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B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examination, 2024

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SEC1-P2-ENGLISH

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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The question paper contains GROUP-A and GROUP-B.
The Candidates are required to answer any *one* from the *two* groups.
Candidates should mention it clearly on the Answer Booklet.

GROUP-A**BUSINESS COMMUNICATION**

1. Answer any *one* of the following questions: 12×1 = 12
 - (a) Describe the different channels of communication commonly used in business settings and their advantages and disadvantages.
 - (b) Discuss the role of technology in business communication.
 - (c) Describe the importance of clarity, conciseness and coherence in business writing.

2. Answer any *six* of the following questions: 8×6 = 48
 - (a) Briefly discuss the importance and different methods of citation in business communication.
 - (b) How can online databases and libraries be utilised effectively for business research purposes?
 - (c) Discuss the process of structuring and organising a project report effectively.
 - (d) Write a project report on a community service project you participated in, describing the objectives, activities, and impact on the community.
 - (e) How should fieldwork observations be documented and referenced in a report? Provide examples.
 - (f) As a student intern, compile your fieldwork experience at a bank as a report analysing the bank's services, customer interactions, and market strategies.
 - (g) What is an annual business report? What are the important elements of a good annual report?
 - (h) As a CEO of a manufacturing company, summarise the annual report for the last financial year.
 - (i) What are minutes of meetings, and why are they important in business communication?
 - (j) As the head of the Sales Team of your company, draft the minutes of a team meeting where the following matters were discussed:
 - (i) Sales performance for the last financial year
 - (ii) Client feedback
 - (iii) Sales target for the upcoming year.

- (k) You are the owner of a Sports Goods Company. Write an e-mail to a client confirming an order placement and specifying delivery requirements.
- (l) As colleagues working on the same project, write an e-mail to your project partner outlining the mode of action.

GROUP-B

TECHNICAL WRITING

1. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 10×4 = 40
 - (a) What do you understand by language? How is language different from other forms of communication?
 - (b) Define technical writing and discuss its significance in professional and academic contexts.
 - (c) What are the differences between descriptive and expository style of writing?
 - (d) You are required to write an article on "Online Education". Draft the concluding paragraph summarising the key points and restating the thesis statement.
 - (e) Compose a narrative passage on road safety. Use a case study, outline the actions taken to address the situation and future plans to prevent accidents or emergencies.
 - (f) You are the captain of your college debate team. Write a notice inviting interested students to try out for the team and providing audition details.
 - (g) As a newspaper journalist covering a political rally, write a formal report detailing speeches given, crowd size, reaction from the audience and any other notable incidents.
 - (h) As the Secretary of your college's Student Council, draft the minutes of a meeting with faculty members to discuss strategies aimed at improving student welfare.
 - (i) Describe the characteristics of formal writings such as reports, handbooks and manuals, highlighting their purpose and audience.
2. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 5×4 = 20
 - (a) What are the distinctive features of speech?
 - (b) Discuss the importance of coherence and cohesion in technical documents.
 - (c) Explain the importance of selecting a relevant and engaging topic for writing.
 - (d) Write a thesis statement for an argumentative essay on the benefits of exercising.
 - (e) Discuss the importance of the introductory paragraph in an article. Highlight its role in engaging the reader, setting the tone for the essay and providing a roadmap for the reader to navigate the content.
 - (f) Compose a formal letter to a client introducing a new product or service offered by your company.
 - (g) Describe the key components of a memorandum (memo).
 - (h) Discuss the importance of clarity and brevity in notice writing.
 - (i) Write a short note on the dangers of grammatical errors and formatting inconsistencies in technical writing.

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CC8-ENGLISH

BRITISH LITERATURE: 18TH CENTURY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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1. Answer any **three** of the following questions: 10×3 = 30
 - (a) Analyse the Proviso scene in *The Way of the World* as a contest of wit between Mirabell and Millamant.
 - (b) Examine Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe* as a colonial narrative.
 - (c) How far would you accept the contention that Crusoe is "the universal representative, the person for whom every reader could substitute himself"?
 - (d) Critically comment on the characterisation of Mirabell in *The Way of the World*.
 - (e) Discuss the narrative technique in Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*.
 - (f) Delineate the character of Gulliver.
2. Answer any **two** of the following questions: 10×2 = 20
 - (a) Examine Gray as a transitional poet with reference to "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard".
 - (b) How does Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard" differ from a traditional elegy?
 - (c) Attempt a critical appreciation of "London" by Samuel Johnson.
 - (d) Dr Johnson's poem "London" posits "present degeneration vis-à-vis past tradition". — Discuss.
3. Answer any **two** of the following questions: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) What does Robinson Crusoe consider to be his "original sin" and why?
 - (b) Comment on the attitude of the Yahoos towards Gulliver.
 - (c) Describe the scene of the Churchyard as seen by the poet.
 - (d) Comment on the role of Lady Wishfort in *The Way of the World*.
 - (e) Why, according to Johnson, does Thales bid farewell to London?
 - (f) What capacities does the poet imagine in the dead villagers in the poem, "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"?

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CC9-ENGLISH

BRITISH ROMANTIC LITERATURE

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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1. Answer any *four* of the following questions: 10×4 = 40
 - (a) Attempt a critical appreciation of "The Tyger".
 - (b) Assess "Tintern Abbey" as a thesis poem.
 - (c) Discuss Wordsworth's treatment of nature in "Ode: Intimations of Immortality".
 - (d) How is "Kubla Khan" an allegorical poem?
 - (e) Elucidate the autobiographical elements in "Dejection: An Ode".
 - (f) Trace the evolution of thought in "Ode to a Nightingale".
 - (g) Bring out the elements of Romanticism in "Ode to Autumn".
 - (h) How does Shelley consider the west wind to be a destroyer and a preserver in "Ode to the West Wind"?
 - (i) Analyze "Ozymandias" as a critique of tyranny.
 - (j) Critically consider "On the Castle of Chillon" as a sonnet.
2. Answer any *two* of the following questions: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) Bring out the central idea of "The Lamb".
 - (b) What are the effects of the west wind on the sky?
 - (c) Why is the nightingale, according to Keats, an "immortal bird"?
 - (d) What role does the damsel play in "Kubla Khan"?
 - (e) Why does Wordsworth describe the child as "Mighty Prophet! Seer blest!"?
 - (f) How does Byron present Napoleon in Canto III of "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage" (verses 36-45)?
3. Answer any *one* of the following questions: 10×1 = 10
 - (a) What elements of science fiction do you find in *Frankenstein*?
 - (b) Discuss the role and character of the monster in *Frankenstein*.

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CC10-ENGLISH

BRITISH LITERATURE: 19TH CENTURY

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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1. Answer any *two* of the following questions:

10×2 = 20

(a) Attempt a character sketch of Jane Eyre.

OR

(b) Evaluate *Jane Eyre* as a gothic novel.

(c) How does Dickens interweave history and fiction in *A Tale of Two Cities*? Discuss.

OR

(d) Comment on the role of Lucie Manette in *A Tale of Two Cities*.

(e) Trace the evolution of the character of Mr. Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice*.

OR

(f) Critically comment on the title of the novel, *Pride and Prejudice*.

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions:

10×2 = 20

(a) "Ulysses and Telemachus stand for two kinds of philosophy of life." Discuss with reference to Tennyson's "Ulysses".

OR

(b) Assess "The Lady of Shalott" as an allegory.

(c) Critically evaluate "The Last Ride Together" as a love poem.

OR

(d) Discuss "My Last Duchess" as a dramatic monologue.

(e) "Goblin Market" is a complex poetic allegory about sexual temptation. Discuss.

OR

(f) Critically appreciate "Goblin Market".

3. Answer any *four* of the following questions:

5×4 = 20

- (a) Comment on the role of Mr. Bennett in *Pride and Prejudice*.
- (b) Why is Charles Darnay acquitted at the trial?
- (c) How does Rochester go blind in *Jane Eyre*?
- (d) Comment on the ending of the poem, "My Last Duchess".
- (e) "To follow knowledge like a sinking star." Explain the imagery.
- (f) Briefly comment on the first line of *Pride and Prejudice*.
- (g) "My riding is better by their leave." Why does the speaker make such a claim?
- (h) Who caused the death of the Lady of Shalott?
- (i) Why was Dr. Manette imprisoned in *A Tale of Two Cities*?
- (j) What does Laura have to give in exchange for the goblins' fruits?

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LCC2-P2-ENGLISH (PAPER-II)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

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Answer any six questions from the following

10×6 = 60

1. Write an editorial on Water crisis: A wake-up call for the world.
2. Write an editorial for an English Daily on the rise in prices of essential commodities.
3. Write a notice as the Secretary of the students union of your college informing students about an upcoming visit to a historical site.
4. You are the Co-ordinator of the NSS unit of your college. Write a notice informing all about a cleanliness drive in a neighbouring adopted village on next Saturday.
5. You are a manager of ABC Ltd Company. You need an efficient data entry operator for your office. Write an advertisement for the 'Situation Vacant' column of a local daily.
6. You have lost your very important textbook somewhere in the college premises. Write a notice to be put up in the college notice board giving a description of the book and requesting the finder to return it to you.
7. Write a report on the cultural programme held on the occasion of Rabindra Jayanti, in your college.
8. Write a detailed resume for a job application for the post of a manager in a shopping mall.
9. Your college has organised an educational trip. Write a report as the co-ordinator of the NSS Unit of your college.
10. Write a C.V. for the application for the post of a web-content designer for a company.
11. You own a travel agency offering tour packages. Write an advertisement about a special package for a tour to Shimla that your agency is offering.
12. You have opened a new restaurant in the city. As the owner of the restaurant, write an advertisement for the publicity of your restaurant in the local newspaper.

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