

**MODEL QUESTION PAPER**  
**B.A., B.Com., B.Sc., and B.B.M. Degree Examinations, March, 2009**  
**(Examinations at the end of First year)**

**PART I**  
**Paper I (A) - GENERAL ENGLISH**

**Time : 2 Hours**

**Maximum: 50 marks**

**SECTION-A**

- I a) Answer any ONE of the following in about 50 words:  
(Short answer questions from prose text) 1x4 = 4 marks
- i. Attempt a character Sketch of Mr. John.
  - ii. What kind of America does king envisage in his speech “ I Have a Dream”?
  - iii. How is progress defined in the essay prescribed for your study?
  - iv. What were the tricks performed by the conjurer? Was he successful at it?
- b) Answer any FIVE of the following in about 25 words: 5 x 2 = 10 marks  
(Very short-answer questions from prose text)
- i. Comment on the appropriateness of the title of the story “The Best Investment I Ever Made”
  - ii. What did the conjurer produce from an absolutely empty cloth?
  - iii. What is one of the “The discouraging discoveries of our disillusioning century”?
  - iv. What according to Dr.B.R.Ambedkar, are the ideals of the society?
  - v. Who is the “Great American” that king refers to at the beginning of his speech? What was his achievement?
  - vi. Where do the children go when they are “failed out” of school?
  - vii. Why was the Quick Man puzzled?
  - viii. Why did the conjurer decide to take revenge?

**SECTION-B**

- II a) Answer any FOUR of the following in about 25 words each:  
(Very short-answer questions from poetry) 4 x 2 = 8 marks
- i. What are the various activities of autumn described in the second stanza?
  - ii. What, according to the poem Dover Beach, was the state of Faith at one time?
  - iii. How is the “the unknown citizen” identified? Why does the “State” erect a monument for him?
  - iv. Why does Tagore pray for strength? How does he wish to use it?

- v. What do you think the poet compares herself to a spider and caterpillar in stanza 5 of the poem “Myriad-Winged Bird ”? What is the effect of using these images?
- vi. Write briefly about the speaker of the poem “Telephone conversation”

### SECTION-C

II a) Answer any FOUR of the following in about 25 words each:  $4 \times 2 = 8$  marks

(Very short-answer questions from Further Reading Book (Non-detailed text))

- i. How does Tolstoy show that little girls are wiser than men?
- ii. Who tries to pacify the angry men and what does she say to cool them down?
- iii. What are the problems encountered by the boy on the way to the river?
- iv. How does Portia show her affection for Bassanio before he chooses the casket?
- v. What does Antonio say in his letter?
- vi. How does Philip tame Mrs. Higgins?

### SECTION-D

IV Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : (From Prose text)  $5 \times 1 = 5$  marks

He had been in the city only six months. Utterly friendless, he made bad companions, and like a young fool began to bet on horses. Soon he had lost all his small savings, pledged his belongings, and owed the bookmakers a disastrous amount. In an effort to recoup, he took a sum of money from the office safe for a final gamble which, he was assured, was certain to win. But this last resort failed. Terrified of the prosecution which must follow, sick at heart, sunk in despair, he shut himself in his room and turned on the gas.

- i. How long had he been in the city?
- ii. What did he make?
- iii. Which word in the passage is antonym of ‘lose’?
- iv. What does “Book-maker” mean?
- v. What did he do when the last resort failed?

V Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets:

$10 \times \frac{1}{2} = 5$  marks

- i. When we \_\_\_\_\_ , the telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (eat, ring).

- ii. After the guest \_\_\_\_\_ , the host \_\_\_\_\_ (go, rest).
- iii. The President \_\_\_\_\_ the nation tomorrow (address).
- iv. The Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ to the victims yesterday (speak).
- v. There \_\_\_\_\_ none to look after the old woman (be).
- vi. I \_\_\_\_\_ “Hamlet” now (read).
- vii. Slow and steady \_\_\_\_\_ the race (win).
- viii. I \_\_\_\_\_ for the bus for the last two hours (wait).

VI Answer the following by choosing the right answers :

5 x1 = 5 marks

- i) ‘Brave’ means
  - a) timid
  - b) fear less
  - c) beautiful
  - d) generous
- ii) The meaning of “Sorrow” is
  - a) dull
  - b) brief
  - c) grief
  - d) happy
- iii) The antonym of ‘ancient’ is
  - a) old
  - b) modern
  - c) shame
  - d) smooth
- iv) The opposite of the word ‘marriage’ is
  - a) divorce
  - b) celibacy
  - c) pain
  - d) pleasure
- v) One who does not believe in the existence of God is called
  - a) autocrat
  - b) atheist
  - c) theist
  - d) stoic

VI Correct the following sentences:

5 x1 = 5 marks

- i. Neither Shakespeare nor Milton belong to Greece.
- ii. There be destiny that shape our ends.
- iii. Rich should help poor.
- iv. The old woman died with cancer.
- v. The farmer ploughed the land by a tractor.

