

2020
COMPULSORY ENGLISH
(ENGC)
[For General Students]

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.***Answer all the questions.**

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions below:

A university is a number of people engaged in a certain sort of activity. The Middle Ages called it Studium, we may call it the 'pursuit of learning'. This activity is one of the properties, indeed one of the virtues of a civilised way of living; the scholar has his place beside the poet, the priest, the soldier, the politician and the man of business in any civilised society. The universities do not however have a monopoly of the activity. The hermit scholar in his study, an academy famous for a particular branch of learning, a school for young children are each participants in this activity and each of them is admirable— but they are not universities. What

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distinguishes a university is a special number of people engaged in the pursuit of learning? It is a corporate body of scholars, each devoted to a particular branch of learning. What is characteristic is the pursuit of learning as a co-operative enterprise?

- A. i) What was a university called in Middle Ages? What may we call it? 2
 ii) Where is the place of a scholar? 2
 iii) What is the mark of distinction of a university? 1
- B. Find words from the passage which mean: 2
 i) sole proprietorship
 ii) a place of learning
- C. Give the verb forms of: 3
 i) pursuit
 ii) participant
 iii) admirable
2. Answer any **one** of the following: 10×1=10
- a) Write a newspaper report on the celebration of World Environment Day in your locality.
- b) Describe an outing which you will never forget.
- c) Give your arguments either in favour or against the proposition: “Private tuitions should be banned”.

3. Answer any **one** of the following: $10 \times 1 = 10$
- Write a letter to the branch manager of your local bank for a loan in a self-employment scheme.
 - Write a report on India-Pakistan ODI final.
 - Write an application with a C.V. in response to the following advertisement:
"A reputed company requires Sales Trainees for its food product division. Apply to Box 1382, The Statesman."
4. Answer any **five** of the following: $2 \times 5 = 10$
- How does Keats contrast the song of the grasshopper with that of the cricket?
 - What does 'one in drowsiness imagine'?
 - What is the significance of the title 'In Time of the Breaking of Nations'?
 - 'Sounds a little funny to you, doesn't it?' – What sounds a little funny?
 - Who is 'silky Bob'? Where was he known as such?
 - Why is Mohan called a 'financial expert'?
 - What was Judith's attitude to marriage?
 - Describe the kitchen in 'Dear as the Moon'.

5. Answer the following (any **five**): $2 \times 5 = 10$
- Women cannot write the plays of Shakespeare.
(Change the voice)
 - It would have been impossible.
(Turn into negative)
 - Selvi was a popular singer.
(Give the antonym of 'popular' without any change of meaning)
 - Use "beat" in two different parts of speech in two separate sentences.
 - Split into two sentences:
"It was exactly ten o'clock when we parted here at the restaurant door."
 - There shrills the cricket's song.
(Rewrite using 'shrill' as an adjective)
 - The poetry of earth is never dead.
(Change it into an interrogative sentence)
 - Make sentences with "star" in two different meanings.