

**First Year BBM., Degree Examination**  
**August/September 2010**

*(Directorate of Correspondence Course)*

*(Freshers')*

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

*Time: 3 hrs]*

*[Max.Marks: 80*

*Note: Answer all questions.*

**SECTION - A**

**I. Answer any TWO of the following in not more than a page and a half each.**

2 X 8 = 16

- a) How does the younger sister suffer because of her special talent in the folktale 'A Flowering Tree'?
- b) Describe how the construction of a road changes the life of the villagers in the story 'Tar Arrives'.
- c) What would Helen Keller like to see if she gets her eyesight?
- d) Write about the problems the narrator faces after winning the road engine in the story 'Engine Trouble'.

**II. Answer any TWO of the following in about a paragraph each:**

2 X 4 = 8

- a) Write about the reunion of the prince and his wife in the folktale. 'A Flowering Tree'.
- b) Comment on Bob and Jimmy's first meeting.
- c) How were the problems of the narrator solved at the end in the story 'Engine Trouble'?
- d) Describe the importance the news from Hosur in 'Tar Arrives'.

**SECTION - B**

**III. Answer any TWO of the following in not more than a page and a half each:**

2 X 8 = 16

- a) Discuss how the ideas of life and death are contrasted in the poem "Fear No More"
- b) How does Pratibha Nandakumar expose the ill-treatment of women by men in our society?
- c) Bring out the significance of the title of the poem "Mending Wall".
- d) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'The World is Too Much with Us'.

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- IV. **Answer any TWO of the following in about a paragraph each:** 2 X 4 = 8
- Sum up the conversation between the old Kasper and his grand children in the poem "After Blenheim".
  - Write briefly on the relevance of Pratibha Nandakumar's poem "And Suddenly Woman's Wail".
  - Annotate the following lines.  
Golden lads and girls all must,  
As Chimney – Sweepers, come to dust.

### SECTION – C

- V. **Reply to the following advertisement:** 4
- "The Reliance Insurance Company is looking for a young and dynamic development officer for a new branch at Shimoga. Apply giving particulars of age, qualification, experience etc to Post Box No. 213, The Deccan Herald, Bengaluru-2.

OR

Write a letter to the Traffic Police Inspector requesting him to strictly maintain the traffic rules in your town.

- VI. **Develop the following hints into a meaningful paragraph.** 3
- Modern life \_\_\_\_ movement from place to place \_\_\_\_ vehicles \_\_\_\_ everyone \_\_\_\_ separate vehicle \_\_\_\_ many problems \_\_\_\_ traffic jam \_\_\_\_ parking \_\_\_\_ accident \_\_\_\_ pollution \_\_\_\_ encourage \_\_\_\_ bicycles \_\_\_\_ public transport system.

- VII. **A) Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate form of verbs given in the brackets.** 5 X 1 = 5

- One of the boys \_\_\_\_\_ absent today. (is/are)
- Our team is \_\_\_\_\_ in the final match. (defeating/defeated)
- Light and darkness \_\_\_\_\_ not exist in a same place. (do/does)
- Haldiram's \_\_\_\_\_ sweets to the foreign countries. (export/exports)
- The criminals \_\_\_\_\_ arrested. (have/have been)

- B) Rewrite as Directed.** 3

- The Tata has manufactured the Nano cars.  
(Change into Passive voice)
- Landmines are exploded by the naxalites.  
(Change into Active voice)
- The Lokayukta had given resignation.  
(Change into Passive Voice)

- C) Change the following into indirect speech.** 3

"You're lucky but I'm not" said Swathi. Sathwik said, "Don't lose heart. Try again".

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