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B.A. (Part-III) DUE I Year Examination, 2021

GENERAL ENGLISH

(Compulsory Paper)

Time : 1½ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Note :- Attempt all questions.

1. Fill in the blanks as directed (any ten) :

- (i) Taj Mahal is one of the seven wonders of the world. (Determiner)
- (ii) She gave a cookie to child. (Determiner)
- (iii) Did come near my desk while I was out. (Determiner)
- (iv) Tarun and Ravi for a swim every evening. (Verb)
- (v) Everybody freedom. (Verb)
- (vi) The news not good. (Verb)
- (vii) you ever been to hill station. (Auxiliary)
- (viii) The boy become unconscious before the doctor came. (Auxiliary)
- (ix) She go on this vacation with me. (Auxiliary)
- (x) I often find him absorbed thought. (Preposition)
- (xi) I cannot agree your opinion. (Preposition)
- (xii) They were mistaken robbers. (Preposition)

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2. Transform the sentences as directed (any *ten*) :

- (i) Columbus discovered America. (Passive voice)
- (ii) Advertise the post. (Passive voice)
- (iii) Rash driving causes many accidents. (Passive voice)
- (iv) He should his folly. (Complex sentence)
- (v) You may tell me the way of writing a novel. (Simple sentence)
- (vi) Being a singer, I cannot refuse to sing. (Compound sentence)
- (vii) We admit that we went to see a film. (Negative sentence)
- (viii) There is no use of this law. (Interrogative sentence)
- (ix) She is hardworking and sincere. (Negative sentence)
- (x) He said, "We have done our work." (Indirect speech)
- (xi) He said to me, "Wait here for an hour." (Indirect speech)
- (xii) Ram said to Krishna, "Where are you going today" ? (Indirect speech)

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : ^{1×10=10}

As a boy, Jawaharlal Nehru once stole one of his father's pens from his study thinking that his father had two pens and he could not possibly use both of them at the same time. That evening when his father returned from Court, he lost his cool on finding one of the pens missing.

There was uproar in house and after frantic search, the instrument was found in little Jawaharlal's room. His father did not like the way his son had taken his pen without his permission. He scolded the boy so much that he wept bitterly and went rushing to his mother. That day he learned two important lessons—never to do things on the sly and never to disobey his father but more importantly, he understood why his father had scolded him.

Questions :

- (i) What did Jawaharlal Nehru steal from his father's study and why ?
- (ii) Why did Jawaharlal's father lose his cool ?
- (iii) Why did little Jawaharlal rush to his mother ?

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4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

When troubles come, try to understand the relevance of your sufferings. Adversity always presents opportunities for introspection. Each individual creature on this beautiful planet is created by God to fulfil a particular role. Whatever I have

achieved in life is through his help, and an expression of his will. He showered his grace on me through some outstanding teachers and colleagues, and when I pay my tributes to these fine persons, I am merely praising his glory.

Questions :

- (i) What, according to the author is God's purpose in creating each individual being ?
 - (ii) To whom, Kalam paid his tribute ? And why ?
 - (iii) According to the author, what should one do when troubles come in life ?
5. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 3,3,4

The Hermit lived in a wood which he never quitted, and he received none but common folk. So the king put on simple clothes and before reaching the Hermit's cell dismounted from his horse, and leaving his bodyguard behind, went on alone. When the king approached, the Hermit was digging the ground in front of his hut. Seeing the king, he greeted him and went on digging. The Hermit was frail and weak. The king went up to him and said : I have come to you, wise Hermit, to ask you to answer three questions : "How can I learn to do the right thing at the right time" ? Who are the people I most need, and to whom should I, therefore, pay more attention than to the rest ? And, what affairs are the most important, and need my first attention ?"

Questions :

- (i) Where did the Hermit live ? And how did he look ?
 - (ii) What did the king do before going to the Hermit's hut ?
 - (iii) What were the three questions that king asked to Hermit ? 3,3,4
6. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

Jill : But there is Aunt Jane. You see, although we could never buy a car outright, we can enjoy all the pleasures of motoring for a mere five pounds down.

Aunt Jane : And the rest by easy installments, I suppose.

Jill : Exactly

Aunt Jane : Exactly. And what about the radio—What's it ?

Jack : Well, that's the

Aunt Jane : And the piano. And the furniture ?

Questions :

- (i) Mention the things the couple had taken in installments.
- (ii) Was Aunt Jane happy with Jill's decision of paying installment ?
- (iii) What do you think, were Jack and Jill right in their opinion about paying installment ?

3,3,4

7. Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions that follow :

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee,
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow,
Die not, poor death, nor-yet canst thou kill me.

Questions :

- (i) Name the poem and the poet.
- (ii) What does the words—mighty and dreadful mean ?
- (iii) '..... Nor yet can't thou kill me'. Why can't death kill a person ?

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8. Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title :

Scarcity is not created by war; it is a permanent characteristic of all human society and is the basis of the problem that faces, and always has faced, the human race whatever its form of organisation. It springs from the fact that the material resources of the world are limited and that our ability to make use of those resources is even more limited by our ignorance. Everything that we need to satisfy our wants has to be derived finally from two sources—the natural resources that are available and the human ability to make use of them. As our knowledge grows and we increase our skill, we can exploit more and more of the opportunities that nature offers to us.

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9. Write a paragraph of about **150** words on any *one* of the following topics :

- (i) Women empowerment
- (ii) Effects of social media on Teenagers

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10. Write a letter to a friend who has failed in an examination, expressing sympathy.

Or

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about communal violence in the city.

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11. Prepare a report on the annual function held in the college.

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Write a newspaper report on the rise of suicides among students.

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