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**B.A. (Part-III) Examination, 2021  
(Foundation Course)**

**Paper - II**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

***Time Allowed : Three Hours***

***Maximum Marks : 75***

***Minimum Pass Marks : 25***

**Note :** All questions are compulsory. Do as directed and attempt all the parts of a question at one place.

**Q. 1.** Attempt any three of the following questions in about 200 words each : **3×5=15**

- (i) Why could the shepherd-boy sit on the judgement-seat of Vikramaditya and not the King ?
- (ii) Bores are mostly happy says Lucas; yet they do not spread happiness, why ?
- (iii) How are basic needs and quality of life inter-related ?

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- (iv) Do you agree with the view that new economic policy is mixed bag of good and bad points ?
- (v) Write a summary of the essay 'Management of Change'.

**Q. 2.** Write an essay on any one of the following : **10**

- (i) Information Technology and Human Life
- (ii) Impact of Covid-19 on Indian Economy
- (iii) Environmental Condition in Present Scenario
- (iv) Social Media : Uses and Abuses
- (v) Self dependent India as demand of the time.

**Q. 3.** Write a precis of the following passage : **10**

"All narrow, limited, fighting ideas must be given up. The religious ideals of the future must embrace all that exists in the world and is good and great, and at the same time, have infinite scope for future development. All that was good in the past must be preserved, and the doors must be kept open for future additions to the already existing store. Religion must also be inclusive and not look down with contempt upon one another, because their

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particular ideals of God are different. In my life, I have seen a great many spiritual men, a great many sensible persons, who did not believe in God at all, that is to say, not in our sense of the word. Perhaps they understood God better than we can ever do. The personal idea of God or the impersonal, the infinite, moral law or the ideal of man ..... these all have come under the definition of religion".

**Q. 4.** (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end : **5**

By and large, women's problems do not have a compelling character because women are essentially a category and not a group which can easily be mobilized, few feminists may wage a war against males, but such an attitude does not take us far. In the Indian context it would be unrealistic to say that men as actors in the social system are wholly responsible for the social evils that affect

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women. In point of fact women are as much responsible for creating obstacles to change. Enlargement of women's consciousness and investment of social purpose in their lives appear to be prerequisites to development. In the meantime all forms of inequalities and exploitation have to be exposed and the women's point of view injected into critical areas of planning and development.

Questions :

- (i) Why women's problems do not have compelling character ?
- (ii) Why a war against male cannot take us far ?
- (iii) Why male as actors cannot be taken wholly responsible for the social evils that affect women ?
- (iv) What does appear to be prerequisite to development ?

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- (v) What should be done in the meantime in the interest of female issues ?
- (b) Give synonyms of the following words (any five) : **5**  
basic, state, problem, development, value, greed, enough
- (c) Give antonyms of the following words (any five) : **5**  
stability, decision, clear, coherent, inaction, uneven, thin

**Q. 5.** Do as directed (any twenty five) : **25×1=25**

- (a) Insert suitable articles in the following, where required :
- (i) Our house is closer to \_\_\_\_\_ District court building than \_\_\_\_\_ railway station.
- (ii) Raina travelled in \_\_\_\_\_ second-class carriage with \_\_\_\_\_ few Americans.
- (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ book on the shelf is \_\_\_\_\_ interesting one about \_\_\_\_\_ Gandhian philosophy.

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- (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ retired captain still loves \_\_\_\_\_ sailing; he has a boat on \_\_\_\_\_ river.
- (b) Put in each space below a noun formed from the verb in brackets after the sentence :
- (i) Vikas is an expert, so I asked him for some \_\_\_\_\_ (advise)
- (ii) The traffic policemen wanted to see the motorist's driving \_\_\_\_\_ (license).
- (iii) We can only get there by aeroplane. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ (choose)
- (c) Select from the words in brackets the correct one to fill the blank :
- (i) It was \_\_\_\_\_ I was talking about. (he, him)
- (ii) You and \_\_\_\_\_ make a good partnership. (he, him)
- (iii) We are much stronger than \_\_\_\_\_ at cricket. (they, them)
- (d) Supply the correct form of the verb given in the brackets :
- (i) The committee (were, was) undecided about the final outcome.

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- (ii) Each of the players (was, were) hoping to  
the selected for the university team.
- (iii) A Tale of Two Cities (is, are) an excellent  
novel of Charles Dickens.
- (e) Fill in the blank with suitable preposition :
- (i) The conductor asked \_\_\_\_\_ our fares.
- (ii) I will meet you \_\_\_\_\_ the ticket office.
- (iii) India is self-sufficient \_\_\_\_\_ wheat.
- (iv) There is a boom \_\_\_\_\_ consumer product.
- (v) He was accused \_\_\_\_\_ murder.
- (f) Put in each space below a noun made from  
the adjective in brackets after the sentence :
- (i) To be successful you need ability and you  
need \_\_\_\_\_ (lucky)
- (ii) What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of that mountain ?  
(high)
- (iii) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bridge is about two  
kilometers. (long)
- (g) Change the voice :
- (i) It surprised me to hear someone had  
robbed you.

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- (ii) Today people can shell cities from a great  
distance.
- (iii) All my belongings have been stolen.
- (iv) By whom was that letter written ?
- (h) Change the narration :
- (i) Father said to his son, "Go to bed and do  
not get up till you are called".
- (ii) He said, "Are you enjoying yourself" ?
- (iii) He said, "What a dirty shirt you are  
wearing!"
- (i) Turn into assertive sentence :
- (i) How selfish I have been!
- (ii) What a beautiful garden!
- (j) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences  
with the correct question tag :
- (i) The king was not perfectly pure of heart,  
..... ?
- (ii) You should not have been such a fool  
..... ?
- (iii) Let us take a walk in the open, ..... ?