

B.A. (Part-I) (with Credits)-Regular-Semester 2012 Sem I  
**BA12A1 - Compulsory English**

P. Pages : 3

Time : Three Hours



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Max. Marks : 80

1. Answer the following questions in about 175 words :

- a) Give reasons for Pitcher's surprise when Harvey Maxwell entered the office with his secretary. **10**

**OR**

How did the mother indirectly bring about the death of her son in 'The Rocking-Horse Winner'?

- b) What was the bet taken by the young man and for what reason? **10**

**OR**

Explain the feelings of Harnando's wife on the day described in 'The Highway'.

2. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about 100 words each : **15**

- i) Summarize the poem 'Lucy'.  
ii) How does the duck prepare himself to meet the Kangaroo's need?  
iii) How does the poet describe the stars in the poem 'Escape at Bedtime'?  
iv) Give the substance of the poem "The Wild Swans" by W.B. Yeats.

3. Attempt **any three** out of the following questions : (A, B, C, D, E)

A) State Whether the following statements are true or false. **15**

- i) In formal situations, speakers of ten address each other by their first name .....  
ii) When we meet someone at 12.00 p.m., we say Good morning to greet them .....  
iii) While speaking, we use shortened forms such as I'll, I'm, we're, don't and can't .....  
iv) Titles are always added to a person's last name .....  
v) If both persons being introduced are women or men then the younger person is usually introduced to the older .....

b) Compete a dialogue using the hints given below in eight to ten lines :

- i) Mr. Khanna meets Mrs. Das.

- ii) Mrs. Das returns the greeting and asks him how his son Rakesh is
  - iii) Mr. Khanna says that Rakesh is much better, but that he has to rest for a week.
  - iv) Mrs. Das says, she hopes Rakesh will get well soon.
  - v) Mr. Khanna thanks her.
  - vi) They take leave of each other.
- c) Complete the dialogues given below :
- Sandesh meets his professor, Mr. Sheikh to submit his assignment. It is 11 o'clock in the morning?
- Sandesh : ..... sir.
- Mr. Sheikh : ..... Sandesh.
- Are you here .....?
- Sandesh : .....
- Mr. Sheikh : ..... Sandesh, I will return it to you in a day or two.
- d) Complete the following dialogue :
- (The phone rings in Ms. Santoshi's home, Mohan takes the call)
- Mohan : Hello, this is 28623825.
- Caller : Is that .....?
- Mohan : Yes would you .....?
- Caller : .....
- Mohan : .....
- Caller : .....
- e) Write in brief the essential points to be kept in mind when making an emergency telephonic conversation.

4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

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About twenty miles from Agra there is Fatehpur Sikri. At the village of Sikri in Akbar's time, there lived a saint of great renown. His name was Sheikh Salim Chisti. Now Akbar longed for a son and when he visited the saint, he spoke to him about his longing. The saint told Akbar that his wish would soon be granted. When a son was born to the great Moghul, he named him Salim. Many years after, when Salim became emperor, he took the name of Jahangir.

Akbar was so pleased at having his wish fulfilled that he decided to build a new capital city at Sikri. Quickly the great walls arose and wonder palaces and mosques took shape. Akbar called the city Fatehpur Sikri or 'The City of Victory'.

Questions :

- i) Why did Akbar visit the great saint?
- ii) What did the saint tell Akbar?
- iii) What did Akbar decide to do after his wish was fulfilled?
- iv) What happened when Salim became emperor?
- v) What kind of construction began to take place in Fatehpur Sikri?

5. a) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles. 4
- i) Principal delivered ..... beautiful speech.
  - ii) He can play ..... flute very well.
  - iii) He is ..... university player.
  - iv) Dinesh is ..... honest boy.
- b) Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition. 4
- i) She looked up ..... him with a smile.
  - ii) The cat jumped ..... the well.
  - iii) He missed a chance as the ball went ..... the goal post.
  - iv) It has been raining ..... last two days.
- c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the verb given in the brackets **any three**. 6
- i) It ..... very heavily in East Bengal. (rain)
  - ii) These girls ..... dancing lessons everyday. (take)
  - iii) She ..... the book last month. (purchase)
  - iv) I ..... her last Sunday. (meet)
  - v) I ..... letters since morning. (write)
  - vi) Dhiraj ..... for Mangesh for two hours. (wait)
- d) Do as directed. 6
- i) He is too happy to control his emotions. (Remove 'too')
  - ii) How hot the day is ! (change into Assertive sentences)
  - iii) Radha goes to college daily. (Add question tag)
  - iv) As soon as I reached the station, the train left. (Use No Sooner ..... than)
  - v) Sindhu played very well in Olympic. (Frame 'wh' question)
  - vi) This is a very good idea. (Change into exclamatory sentence)

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