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**B.A./B.Sc. (General) 2nd Semester
Examination**

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**ENGLISH
(Compulsory)**

Paper : (For BA only & Shastri 2nd Semester)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 45

Note :- (i) Write neatly and legibly.

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) Attempt all the parts of a question together.

Section-A

1. Explain the following with reference to the context
[one from (a) and one from (b)] :

(a) Was he free ? Was he happy ? The question is
absured :

Had anything been wrong, we should certainly
have heard.

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(1)

Turn Over

Or

The sea of faith

Was once, too, at the full, and round earth's shore

Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furl'd

But now I only hear

Its melancholy, long, withdrawing roar,

Retreating to the breath

Of the night-wind down the vast edges drear

And naked shingles of the world.

- (b) While giving a test you used to walk up and down between the rows of desks and see me in trouble and making mistakes, but you never said a word.

I have the same situation at home. No one to turn to for help for miles around. No books.

No telephone.

Or

Predictably, Indian politicians are jittery over a new judicial thrust that clearly threatens their wayward activities. But what redress is otherwise available to an aggrieved citizen ? Before Independence you could write a complain to an official and confidently expect an answer. That has changed. Today government and civic officials seldom care to respond. $5 \times 2 = 10$

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions in **50–60** words each :

- (i) What various things does “the unknown citizen” do to be considered “a saint” ?
- (ii) What elements comprise a homage to the dead soldiers ? (Anthem for Doomed Youth)
- (iii) Why does the poet refer to Sophocles and the Aegean Sea ? (Dover Beach)

(iv) Why does the speaker ask the landlady to see his palm and sole ? (Telephone Conversation)

(v) The poem 'Telephone Conversation' is about racial discrimination. But can it also be read in the context of other forms discrimination ? Is discrimination limited to race ?

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3. Answer any *two* questions in **100–120** words each :

(i) What according to you are the reforms in the education system suggested by 'Letter to a Teacher' ?

(ii) What do you think is the moral or message of the story 'The Best Investment I Ever Made' ?

(iii) What are the uses of water besides its fundamental role in sustaining life ? How can water be used for modern civilization's commercial purposes ? Add your views to those in Raman's essay. (The Elixir of Life)

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Section-B

4. Suppose one of your friends has met with an accident and is in the hospital. Write a cheerful letter to him.

Or

Write a letter to your friend sympathising with him on his failure in the examination.

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5. Do as directed :

- (i) He fled he should be killed.

(Conjunction)

- (ii) Grievances cannot be redressed they are known.

(Conjunction)

- (iii) He broke the jug a hundred pieces.

(Preposition)

- (iv) I shall do it pleasure.

(Preposition)

- (v) Don't loiter the street.

(Preposition)

- (vi) My teacher often says to me, "If you don't work hard, you will fail."

(Change the Narration)

- (vii) He said, "Will you listen to such a man ?"

(Narration)

(viii) Give synonyms of the following :

(a) Resplendent

(b) Meagre

(c) Vital

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6. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end :

Socrates was arrested and accused of denying the gods and of corrupting the young men of the city (Athens). This was not true, although it seemed so to the ignorant people. Socrates worshipped the gods of Greece very scrupulously, offering sacrifices and performing rites as the priests commanded. But he also believed that the gods spoke to him by an inner voice, telling him what to do and what not to do. This claim offended the priests, who wanted the people to believe that the gods would deal with men only through them. Then, too, Socrates had taught that there is no use believing a thing just because older people say it is so. You must test and examine and be able to give a reason for your belief. This the

older people regarded as an attack on their traditions and their faiths. So they accused him of corrupting the young. The great reformer was tried by the Athenian law and condemned to death.

Questions :

- (i) Why was Socrates Arrested ? What was the charge against him ?
- (ii) What was Socrates' attitude towards the Greek gods ?
- (iii) Which claim of Socrates offended the priests ?
- (iv) What did Socrates teach ?
- (v) Why did this offend the older people of his time ?

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7. Translate any *four* sentences into English :

- (i) मरता क्या न करता ?
- (ii) दोस्त वही जो समय पर काम आए।
- (iii) चोर की दाड़ी में तिनका।
- (iv) समझदार को इशारा ही काफी है।
- (v) हर चमकती चीज़ सोना नहीं होती।
- (vi) प्यार और युद्ध में सब जायज है।

- (i) ਮਰਦਾ ਦਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦਾ?
- (ii) ਦੋਸਤ ਉਹੀ ਜੋ ਮੋਕੇ ਤੇ ਕੰਮ ਆਵੇ।
- (iii) ਚੋਰ ਦੀ ਦਾੜ੍ਹੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਿਨਕਾ।
- (iv) ਸਮਝਦਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ਼ਾਰਾ ਹੀ ਕਾਫੀ।
- (v) ਹਰ ਚਮਕਦੀ ਚੀਜ਼ ਸੋਨਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦੀ।
- (vi) ਮੁਹੱਬਤ ਅਤੇ ਜੰਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਭ ਸਾਇਜ਼

Or

For Foreign Students

Write a paragraph on any *one* in 100 words :

- (i) Pride hath a fall.
- (ii) Nothing succeeds like success.

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