

B.Com. Semester—II

BCG-201 : ENGLISH COMPULSORY

Time Allowed—3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks—50

SECTION—A

I. Attempt **SIXTEEN** of the following questions :

*Make a new sentence using the verb in brackets :*

- (1) You know a lot of people. (seem)
- (2) That car has broken down. (appear)
- (3) They have solved the problem. (claim)

*Put the verb into the correct form, 'to'... or 'for' :*

- (4) We stopped \_\_\_\_\_ petrol.
- (5) You need a lot of experience \_\_\_\_\_ this job.
- (6) We'll need more time \_\_\_\_\_ make a decision.

*Put the words in brackets in the correct order. All the sentences are questions :*

- (7) (what time/coming/your friends/are)
- (8) (when/invented/the computer/was)
- (9) (why/this machine/doesn't/work)

*Put in the/a/an :*

- (10) Would you like apple ?
- (11) How often do you go to dentist ?
- (12) My sister has just got job in bank in Zurich.

Choose the correct form, with or without 'the' :

(13) Women/The women live longer than men/the men.

(14) I don't drink tea/the tea. I don't like it.

(15) Who are people/the people in this photograph ?

(16) All books/All the books on the top shelf belong to me.

Complete each sentence using ... who/whom/whose/where :

(17) What's the name of the man \_\_\_\_\_ car you borrowed ?

(18) A cemetery is a place \_\_\_\_\_ people are buried.

(19) An orphan is a child \_\_\_\_\_ parents are dead.

(20) The place \_\_\_\_\_ we spent our holidays was really beautiful. 1×16=16

### SECTION—B

II. Attempt any **FOUR** of the following. Choose at least **TWO** from each prescribed text. The answer to each question should not exceed **5-20** sentences.

(1) The author says in the story that the line was drawn at the Kelveys. What was the line and why was it drawn ? (The Doll's House)

(2) Briefly sketch the character of Frank. (Eveline)

(3) Why did an inmate of asylum climb up a tree ? (Toba Tek Singh)

- (4) In what way are children and birds alike ?  
(The Taboo)
- (5) Why is camera an imperfect judge of beauty ?  
(Beauty and the Beast)
- (6) Why did the manager call to the accountant in an  
“unkindly loud” voice ? (My Financial Career)
- (7) What was the chief objective of Miss Beam's  
school ? (The School for Sympathy)
- (8) How do orphaned children suffer from the effects of  
AIDS epidemic ?  $3 \times 4 = 12$

III. Give meaning of the following words and use them in  
your sentences :

Vigour, Sapling, Random, Prompt.  $1 \times 4 = 4$

IV. Write a letter to your father describing the celebration of  
Basant Festival in your college.

**OR**

Write a letter to your sister advising her to read newspaper  
daily. 4

**SECTION—C**

V. Attempt the following in approximately 300 words :

Write in your words the theme of the story The Taboo.

**OR**

Write in detail the story of Pabuji's heroism and its impact  
on the audience. (With A Song On Their Lips)

$1 \times 6 = 6$

VI. Read the passage and answer the questions given below :

A rank outsider has no place in the assessment of beauty of either personality or person. That is why any elaborate beauty Contest, with judges, fills me with wonderment. How can beauty be judged by means of tape and weighing machine ? Perception of beauty seems to be an entirely personal matter, peculiar to each individual and even to each country. This is the reason why we remain unmoved when we see in our newspapers photographs of beauty queens of other lands. What is beautiful in one country or in one part of the country may be viewed differently in another. Among certain aborigines piercing the upper lip and riveting on it several layers of metal discs is considered indispensable for any lady of social standing. In our part of the country nose-ornaments are very popular, and not so in the north; green eyes and red hair are probably considered masterly touches of nature in the West, while we think they handicap a girl's future.

**Questions :**

- (1) From which chapter the passage has been taken and name its author ?
- (2) Why does the narrator think that rank outsider cannot be the judge of beauty ?
- (3) What is considered indispensable by certain aborigines ?
- (4) Give meaning of the following words :
  - (a) Assessment
  - (b) Perception
  - (c) Viewed
  - (d) Indispensable

2×4=8