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Seat No. \_\_\_\_\_

**B. A. (Sem. II) Examination**

**March / April - 2019**

**English Compulsory : FC - 203**

*(Foundation Compulsory English)*

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

- 1 (a) Explain how two young people in love try 15  
to break away from social traditions and  
pressures in 'Marriage is a Private Affair'.

**OR**

- (b) In 'The Verger' Maugham holds up to ridicule  
one of modern man's most cherished  
institutions : education - Discuss.

- 2 Answer the following questions in brief : 20

(any five)

- (1) What kind of a man was Datta ?
- (2) Why did Datta take up the young customer's  
job the next day ?
- (3) How did Mr. McMaster help Henry recover?
- (4) What did Mr. McMaster say when Henry  
asked for a boat ? What did he say later ?

- (5) Who did Nnaemeka's father choose as a bride for his won ? What qualities of hers appealed to Nnaemeka's father ?
- (6) What was the surprised bank manager's final question ? What was Mr. Foreman's answer ?
- (7) What were the 'stars' that the narrator collected from the tree ?
- (8) What did King Vanapastha announce ? How did Suranna win the princess ?

- 3 (a) Match the words in column 'A' with their meanings in column 'B'. 5

**A**

**B**

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|----------------|------------------|
| (1) venerable  | (1) Clarity      |
| (2) Jauntily   | (2) desire       |
| (3) lucidity   | (3) respectable  |
| (4) classy     | (4) cheerfully   |
| (5) temptation | (5) aristocratic |

- (b) Make meaningful sentences using the words given below : (any **five**) 5
- refractory, contented, intrude, homage, profusion, reverential, consent, seriously.

- 4 (a) Choose the correct preposition from those given in the brackets and fill in the blanks : 5
- (any **five**)

- (1) Always write \_\_\_\_\_ a ball pen.  
(with, from)

- (2) Pray \_\_\_\_\_ God before going to bed.  
(at, to)
- (3) What is the aim \_\_\_\_\_ your life ?  
(of, for)
- (4) The stars are \_\_\_\_\_ the sky. (in, on)
- (5) There is a well \_\_\_\_\_ my house.  
(over, near)
- (6) The dog swam \_\_\_\_\_ the river.  
(across, into)

(b) Fill in the blanks with correct form of verb 5  
given in the brackets : (any **five**)

- (1) Man and woman \_\_\_\_\_ complementary  
to each other. (is/are)
- (2) A lot of houses \_\_\_\_\_ collapsed in the  
storm. (have, has)
- (3) The children as well as their mother  
\_\_\_\_\_ missing. (are, is)
- (4) A lot of money \_\_\_\_\_ stolen. (was, were)
- (5) Cats and dogs \_\_\_\_\_ not get along.  
(do, does)
- (6) The students accompanied by their  
teacher \_\_\_\_\_ gone on a picnic.  
(has, have)

(c) Fill in the blanks with the correct pronoun 5  
from the bracket : (any five)

(1) I \_\_\_\_\_ am enough to solve the problem.  
(me, myself)

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ should know one's job.  
(None, one)

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ is her pen ? (Which, Who)

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ do you hate ? (Who, Whom)

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ of these pens will be sold.  
(Each, Every)

(6) I invited \_\_\_\_\_ in my party. (his, him)

5 Write an essay on any **one** of the following : 10

(1) My favourite teacher

(2) Television

(3) My College.

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