

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

Day & Date	Semester	Subject Name	Time	Code	Marks
Tuesday 16-05-2023	V (Fresh/ Repeater)	English C.C. (H.L.)- Basics of Academic English	02:30 PM To 05:00 PM	515501	75

Instruction: All questions are compulsory.

Q.1 What is the significance of 'silence' in the story 'Can You Hear Silence?'" **10**

OR

Why is Hema unhappy at the prospect of meeting Sushama again?

Q.2 a) Explain with reference to the context any two of the following: **10**

- 1) 'Children stifle your personality. You become just a mother - nothing more.'
- 2) What do you want me to do? Sing and dance?
- 3) 'She can teach. Or something. There are schools in the next town.'

b) Answer the following questions:

- 1) Why was Tarabai in a bad mood? **02**
- 2) What news did Ramchandra bring? **02**
- 3) Did the man in the story 'Death of a Child' support his wife? Explain. **02**
- 4) Choose the correct option from the alternatives given - **04**
 - a) The child (in the story 'Can You Hear Silence?') called their old sofa- (bear/goat/camel)
 - b) Hemawas - (a Researcher scientist/lawyer/a teacher)
 - c) Megha's father came home late because- (he had started his own business/his workplace was very far/he disliked the home atmosphere)
 - d) The woman in 'Death of a Child' had ____ children- (no/two/three)

Q.3 Draft an application letter with Bio-data for the post of Secretary in a multinational company. **10**

OR

Draft a letter of Congratulations from the Manager of a company to a hardworking employee on his promotion.

Q.4 Read the following article which appeared in the newspaper, The Times of India and answer the questions given below: **10**

a) Pick and write 5 keywords from the article.

"The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, answered "Man! Because he sacrifices his health to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he

lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived.” This signifies that individuals don’t prioritize their mental health to earn money. Some even work 24 hours a day or seven days a week.

We live in a super-fast age. The Internet has shrunk the world dramatically and people are connected 24x7. Multitasking is the order of the day, as we struggle to fulfill our responsibilities for everyone in life. In this fight, we often forget to spare time for ourselves. The stress levels continue to build up until one day a major collapse may make us realize that in all this hectic activity, we have forgotten to take care of one important thing - our health.

As we spend days shuttling between hospital and home, putting our body through one test after another, trying to find out what has gone wrong, we are forced to remember that ‘Health is indeed Wealth’.

In earlier days, life was very simple. People worked for a stipulated time, often walked everywhere, ate more homemade food, did household chores, and enjoyed a healthy balance in life. Now people have cars and bikes to commute, so they walk less. With the demand for more working hours, people are awake till late at night and indulge in more junk food than home-cooked food. Modern equipment at home has reduced the labour work and increased dependency on this equipment. People don’t have enough time to exercise or even get enough sunlight. Nowadays people are living very unhealthy lifestyles. Unhealthy living conditions have increased the contraction of people to various diseases like obesity, diabetes, heart attacks, hypertension, etc. This has alarming implications in the near future. So it is very important to focus on our health as much as we focus on our work. Moderation in food habits, daily exercise, and balanced work-life can surely make a big difference to our health and body. When a person stays mentally and physically fit, his actions and decisions are more practical and logical and hence he is more successful in life. Furthermore, good health has a direct impact on our personality.

Along with physical fitness, a good mental state is also essential for good health. Mental health means the emotional and psychological state of an individual. The best way to maintain good mental health is by staying positive and meditating. However, unlike a machine, the body needs rest at regular intervals. A minimum of six to seven hours of sleep is necessary for the body to function optimally. Drinking plenty of water and a balanced diet is also very important for your body. If you violate the basic laws of good health, like working late hours, ignoring physical exercise, eating junk food, it will lead to various ailments like hypertension, heart attacks, and other deadly diseases.

b) Write a response letter to the article in about 150 - 200 words.

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- Q.5 Write an article on any one of the following in about 750-800 words: 15**
- a) Floods in the city**
 - b) Waste Management**
 - c) Investment plans for a better future**