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GENERAL ENGLISH 2019-20
(Common to all Faculties)
B.Com.
Compulsory for all students

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks 100

Minimum Pass Marks 36

Objectives:

An essentially language based course that aims at making students study English prose with a view to enlarge their comprehension of the language and develop all the four skills (R/W/L/S/). It also aims at giving them basic skills in grammar, widening their vocabulary and teaching them to write simple and correct English.

The question paper will consist of 100 multiple choice questions of 1 mark each (OMR Sheet system)

1. Comprehension and Vocabulary [Total 50 Marks]

Texts:

- (A) The Many Worlds of Literature ed: Jasbir Jain: Macmillan India **30 Marks**
(Questions based on content from the prescribed text)
- (B) Learning How to Fly: Life Lessons for the Youth by A P J Kalam (RUPA PUB.)
(Questions based on content from the prescribed text) **20 Marks**

2. Basic Language Skills: Grammar and Usage [Total 50 Marks]

Parts of Speech (Noun, Pronoun, Adjective, Verb, Adverb, Preposition, Conjunction, & Interjection) **5 Marks**

Determiners **3 Marks**

Voice (Active & Passive) **2 Marks**

Reported Speech (Direct & Indirect) **2 Marks**

Tenses **5 Marks**

Modals **4 Marks**

Phrasal Verbs **4 Marks**

Synonyms & Antonyms **4 Marks**

Translation (Hindi to English) **5 Marks**

Types of Sentences (Assertive / Declarative, Interrogative,

Imperative and Exclamatory)

3 Marks

3. Comprehension and Composition

Letter (Formal & Informal)

3 Marks

Unseen Passage

10 Marks

(This should imply not only (a) an understanding of the passage in question but also (b) a grasp of general language skills and issues with reference to words and usage within the passage.)

Recommended Reading

1. Thomson & Martinet: A Practical English Grammar (OUP)
2. Wren & Martin : High School English Grammar and Composition(S.CHAND.PUB.)
3. Raymond Murphy: Essential Grammar in Use: A self Study reference and practice book for elementary students of English 4th Edition.(CUP)
4. J. C. Nesfield : English Grammar : Composition and Usage (Macmillan)