

## B.A. (Part-II) Semester-IV Examination

## COMPULSORY LANGUAGE

## ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

**Note :—**All questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Answer any **two** of the following questions in three to four sentences each : 6
- Why does Orwell refer to beggars as 'harmless parasites' ?
  - What impression do you form of Vivienne based on her conversation with Hartley ?
  - What was Gip's impression of the magic shop and the events of the afternoon he spent there ?
- (B) Answer any **two** of the following questions in 150 to 200 words each : 10
- Provide a brief account of Orwell's opinion on the social position of beggars.
  - What can one say about the character and mind of the author after having read 'On the Conduct of Life' ?
  - Write a note on how the author creates and sustains an air of mystery and suspense throughout the story 'Girl'.
2. (A) Answer any **two** of the following questions in three to four sentences each : 6
- What does Rabindranath Tagore say about knowledge in 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' ?
  - Explain the line : 'When will return the glory of your prime' in the poem 'A Lament'.
  - What is the journey the traveller is making in the poem 'Up-Hill' ?
- (B) Answer any **two** of the following questions in 150 to 200 words each : 10
- Summarise the poem 'Up-Hill' in your own words.
  - Describe the central idea of the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'.
  - How do the structure and style of the poem 'Up-Hill' emphasise its central theme ? Discuss.
3. (A) Do as directed : 8
- They were poor, and often suffered great hardship. (Change into a simple sentence)
  - He bought his uncle's library. (Change into a complex sentence)
  - The man, being very hungry, ate too much. (Change into a compound sentence)

- (iv) Remember to post the letter I gave you. (Change into a negative sentence)
- (v) Please don't speak. (Change into an affirmative sentence)
- (vi) Man is a wonderful piece of work. (Change into an exclamatory sentence)
- (vii) You can't do this to me. (Change into an interrogative sentence)
- (viii) He is greater than me. (Change into a negative sentence)

(B) Combine the following sentences into the type given in the brackets : 8

- (i) I saw a bird. It was wounded. (Simple sentence)
- (ii) The way was long. The wind was cold. (Compound sentence)
- (iii) He will be late. That is certain. (Complex sentence)
- (iv) He is very sad. He cannot speak. (Simple sentence)
- (v) The paper is good. The binding is very bad. (Compound sentence)
- (vi) Don't eat too much. You will be ill. (Complex sentence)
- (vii) You have made a mistake. I think so. (Complex sentence)
- (viii) His friend arrived. He was very pleased. (Simple sentence)

4. (A) Complete the dialogue given below. (Nalu looks after Savita's child for the day) :

Savita : \_\_\_\_\_ sent lunch for my child. \_\_\_\_\_ .

Nalu : \_\_\_\_\_ looking after them.

Savita : You made it possible for me to be with my father during his surgery. I'll never forget that.

Nalu : \_\_\_\_\_ , Savita ? \_\_\_\_\_ . 8

(B) Complete the following casual conversation :

(Jayesh talks about the weather to make small talk with a stranger who sits next to him)

Stranger : \_\_\_\_\_ we had last evening !

Jayesh : \_\_\_\_\_ , wasn't it ?

Stranger : Yes. \_\_\_\_\_ on my way back home from the office.

Jayesh : \_\_\_\_\_ . It was quite bright till \_\_\_\_\_ . And then, \_\_\_\_\_ back clouds \_\_\_\_\_ and it \_\_\_\_\_ .

Stranger : And there was \_\_\_\_\_ . Oh, they are calling out my token number ! Bye.

Jayesh : \_\_\_\_\_ . 8

5. Answer the following by choosing the correct option from the given options :

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- (i) How would you describe Orwell's approach to beggars and their profession ?
- (a) Negative (b) Comic  
(c) Realistic (d) Tragic
- (ii) 'Beggars do not work' — how does Orwell react to this statement ?
- (a) He refutes it (b) He questions the definition of work  
(c) He agrees with it (d) He asks readers for their opinions
- (iii) Whom does Tagore refer to using the phrase 'My Father' in the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' ?
- (a) The reader (b) His country  
(c) His father (d) God
- (iv) What does the phrase 'head ... held high' give an impression of ?
- (a) Pride and fear (b) Fear and integrity  
(c) Fearlessness and pride (d) Freedom and fear
- (v) To whom has William Hazlitt written a letter in the essay 'On the Conduct of Life' ?
- (a) His son (b) His sister  
(c) His daughter (d) His wife
- (vi) Which of the following adjectives does Hazlitt use to describe his child ?
- (a) Precious (b) Spoiled  
(c) Precocious (d) Happy
- (vii) Who is the poet P.B. Shelley addressing in the poem 'A Lament' ?
- (a) Himself (b) Time  
(c) Death (d) God
- (viii) How does Shelley describe his heart ?
- (a) Overflowing (b) Delirious  
(c) Faint (d) Running
- (ix) How long had Hartley been searching for Vivienne's new address ?
- (a) A day (b) A month  
(c) A week (d) Three weeks
- (x) From the author O. Henry's description of Hartley and Vivienne's meeting what relationship did the author imply they shared ?
- (a) Employer and employee (b) Husband and wife  
(c) Lovers (d) Old friends

- (xi) Pick out the correct meaning of the word 'looking-glass'.
- (a) Window (b) Mirror  
(c) Binoculars (d) French window
- (xii) What is the object of the poet's search in the poem 'Love in a Life' ?
- (a) A job (b) Poetic success  
(c) The woman he loves (d) Spiritual bliss
- (xiii) Why did the narrator enter the magic shop ?
- (a) He was interested in magic. (b) He had never seen a shop before.  
(c) He was curious about the shop. (d) His son was interested in the shop.
- (xiv) What is the name of narrator's son in the story 'The Magic Shop' ?
- (a) Joy (b) Robert  
(c) Gip (d) Jim
- (xv) What does the inn offer in 'Up-Hill' ?
- (a) Security and Darkness (b) Labour and Comfort  
(c) Rest and Labour (d) Comfort and Security
- (xvi) In 'Up-hill' the poet compares life to :
- (a) The slow dark hours (b) A painful journey  
(c) A series of questions (d) Rest and labour