

B.Com. 4th Semester (Batch 2020-23)

BCG-401 : ENGLISH (Compulsory)

Time Allowed—3 Hours] [Maximum Marks—50

Note :— Attempt *five* questions in all, selecting at least *one* question from each section. The fifth question may be attempted from any section. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION—A

1. (A) Complete the sentences using *could*, *couldn't* or *managed to* :
- (1) I looked everywhere for the mobile, but I _____ find it.
 - (2) They didn't want to come with us at first, but we _____ persuade them.
 - (3) I looked very carefully and I _____ see somebody in the distance.
 - (4) I had forgotten to bring my camera, so I _____ take any pictures.
- (B) Put the verb into the correct form, active or passive :
- (5) The letter _____ (send) a week ago and it (arrive) _____ yesterday.
 - (6) The park gates _____ (lock) at 8.30 p.m. every evening.
 - (7) Water _____ (cover) most of the earth's surface.

(C) Complete the sentences with say or tell :

(8) Mary _____ good morning to me and walked into the class.

(9) Garima _____ me that she was bored with her job.

(10) Don't _____ anybody what has happened.

2. (A) Make one sentence from two. Use who/that/which :

(1) Some stories have unhappy endings. I don't like them.

(2) My sister studies in university. She has topped in the class.

(3) Where is the cheese ? It was in the fridge.

(4) Harry works for a company. It makes umbrellas.

(5) A building was destroyed in the fire. It has now been rebuilt.

(B) Complete the sentences with although/in spite of/because/because of :

(6) _____ it rained a lot, we enjoyed our holiday.

(7) I went home early _____ I was feeling unwell.

(8) She accepted the job _____ the salary, which was rather low.

(9) I couldn't get to sleep _____ the noise.

(10) I didn't get the job _____ I had the necessary qualifications.

SECTION—B

3. (A) Identify the nominalised subjects in the following sentences :

- (1) The management's decision to shut down the factory has made a lot of people unemployed.
- (2) The disappearance of so many species in the last century is a cause of concern.
- (3) The destruction of Ukraine in the war is a major setback to the world peace.
- (4) The clearing of forests to build wide roads must be stopped immediately.
- (5) The public's lack of appreciation of art usually discourages the artists.

(B) Write words that are similar in meaning to the following :

- (1) Financially successful
- (2) Not enough
- (3) Clear and firm
- (4) Expensive
- (5) Cultural history.

4. (A) Decide which form of the verb, the active or the passive, correctly completes the following sentences :

- (1) In court, the advocate argued that a key part of the evidence _____.
(had not properly analysed/had not been properly analysed)
- (2) The expert concluded that the suspect _____ the threatening e-mail.
(may have written/may have been written)

- (3) A phone call _____ just before the attack.
(had made/had been made)
- (4) Sociolinguists _____ in how languages vary.
(interested/are interested)
- (5) After a few months in a new country,
behaviour, values and identity _____ to adapt
to a new culture.
(will shift/will have been shifted)

(B) Identify the technical terms and the definition markers in the following texts :

- (1) Matter is defined as anything that occupy space and weight.
- (2) Family is the most important influence in teaching children how to interact with one another, a process known as socialization.
- (3) Phonetics is the study of speech sounds made in human languages.
- (4) Cognates refer to words in two or more languages that share the same origin and have similar spellings and meanings.
- (5) Achieved status refers to the social position an individual reaches through choice, ability and competition.

SECTION—C

5. Discuss the thesis in the poem 'Porphyria's Lover'.
6. Discuss Robert Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" as an inspirational poem.

SECTION—D

7. When does language learning begin ? Write a detailed note.
8. Summarize the main ideas in the essay "Managing Earth's Greenhouse".