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**B. COM. (SEMESTER – I) SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION, MAY/JUNE 2017**

**ENGLISH**

Duration: 2 Hours

Marks: 80

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ALL QUESTIONS ARE COMPULSORY.

Q. No.1. a) Correct the following sentences and rewrite: (4)

- 1) He insensitive to the sorrow of others.
- 2) The lady unveils the memorial tomorrow.
- 3) She is senior than them.
- 4) Lakshadweep is group islands.

Q. No.1. b) Change the voice of the following sentences. (4)

- 1) Ring the bell.
- 2) Who ate the mango?
- 3) The sweeper swept the floor.
- 4) Buy the train tickets well in advance.

Q. No.1. c) Recognise the type of conjunction (Simple/Compound): (2)

- 1) I shall enquire if you wish.
- 2) He is acting as though he is smart.

Q. No.1. d) Change the following sentences into indirect speech. (4)

- 1) My mother asked, "Did you have lunch?"
- 2) A policeman asked a man, "Is there a flight to Mumbai?"
- 3) The boss asked to a clerk, "Why haven't you completed the file?"
- 4) Hari said to Mahadev, "Have you worshipped god?"

Q. No.1. e) Use any four of the following idioms in sentences of your own. (4)

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| 1) not worth his salt | 2) foot the bill  |
| 3) go back on         | 4) all greek      |
| 5) to smell the rat   | 6) swollen headed |

Q. No.1. f) Add question tags to the following sentences. (2)

- 1) We don't have money.
- 2) She cooks well.

Q. No.2.A) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

“Work while you have light”, especially while you have the light of morning. There are few things more wonderful to me than that old people never tell young ones how precious their youth is. They sometimes sentimentally regret their own earlier days; sometimes prudently forget them; often foolishly rebuke the young, often more foolishly indulge, thwart and restrain; but scarcely ever won or watch them. Remember, then, that I, at least, have won you, that the happiness of life, and its power, and its part and rank in earth or in heaven, depend on the way you pass your days now. They are not to be sad days: far from that the first duty of young people is to be delighted and delightful; but they are to be in the deepest sense solemn days. There is no solemnity so deep, to a rightly- thinking creature, as that of dawn. But not only in that beautiful sense, but in all their character and method, they are to be solemn days. Take your Latin dictionary, and look up “solemnis” and fix the sense of the word well in your mind, and remember that every day of your early life is ordaining irrevocably, for good or evil, the custom and practice of your soul; ordaining either sacred customs of dear and lovely recurrence, or trenching deeper and deeper furrows for seed of sorrow. Now, therefore, see that no deep passes in which you do not make yourself somewhat better creature; and in order to do that, find out, first, what you are now. Do not think vaguely; take pen and paper, and write down as accurate a description of yourself as you can, with the date to it. If you dare not to do so, find out why you dare not, and try to get strength of heart enough to look yourself in the face in mind as well as body. I do not doubt but that the mind is a less pleasant thing to look at than the face, and for that very reason it needs more looking at; so always have two mirrors on your toilet table, and see that with proper care you dress body and mind before them daily. After the dressing is once over for the day, think no more about it: as your hair will grow about your ears, so your temper and thought will get ruffled with the day’s work and may need, sometimes twice dressing; but I don’t want you to carry about a mental pocket-comb; only to be smooth braided always in the morning.

1. A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions briefly.

- a) Why does the author say “Work while you have light”? (2)
- b) How according to the author should we pass our days? (2)
- c) How can the youth be ‘solemn’? (1)
- d) Why is the mind less pleasant thing to look at than the face? (1)
- e) Suggest two ways each to dress your body and mind. (1)

1. B) Give the meaning of the following words in the context of the passage (3)

- a) solemn
- b) dawn
- c) evil

Q. No.2.B) Write a letter addressed to the Principal, Nehru Higher Secondary School, Margao applying for the post of Teacher Grade I in English furnishing the details of your qualification in C. V. (10)

OR

Q. No.2.C) Write a letter addressed to the Headmaster/Headmistress, A.J.de Almeida High School, Ponda requesting to grant you a Bonafide Certificate. (5)

Q. No. 3.A) You are the Headmistress of National School, Ponda. You require a Physical Education Teacher with B.A., B.P.Ed. degrees to teach Sports in your school on permanent basis. Draft the advertisement. (5)

Q. No. 3.B) You own 3,000 sq. mts orchard land at Betoda, Ponda which you want to sell @ ` 4000 per sq. Mt. Draft a classified advertisement. (5)

Q. No. 3.C) You are celebrating your 21<sup>st</sup> birthday at Hotel Sun Inn, Ponda on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm. Send an invite to your friends asking them to attend your party. (10)

OR

Q. No. 3.D) Write a letter of appreciation to Mast. Rahul Gaonkar who has brought laurels to your school by securing First Place in Swimming Competition at State level.

Q. No. 4.A) Develop a story using the following points: (10)

Lot of crowd, many vehicles disorderly stopped, lot of noise, weird accident, 7 people injured, 10 bikes damaged, one of public calling ambulance, locals giving water to the victims.

Q. No. 4.B) Write an essay of about 300 words on any ONE of the following topics: (10)

- 1) Importance of cleanliness
- 2) The youth are influenced by films. Express your views on this topic
- 3) A visit to an Old Aged Home

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