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**B.Com. 4th Semester**  
**ENGLISH COMPULSORY**  
**Paper—BCG-401**

Time Allowed—3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks—50

**SECTION—A**

I. Answer any **SIXTEEN** out of the following questions.  
Each question carries 1 mark :—

(1) I'm afraid I ..... attend your party next month.

(Put in 'can' or 'can't')

(2) That park ..... be very good. It is always empty. (Fill in the blank an appropriate modal)

(3) They ..... travel a lot for their work.

(Choose between 'must' or 'have to')

(4) I don't think you ..... go for a walk in winters.

(Fill in the blank an appropriate modal)

(5) Do you think you ..... lend me some money? (Put in 'can' or 'could')

(6) Butter ..... (make) from milk.

(Fill in the appropriate form of verb)

(7) They cancelled all flights because of fog.

(Rewrite the sentence using passive voice)

(8) Liza told me that you were in a conference.

(Convert the sentence into direct speech)

(9) Sophia said to me, "Mind your own business, please".

(Rewrite the sentence using reported speech)

(10) The Church ..... is being built in the town is beautiful.

(Fill in the blank an appropriate relative pronoun)

(11) A man tried to commit suicide. He has been arrested.

(Combine the two sentences into one)

(12) The road which connects the two villages is very narrow.

(Rewrite the sentence using an -ing clause)

(13) A baker makes biscuits and cakes.

(Rewrite the sentence using a relative clause)

(14) The driver who was killed in the accident was not insured.

(Rewrite the sentence using an -ed clause)

(15) Although I was tired, I couldn't sleep.

(Rewrite the sentence using 'in spite of')

(16) Today is a public holiday. The doctor will see you only if it is an emergency.

(Make one sentence using 'unless')

(17) You can borrow my car ..... you promise not to drive too fast.

(Fill in the blank an appropriate conjunction)

(18) The building looks ..... it is going to fall down.

(Use 'like', 'as' or 'as if' to complete the sentence)

(19) They met a lot of funny people ..... their holiday.

(Choose between 'while' or 'during')

(20) Joya has gone away. She'll be away ..... Monday. (Choose between 'by' or 'until')

1×16=16

### SECTION—B

II. (I) (a) Identify the definition markers, technical terms and the definitions in any **THREE** of the following texts :—

(1) Mortality rates i.e. the number of births and deaths per year depend upon the health care system of a country.

(2) Frustration may be defined as unpleasant feelings that result when a desired goal is not achieved.

- (3) A sudden outbreak of a disease affecting a large number of people is referred to as an epidemic.
- (4) Phonetics is the study of speech sounds used in human languages.
- (5) Voiceless sounds are sounds that are produced with no vibration of the vocal cords.
- (6) Language is a system of communication used by a particular country or community.

1×3=3

(b) In any **THREE** of the following sentences, identify the comparison markers and the contrast markers :—

- (1) Instead of moving into their own ethnic neighbourhoods in the inner cities, many of today's immigrants favour middle-class suburbs.
- (2) A feature that is common to love and hatred is lack of peace.
- (3) His father is a police officer, whereas he is a thief.
- (4) We can distinguish two main types of linguistic variation—between group variation and variation within the individual.

(5) How you address a person varies depending on your relationship with that person and the setting in which you are speaking.

(6) Unlike the fish, who live in water, crocodiles can live both in water and on earth

1×3=3

(II) (a) Identify the solution markers and the solutions in any **THREE** of the following texts :

(1) The Iraq issue was settled when the natives of Iraq stopped supporting the US army.

(2) One way to eradicate poverty is to increase access to education.

(3) Debt relief must be a component of any comprehensive international effort to tackle the problems of underdevelopment and poverty.

(4) The United States tends to deal with labour shortages by encouraging suitably qualified workers to immigrate.

(5) The Indian Government has addressed the issue of unemployment by encouraging FDI.

(6) The Third World nations have adopted a number of strategies to get rid of the legacy of colonialism.

1×3=3

(b) Identify the nominalised parts in any **THREE** of the following sentences :

- (1) I do not understand what she means.
- (2) Our intention is to audit the records of the program.
- (3) The government's decision to raise taxes has angered a lot of people.
- (4) His slow and painful adjustment to life overseas was expected.
- (5) We must examine everything that they propose.
- (6) The retention by immigrant families of parts of their native culture has added variety to U.S. Society. 1×3=3

III. Attempt any **TWO** of the following questions :—

- (1) What do you gather about the character of Porphyria's lover from the poem ?
- (2) Discuss the theme of the poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening".
- (3) Why do the swans fill the poet's heart with sadness in "The Wild Swans at Coole" ? 4×2=8

**SECTION—C**

- IV. Explain the following stanza with reference to the context :

Call the roller of big cigars,  
The muscular one, and bid him whip  
In kitchen cups concupiscent curds.  
Let the wenchés dawdle in such dress  
As they are used to wear, and let the boys  
Bring flowers in last month's newspapers.  
Let be be finale of seem.  
The only emperor is the emperor of ice-cream.

**OR**

Because I could not stop for Death —  
He kindly stopped for me —  
The Carriage held but just Ourselves —  
And Immortality.

7×1=7

- V. What obstacles stand in the way of organizing effective birth-control programs in countries with overpopulation problems ?

7×1=7