmen at the elite level make the standards on sportsmanship and no matter whether they like it or not, they are seen as leaders and role models in society.

Since every sport is rule driven, the most common offence of bad sportsmanship is the act cheating or breaking the rules to gain an unfair advantage. A competitor who exhibits poor sportsmanship after losing a game or contest is often called a "sore loser", while a competitor who exhibits poor sportsmanship after winning is typically called a "bad winner". Sore loser behaviour includes blaming others for the loss, not accepting responsibility for personal actions that contributed to the defeat, reacting to the loss in an immature or improper fashion, making excuses for the defeat, and citing unfavourable conditions or other petty issues as reasons for the defeat. A bad winner acts in a shallow fashion after his or her victory, such as by gloating about his or her win, rubbing the win in the face(s) of the opponents(s), and lowering the opponents(s) self-esteem by constantly reminding the opponent(s) of "poor" performance in comparison (even if the opponent(s) competed well). Not showing respect to the other team is considered to being a bad sportsman and could lead to demoralizing effects; as Leslie Howe describes : "If a pitcher in baseball decides to pitch no to his maximum ability suggest that the batter is not at an adequate level, [it] could lead to the batter to have low self-confidence or worth.

- 1) Is it necessary to strike a balance between all the four element of sportsmanship ?
- 2) Why has sportsmanship taken a backseat today ?
- 3) If one does not accept responsibility for one's defeat, one is called a ...
- 4) From the last paragraph, given the opposite of the word 'deep'.
- 5) When does the spirit of sportsmanship die ?