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B. A. (Pass) 5th Semester (New Scheme)
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ENGLISH (Comp.) Latest Scheme w.e.f. 2016-17

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Before answering the questions, candidates should ensure that they have been supplied the correct and complete question paper. No complaint in this regard, will be entertained after examination.

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Answer any four of the following in about 100 words each : $4 \times 4 = 16$

(a) What kind of life do widows lead in the village Kanthapura ?

(b) Explain the conditions, at Skeffington Coffee Estate.

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'No, if Moorthy were here he would start the bhajans again,' and Rangamma says, 'So I think, too,' and we all say, 'That will be fine.' And on the Saturday that followed, Seenu went and blew the conch from the promontory, and men rushed to the temple, men and old women and children and all, and we all said, 'Now it is going to be bright again in Kanthapura,' and we know not how hold our hearts within our breasts. Cymbal, Conch, and Camphor, clapping hands and droning, drums, the perfume of the sandal paste, flowers in the hair, and in our eyes Shiva's eyes.

Questions :

- (i) How does Vasudev want to continue bhajans ?
(ii) What does Moorthy say to this proposal ?
(iii) What did Vasudev say ?
(iv) What is Seenu do on Saturday ?

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(f) Narrate the myth about Goddess Kenchamma's descent from heaven.

2. Write a brief character sketch of Moorthy.

OR

Comment on the language, narrative style and literary merits of Kanthapura.

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Then Vasudev turns to Rangamma and says, 'Why not start our bhajans again, sister ? We shall keep it going as though Moorthy was not in prison,' and Seenu says, 'So we should.' But Moorthy said to Sankar, 'Let them prepare themselves for the fight. But no procession of

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(v) What do people do on hearing the blowing of the conch ?

(vi) Which fight does Moorthy refer to Sankar ?

4. Write short notes on any three of the following literary terms with reference to your reading of Kanthapura :

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(a) Character

(b) Plot

(c) Personification

(d) Canon

(e) Symbol

(f) Epithet

5. (a) Do a directed :

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(i) On seeing the lion, he ran away.

(Change into complex)

(ii) She finished her work and went home.

(Change into complex)

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- (iii) I know that he is an honest man.
(Change into simple)
- (iv) He admitted that he had made a mistake.
(Change into simple)
- (v) He worked hard so that he might succeed.
(Change into compound)
- (vi) As soon as the teacher entered, the students stood up.
(Change into compound)

(b) Complete the sentences :

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- (i) If you heat ice, it
- (ii) If he had worked harder, he
- (iii) If I have free time this evening, I
- (iv) If Kaavya wins the lottery, she
- (v) If Ram came here, his father
- (vi) If the teacher had seen you at the station, he.....

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7. Make a précis of the following passage and assign a suitable title :

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Education is not merely the process of acquiring knowledge from books; it is the cultivation of character, discipline, and critical thinking. A truly educated person is not measured only by academic achievements but also by the ability to make wise decisions in life. In the modern world, where technology rapidly changes the way we live and work, education must prepare individuals to adapt and innovate. Schools and universities should therefore not only teach facts but also encourage creativity and problem-solving. Unfortunately, many students today study only to pass examinations, neglecting the real purpose of education. This narrow approach produces individuals who may score high marks but lack practical wisdom. Teachers, parents, and society as a whole must inspire learners to develop curiosity and moral values alongside intellectual skills. True

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(c) Combine each of the following pairs of the sentences by using Defining/Non-Defining Clauses :

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- (i) The car belongs to Mr. Sharma. Mr. Sharma is a businessman.
- (ii) The Ganga is a sacred river in India. It flows through many states.
- (iii) Mr. Sen is our English teacher. He always encourages us to read more novels.
- (iv) My brother gave me a laptop. I use it for my college projects.
- (v) The school has a library. The library contains thousands of old manuscripts.
- (vi) The girl is standing near the gate. She is waiting for her parents.

6. Expand the following outline into a story :

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A businessman advertised for a post of trainee selected a boy with no recommendation his friend asked him why he had selected him replied that the boy was careful, kind, thoughtful, polite, courteous, ordinary, neat and tidy these were his letters of recommendation.

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education awakens a sense of responsibility towards others and towards the nation. It builds empathy, tolerance, and cooperation, which are essential for peaceful living. Moreover, education must foster a spirit of service so that knowledge benefits not just the individual but also the community. History shows that societies flourish when education promotes both knowledge and virtue. Without this balance, learning becomes incomplete and often dangerous. Hence, the goal of education should always be the harmonious growth of mind, heart, and character.

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