

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Examination: May - 2023
(Distance Education)

Day & Date	Semester	Subject Name	Time	Code	Marks
Tuesday 16-05-2023	IV (Fresh/ Repeater)	English C.C. (L.L.)- Communicative English	11:00 AM To 01:30 PM	455401	75

Instructions: All questions are compulsory.

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below: 15

Daily chores are not monotonous but soothing. Now that the child is with me, the day is lull of meaning. I wait, as eager as a child myself, for her to return from school. When she has a holiday, I don't know who is happier, she or I. If there is an unexpected holiday, we are equally full of glee. But when she, my daughter and her mother, comes to us. We feel guilty and hide our happiness.

The child had stared at her with a frightened face, feeling guilty for she knew not what; and when Arati had left us. she had burst into sobs, clinging to me. And I had been full of pity not for her, but for Arati. who could turn happiness into a wrong. But I can say nothing to her. She has never shared anything with me and how she hides her sorrow like a dog bone. She guards it jealously and will not let me approach. And I have kept my distance. It was only in my imagination that I shared her happiness and confidences as a young girl. And now I assuage her grief in same way. 'Look,' I tell myself I will say to her, pouring some water into my cupped palms. 'Look.' I will say as the water seeps through, leaving nothing. 'You will have to let it go.'

But I know I'm fooling myself. I have no courage to speak. I am only a foolish, middle-aged woman who has never known how to win anyone's love. Priti's affection.. .that is a gift of Heaven, that ray of sunshine God sends even to the darkest corners. For Arati it was always her father. Even now, she spends the whole afternoon prowling in what was his room. It is seven years since he died, but the room is unchanged. I have kept everything as it was. I dust and sweep it meticulously myself. But strangely, in spite of this, it has a neglected look like Priti has sometimes. Priti is well-fed and well-dressed; she has her tonics and vitamins and all the other things they give children these days. Still, a neglected child peeps out of her eyes at times, filling me with pity and guilt.

Now. I can hear Arati moving round in his room. Even after his death, he can give her something I can't. The thought hurts. Hurts? It's like having salt rubbed into a raw wound. Suddenly, it is unbearable and I go and open the door of his room. She is sitting on his chair, her feet on his table, smoking and staring at nothing. As she hears me, she turns around startled... I have never disturbed her till now ... and with the movement of her feet she knocks down his photograph which stands on the table. Now it lies on the floor, face down. She rushes to pick it up. The glass has cracked. Long splinters of glass lie on the floor and photograph looks somehow naked.

She looks up at me. something showing through the deliberate blankness.
 'I'm sorry, mother. I'm sorry, I stare down at the photograph and say nothing. 'I'm sorry,' she repeats. 'Don't look like that.' She passes her hand over the photograph. 'I'll get it fixed tomorrow. I promise I'll do it.'

- 1) How did the child stare at her and why? **02**
- 2) How docs Arati hide her sorrow? **01**
- 3) Where was Arati sitting? **02**
- 4) What is the narrator's reaction when Arati knocks down the photograph? **02**
- 5) What is the gift of Heaven for narrator and why? **02**
- 6) How narrator is described Priti in the passage? **02**
- 7) Why docs she knock down the photo? **02**
- 8) Which thoughts hurts the narrator? **02**

Q.2 a) Answer the following question in 2/3 sentences each: 15

- 1) Who was Aziza Baji? **02**
- 2) Where did Karim Baba sit? **02**
- 3) Who called Talat as the 'library girl'? **02**
- 4) What did Talat like? To read about people who change things that seemed unchangeable. **02**
- 5) Why did Talat stop her school? **02**

b) Say whether the following sentences arc true or false: 05

- 1) Aziza Baji was not librarian.
- 2) The libraray was many centuries old.
- 3) Talat was ten years old.
- 4) Karim Baba would have liked to have given her a few rupees for an orange dupatta.
- 5) Talat' read the story of a cricketer.

Q.3 a) Fill in the blanks with correct preposition given in the brackets: 05

- (before, beside, on, from, in)
- 1) We are waiting _____ the guests.
 - 2) He was wearing a blue coat _____ his shirt.
 - 3) I must reach home _____ 9 o'clock.
 - 4) They are called _____ different names.
 - 5) He poured the tea _____ the mug.

b) Do as directed: 05

- 1) Pamela speaks slowly. (Make a question)
- 2) Claudia wasn't in the class. (Add a question tag)
- 3) He is always on time. (Make it negative)
- 4) Seema is _____ smallest girl in the class. (Use suitable article.)
- 5) _____ was your day? (How/who)

c) Change the underlined verbs to past tense: 05

- 1) He usually _____ (do) his homework in his room.
- 2) I _____ (visit) the Taj Mahal last month.
- 3) the student _____ (give) answers to all my questions.
- 4) Last night, the clouds _____ (thunder) in the sky.
- 5) _____(spend) the whole day yesterday in bed.

Q.4 Draft an e-mail from a student to the class teacher on the following subject: **10**
The student is asking for permission to take leave for 10 days because she is going to attend her sister's wedding.

OR

Draft an e-mail to inform your classmates regarding inter-college quiz competition.

Q.5 **a)** Write a report on the Republic day Celebration programme that you have attended in your college. **10**

OR

Write a report on the Tree Plantation Programme held in your college.

b) Write a letter of enquiry to your college office asking for admission procedure of the institute. **10**

OR

Write a letter of complaint to the Principal of for improvement in college canteen