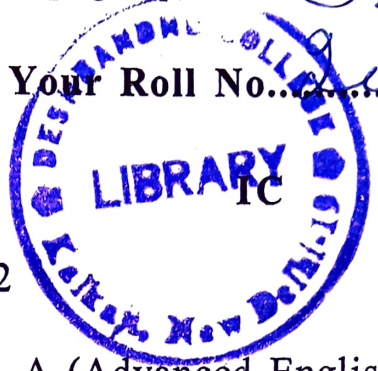


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Sr. No. of Question Paper : 7003

Unique Paper Code : 62031102

Name of the Paper : English – A (Advanced English)

Name of the Course : B.A. Programme English (CBCS)

Semester : I

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

**Instructions for Candidates**

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Attempt **All** questions.

1. Write a diary entry of your experience of the Freshers' Welcome week of your college where you were adjudged the best talent in an event. (10)

2. Write a paragraph in about 150 words on the issue of child safety in schools. Also suggest ways and measures to create awareness amongst parents on this issue. (10)

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Today the issue of mental depression is gathering a lot of attention around the world. The World Health Organization says that by 2020, the second leading cause of disease in the world will be depression. Nearly one in every five people in the USA has some kind of mental illness and each year, 25 per cent of the population in Europe suffers from depression.

What causes depression? Among other factors, depression occurs because one hangs on to the past or does not know where to draw the line between ambition and over-ambitiousness. Equally important is to understand that change is a constant. If we do not let go, we get stuck and frustration and depression follow. We need to be aware that we are connected with the whole universe. We forget to look into the core of life. What is life? Who am I? What do I want? It is emotion that sinks us into depression and it is wisdom which takes us out of depression.

This is where meditation and breathing techniques can help. They are tools that could help us calm our mind, and make us feel happy from within. A lot of the illnesses can be handled through breathing exercises and meditation. First, meditation creates positive and harmonious energy around us. The second benefit is that it improves health, and can help in preventing many mental and physical illnesses. There is a lot of research on how meditation helps overcome hypertension, diabetes, heart problems, skin problems, nervous system problems, and many others.

Apart from health benefits, meditation improves concentration and helps one to be in the present moment. The mind vacillates between the past and future. We are either angry about the past or anxious about the future. Meditation helps keep the mind in the present. When the mind is calm, it is able to perceive things better. When the mind is disturbed, our perception is also totally disturbed. In our day-to-day life, we come across all kinds of situations that can be challenging and which demand a degree of alertness so we can make good choices.

These situations give rise to different states of mind and neither life nor the states of mind occur with our permission. In fact, they often occur in direct defiance of our wishes. Meditation can bring about a balance between different states of the mind. We can learn to switch from the tough aspect to the delicate aspect within us. We can stand up when needed and let go when needed. This ability is present within everyone, and meditation enables us to switch between these states effortlessly. With a few minutes of meditation, our thoughts become powerful and our tasks are accomplished with just a little effort. Meditation therefore is a much needed food for the soul.

#### Questions :

- (a) Make appropriate notes based on your understanding of the passage. (5)

- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 150 words and give it a suitable title. (8+2=10)
4. Apply for the post of a copy editor advertised in a leading national daily. You are a fresh graduate from a premier institute of mass communication. Keeping in mind the eligibility conditions and other requirements as advertised, prepare the following :
- (a) Your Resume/CV. (10)
- (b) A covering letter to the Chief Editor of the daily. (5)
5. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city congratulating him/her for the timely cleaning of the drains that ensured a hassle free monsoon experience in your city. (8)
6. Write a letter to your cousin in another city who is recuperating after suffering from viral fever. (7)
7. Write a review of a book (in about 200 words) that you have read recently. Mention the title, author and other details. (10)

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Sr. No. of Question Paper : 7028

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Name of the Paper : The Individual & Society

Name of the Course : B.A. (Prog.)

Semester : I

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

**Instructions for Candidates**

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
  2. Attempt All Questions.
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1. Identify, explain and comment on any **Three** of the following : (3×5=15)
    - (a) Untouchability was so rampant that while it was considered all right to touch dogs and cats or cows and buffaloes, if one happened to touch a Chuhra, one got contaminated or polluted.

(b) But for my part, I agree with the deceased bishop, if such he was--- it is unthinkable that any woman in Shakespeare's day should have had Shakespeare's genius.

(c) A few rows ahead of me, the crouching turbuned figure had gone completely still.

(d) General, man is very useful

He can fly and he can kill

But he has one defect

He can think.

2. Write short notes on any **Three** of the following :

(3×10=30)

(a) Premchand's satire on the life and attitudes of Brahmins in *Deliverance*.

(b) The theme of Ambai's short story *Yellow Fish*.

(c) Significance of the title of Maya Angelou's *Still I Rise*.

(d) The issues of belonging and identity faced by the soldiers in Manto's *The Dog of Tetwal*.

3. Answer any **Two** of the questions given below :

(2×15=30)

(a) Discuss the theme of reality and expectation as it is played out in the interaction between the two friends in Hira Bansode's *Bosom Friend*.

(b) What kind of ideal future does W.B. Yeats envisage for his daughter in *A Prayer For My Daughter*?

(c) Discuss how the issues of race, class and gender act as undercurrents in the interactions between the American woman and the West Indian man in *Blackout*.

(d) In *A Chronicle of the Peacocks* Intizar Husain uses the figures of the peacock and the oil-covered duck to symbolise environmental degradation resulting from violence and war. Discuss.

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Your Roll No.....

Sr. No. of Question Paper : 7029

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Name of the Paper : The Individual & Society

Name of the Course : B.A. (Prog.) English – CBCS

Semester : I

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75



**Instructions for Candidates**

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2. Attempt All Questions.

1. Identify, explain and comment on any **Three** of the following : (3×5=15)

(a) Our uncle, Chacha Mian, was constantly on the lookout for eligible young men. He moved in official circles and had arranged a match for Maliha, but he too was helpless now.

(b) When I was eleven, after a beating

I took and smashed the ruler to kindling.

Fingering the splinters I could not believe.

How could this rod prove weaker than me?

(c) He made no attempt to move along as the bus came up.

He stood there quietly aloof, as though in the consciousness of a male strength and pride that was justly his.

(d) A few rows ahead of me, the crouching turbaned figure had gone completely still. Outside, some of the young men were jumping up to look through the windows, asking if there were any Sikhs on the bus.

2. Write short notes on any **Three** : (3×10=30)

(a) The mental and physical slavery of Sudras, according to Jotirao Phule, in *Caste Laws*.

(b) Child marriage in Tagore's *The Exercise Book*.

(c) Significance of the title of Nadine Gordimer's *Jump*.

(d) Passive resistance in Millay's *Conscientious Objector*.

3. Answer any **Two** of the questions given below : (2×15=30)

(a) 'The ideal image of the teachers that I saw in my childhood has remained indelibly imprinted on my memory', says Omprakash Valmiki in *Joothan*. What kind of memories does he carry about his teachers?

(b) *Marriages Are Made* and *Girl* both deal with restrictions imposed by women on society. Discuss.

(c) *Telephone Conversation* depicts the problems of racism and prejudice widespread in society. Discuss.

(d) *Dulce et Decorum Est* rejects the myth that War is glorious and heroic. Discuss.