

## C 2101 A

B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. (Three Year) DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH/APRIL 2017.

End Semester examination

Second Semester

Part I — English

GENERAL ENGLISH

(Common for B.A./B.Com./B.Sc.)

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Max. Marks : 70*

### PART — A

Answer any FIVE of the following questions. **(5 × 4 = 20 Marks)**

1. When and how do people shake hands? What would be an alternative to greeting by shaking hands?
2. Examine the theme of 'Ode to Autumn'.
3. How had Sitaram been of service to both a customer and his friend?
4. Examine the theme of greed in 'Half a rupee worth'.
5. Write a dialogue between a traveller and a railway booking clerk enquiring about trains going to Mumbai on that day.
6. How does the war affect Subbaiah's business?
7. Narrate in your own words how a boy broke the bank.
8. Why is the ritual of shaking hands worth the occasional penalty?

### PART — B

Answer ALL the following questions. **(5 × 10 = 50 Marks)**

9. (a) What does Haldane accuse the 'enemies of science' of doing?

Or

- (b) Discuss the theme and arguments presented by Gardiner in his essay 'On Shaking Hands'.

Turn Over

10. (a) Examine how Keats uses the senses in his poem 'Ode to Autumn'.

Or

(b) What do the 'Walls of Stone' metaphorically imply in the 'I am Not that Woman'?

11. (a) How did people react to the rumour of the imminent collapse of the bank in Pipalnagar in the story 'The boy who broke the bank'?

Or

(b) Narrate how a boy broke the bank in Ruskin Bond's 'The Boy who broke the bank'.

12. (a) What was the purpose of Lomov's visit to Natalia's house? Was it served?

Or

(b) Present the character of Natalia as is evident in the drama 'A Marriage Proposal'.

13. (a) Write a paragraph based on the hints given :

crow – thirsty – search – water – found pot – water – low level – crow – idea – put – stones – water – rise crow – drink.

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed :

(i) One should keep one's promises. (Change to passive)

(ii) He said to me, 'you alone can save her'. (Change to indirect)

(iii) Peas are as nutritious as meat. (Change to comparative degree)

(iv) Health is better than wealth. (Change to positive degree)

(v) Bheema was stronger than any other man. (Change to superlative)

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