

5/CEC-1 (Syllabus-2015)

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(November-December)

ENGLISH

(Common Paper for B.Com, BCA and BSW)

(Compulsory English)

Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

SECTION—I

1. (a) Examine Ruskin Bond's *Life at My Own Pace* as a story about the simple joys and experiences of living in the midst of nature. 10
- Or
- (b) Describe the young Bond's life in a boarding school.
2. (a) Why is Herman Wouk opposed to advertising? 5

Or

- (b) Briefly describe J. R. D. Tata's efforts to establish India in the aviation map of the world.

3. (a) Comment on Dylan Thomas's attitude to death in the poem, *Do Not Go Gentle into that Good Night*. 10

Or

- (b) Discuss the major themes in Szyborska's *View with a Grain of Sand*.

4. (a) What is the message conveyed in Robert Frost's poem, *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*? 5

Or

- (b) What do the moods in Robert Frost's poem symbolize?

5. (a) Write an essay on any one of the following : 10

- (i) Lack of civic sense among Indians has pushed the country backwards
(ii) Growing intolerance in the world

Or

- (b) Write a précis of the following passage :

In *Politics and English Language*, Orwell argues that the decline of language is linked to political and economic problems. He believes that modern English, especially political language, is designed to make lies sound truthful and to give an appearance of solidity to pure mind. Orwell points out that unclear, vague language is often used to obscure the truth, and that this degradation is both a cause and a result of political corruption. He identifies several common writing problems, including the use of dying metaphors, operators or verbal false limbs, pretentious diction, and meaningless words. According to Orwell, these issues are not limited to political writing but pervade most forms of modern writing, reducing clarity and meaning. Orwell argues that improving language requires conscious effort and a willingness to challenge the status quo. He offers practical suggestions for clearer writing, such as avoiding clichés, cutting unnecessary words, and choosing concrete, specific language.

Orwell concludes that while language may shape political thought, individuals can resist manipulation by being more mindful of their words and their meaning. Ultimately, Orwell's essay is a call to action for writers and speakers to take responsibility for the language they use, recognizing its powerful influence on both thought and political action.

SECTION—II

PART—A

6. (a) Draft an appointment letter to a candidate who has passed the interview for the post of Head Accountant in a reputed multinational company. 8

Or

- (b) Write an application letter for the post of Sales Executive in a well-known electronics firm. Mention your qualifications and work experience.
7. (a) Write a memo to the employees of a firm to inform them about the change of office timings. 7

Or

- (b) As the Manager of a reputed bank, draft a circular announcing the opening of a new branch in the city's commercial hub.

PART—B

8. (a) Draft a show cause notice to a bank employee for misbehaving with a valued customer. 10

Or

- (b) Draft a letter terminating an employee from service for misbehaviour and misuse of office funds.
9. (a) As the Secretary of the Students Welfare Association of your college, prepare a series of slides, requesting the Principal to initiate free computer classes for needy students. 10

Or

- (b) Write an email to a supplier informing him that some of the goods delivered by his company are defective and asking for replacement of the same.
