

**J-321**

**B.Com. (Part-III) Examination, 2021**

**(Foundation Course)**

**Paper - II**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Time Allowed : Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 75**

**Minimum Pass Marks : 25**

**Note :** Attempt all questions. Internal choices have been given in each unit. Marks have been indicated against each question.

**Unit-I**

- Q. 1.** Attempt any three of the following questions in about 200 words : **3×5=15**
- (a) Write a summary of the short story – "Death of a Clerk" in your own words.
  - (b) Why could the shepherd-boy sit on the judgement seat of Vikramaditya and not the King ?
  - (c) Write an essay on Rationalistic religion.
  - (d) How are basic human needs and quality of life inter-related ?

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- (e) Write a summary of the essay – "The New Economic Policy".

**Unit-II**

- Q. 2.** Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words : **10**
- (a) Women's Safety : Awareness and Solutions.
  - (b) Decreasing Air Quality and Ecological Conservation.
  - (c) Democracy and Corruption.
  - (d) Games and Sports in Chhattisgarh.

**Unit-III**

- Q. 3.** Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title to it : **10**
- The youths do have ample time and energy at their disposal. They can use this spare time to uplift the society. There are so many social institutions where volunteers work selflessly. They work hard to remove social evils from their surroundings. They try hard to educate the masses. They teach the custom of hygiene to the poor villagers. They persuade the villagers to give up evil practices such as child marriages,

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dowry, casteism, illiteracy etc. They work against untouchability and oppression. In this way there is plenty of scope for social services. Our youths have enough time to come close to society and work wonderful things for betterment of the whole nation.

**Unit-IV**

**Q. 4.** (a) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : **5**

India is chiefly an agricultural country. The cultivation of crops depend on proper supply of water throughout the year. Since older times large parts of our country have suffered from periods of heavy rainfalls alternating with periods of drought. People have known that if surplus water of the floods can be stored away for use in the fields during the dry seasons; the problem would be solved. Unfortunately they have had neither the knowledge nor the resources to do much in this regard. What they knew, they have tried to put into practice. They dug

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canals to carry away excess water from the great rivers. This was heavy and expensive work and practicable over only limited area. Large tanks were excavated or small dams were built to hold or hold back-floods. But it has not been possible to do anything on a countrywide scale.

Questions :

- (i) How has our country suffered since olden times ?
  - (ii) What have our people known to avoid this suffering ?
  - (iii) What have they been doing regarding this matter ?
  - (iv) Why have they not been able to do much ?
  - (v) Why it is important to manage the water supply in country like India ?
- (b) (i) Give antonyms of any five : **5**  
Faithful, Reveal, Just, Assurance, Benignancy, Superiority, Decision.

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- (ii) Give synonyms of any five : **5**  
Handicap, Evasion, Clever, Wise,  
Abundance, Development, Crafty

**Unit-V**

**Q. 5.** Do as directed (any twenty five) : **25**

(a) Choose the correct word :

- (1) His behaviour at the party was \_\_\_\_\_,  
to say at least. (Contemptuous,  
Contemptible)
- (2) I am afraid the project is far too  
expensive to be \_\_\_\_\_. (Practical,  
Practicable)
- (3) The legal termination of life is a very  
\_\_\_\_\_ issue in India. (emotional,  
emotive)

(b) Make antonyms of given words by putting  
suitable prefixes before them :

- (4) a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ believable story.
- (5) an \_\_\_\_\_ logical answer.
- (6) barred to \_\_\_\_\_ members.

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(c) Put a correct collective noun in blank of  
following sentences :

- (7) The US President occupied a \_\_\_\_\_ of  
rooms at the hotel.
- (8) He bought a large \_\_\_\_\_ of banana.
- (9) In spring \_\_\_\_\_ of birds arrive in India  
after spending their time in Russia.
- (10) Let us play a game. Who has got a  
\_\_\_\_\_ of cards ?

(d) Put in each blank space a noun made from  
adjective given in brackets :

- (11) Chhattisgarh has great mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
(wealth).
- (12) Please tell me the \_\_\_\_\_ (true)
- (13) \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the world's greatest  
problems. (poor)
- (14) He was a very thoughtful, philosophical  
person. A man of great \_\_\_\_\_. (wise)

(e) Complete the following conditional sentences :

- (15) If you don't visit me soon \_\_\_\_\_.
- (16) If I had known he was here \_\_\_\_\_.

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(17) If the Ganga overflowed its banks  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(18) Unless someone tells me the way  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(f) Fill in the blanks with modal verbs suitable  
for meaning given in brackets :

(19) We \_\_\_\_\_ aim at noble goals  
(Desirability)

(20) She \_\_\_\_\_ tell her father whole truth.  
(Absence of courage)

(21) \_\_\_\_\_ he be so foolish to behave like  
this ? (possibility)

(g) Put into reported speech :

(22) Are you enjoying yourself ?

(23) Does your car always make such nasty  
noise ?

(24) Do not stand there doing nothing !

(25) Are your shoes cleaned yet ?

(h) Change the voice of given sentences :

(26) Did the noise frighten you ?

(27) The car was started with great difficulty.

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(28) I was struck by her horrid look.

(29) She should love someone to take her  
out to dinner.

(30) Somebody must have taken it while I  
was out.

