



II Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.C.A./B.Com. Examination, May 2011
(Semester Scheme) (Repeaters) (Prior to 2011)
LANGUAGE ENGLISH (Paper – II)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 90

Instructions : 1) Answer all the questions.

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SECTION – A

I. Answer **any five** of the following. **Each** question carries **two** marks. (5×2=10)

- 1) Mention any two features of effective communication.
- 2) Give two examples of informal communication.
- 3) What is the difference between verbal and non-verbal communication ?
- 4) What are the formal expressions for the following ?
 - a) end
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- 5) Give two examples of face-to-face communication.
- 6) Change the following formal sentence into an informal sentence :
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SECTION – B

II. 1) You had promised your friend to go to the movies, at the week-end, but you are unable to do so. Send an e-mail to her/him about

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Send these to the HR Manager, Prolific Group of Companies Ltd. Mumbai, within 10 days.

- 3) You are the manager of 'Sports Academy' and you have been invited by a local college to make a presentation on staying fit and healthy.

- a) Prepare a title-slide with a suitable heading and a sub-heading. 10
b) Give an introduction to your presentation.

- 4) The sports instructor of your college has asked a group of students to conduct a survey on 'The current trends in sports', in your college. Your survey should include 10

- The facilities available in the sports Department.
- What kind of games are played by the boy/girl students ?
- The number of students that play indoor/outdoor games.
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Write a report using an appropriate format. Analyse the findings and make suitable recommendations.

- 5) Read the following passage carefully and make notes using either a linear pattern or any diagram of your choice : 10

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III. Answer **any two** of the following :

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- 1) What is the relevance of English in Indian newspapers ?
- 2) Do you think the television can serve as an effective tool of social change ? Discuss.
- 3) Some advertisements specifically target children, is it right to do so ? Discuss.
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2. Identify the topic sentence and four supporting sentences : 5
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5. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

ONCE there was a Scottish nobleman called Lord Ullin. He had a lovely daughter. Lord Ullin's daughter fell in love with a young man. He was the chief of Ulva's Isle.

Lord Ullin would not allow his daughter to marry the man whom she loved. So the two lovers ran away.

Lord Ullin came to know about this. He sent for his followers. He bade them get their horses ready. They started in pursuit of the run-away lovers.

When they had fled for three days the two lovers reached the shores of a lake called Lochgyle. They wanted to cross the lake. If they got to the other side of the lake they would be safe from the men who pursued them.

The chief of Ulva offered a silver coin to the boatman. He begged the boatman to take them across the lake.

But the boatman refused to put out his boat. Night had already fallen. The sky was thick with clouds.

"Who are you ?" asked the boatman. "Why do you wish to cross this dark and stormy water so late at night ?"

The young man replied, "I am the chief of Ulva's Isle. This is Lord Ullin's daughter. Three days we have fled before Lord Ullin and his men. Should they succeed in finding us I am certain to be killed. And when they have killed me who will cheer this pretty maiden who loves me ?"

"One should be mad" answered the boatman "to put out in such weather and at night". He was right. For even while they were speaking the wind had risen. It was getting ready for a heavy storm.



Lord Ullin's daughter now added her appeals to those of her lover. "Pray take us across," she said "I would rather face an angry sky and an angry water than an angry father".

The boatman was moved to pity by her appeal. He turned to the young man and said "I will go, my chief. I am ready. But remember it is not for the silver that you have offered. It is for the sake of that lovely lady by your side".

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Lord Ullin was left weeping on the stormy shore.

5. A) Answer the following questions in a **word, a phrase, or a sentence** each : (10×1=10)

- 1) Who was Lord Ullin ?
- 2) Why did Ullin's daughter run away ?
- 3) Lord Ullin did not send his followers to bring her back. True/False.
- 4) What did the lovers want to do ?
- 5) The Chief of Ulva offered _____ to the boatman.
- 6) Why was the boatman not ready to take them across the lake ?
- 7) What did Lord Ullin's daughter say to the boatman ?
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B) Answer the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences **each** : (5×2=10)

- 1) Why did Lord Ullin go in pursuit of his daughter ?
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SECTION – C

6. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **two** or **three** sentences **each** : (5×2=10)

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- 2) Who are Jackasses, according to Ogden Nash, in "Bankers are just like anybody else, except richer" ?
- 3) What did Bernard announce in the story "The Accursed Home" ?
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- 6) Why did the old beggarman call the young boy a dreamer ?
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7. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about **half** a page each : (4×5=20)

- 1) What picture of Jenks do you get from the story "Jenks' Whiskers" ?
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