

CS/BBA(H), BIRM, BSCM/SEM-1/BBA-101/2012-13

2012

ENGLISH - I

Time Allotted : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 70

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

GROUP – A

(Multiple Choice Type Questions)

1. Choose the correct alternatives of the following :

10 × 1 = 10

i) While retaining the name of West Indies as it is, the

name of East Indies has passed into *oblivion*. The

nearest in meaning of the italicised word is :

a) A state of joyfulness

b) A historical state

c) A state of forgetfulness

d) A state of remembrance.

ii) He is the Government's chief *trouble-shooter*. The

italicised word means

a) A person who creates troubles

b) A person who solves troubles

c) A person who shoots with a troubled gun

d) A person who commits suicide while in trouble.

iii) Grapevine is a kind of communication.

a) Formal b) Informal

c) Managerial d) Common.

iv) The word *candid* means

a) frank b) happy

c) angry d) none of these.

v) The antonym of fragile is

a) solid b) soft

c) delicate d) none of these.

vi) *Decoding* means

a) interpret and understand

b) to argue

c) to quarrel

d) none of these.

vii) Choose the correct indirect speech of the following :

Alice said, "How clever I am !"

a) "How clever I am", was that Alice said.

b) Alice asked how clever she was.

c) Alice exclaimed that she was very clever.

d) Alice said that I am very clever.

viii) Choose the correct direct speech of the following :

Rama ordered Arjun to go away.

a) Arjun was ordered by Rama to go away.

b) Rama said to Arjun, "Go away".

c) Arjun said to Rama, "Go away".

d) Rama was ordered by Arjun to go away.

ix) The phrase To cry wolf means

a) to listen eagerly b) to give false alarm

c) to turn pale d) to keep off starvation.

x) What is the meaning of the word *scintillating* ?

a) Dull b) Glittering

c) Touching d) Warming.

GROUP – B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following. $3 \times 5 = 15$

2. Insert appropriate articles and prepositions where necessary :

- a) On 26th January we went for picnic to Kalyani by bus. We reached Kalyani in half hour.
- b) Raman is one of best players of our club. He is keen sportsman.
- c) I shall abide your decision.
- d) Wild animals abound Indian forests.
- e) I shall abstain smoking.

3. Rewrite as directed :

- a) He asked me, "Are you going out of station ?" I replied, "Yes." (Convert into Indirect Speech)
- b) My father has not built this house. (Change into Passive Voice)
- c) The Rajdhani Express runs faster than any other trains. (Use the Superlative form of 'faster')
- d) Face the problem (courageous). (Add a suffix to 'courageous' and fill in the blank)
- e) A burnt child dreads the fire. (Use 'who' clause)

4. Spot the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly :

- a) One of my good friend is both an artist and physician of repute.
- b) Raju cannot walk much than two miles at a stretch.
- c) You must either pay the bill at once else return the goods immediately.
- d) The students should do their lessons regular from the

beginning of the term.

e) He took the child to a park and buy him some toys.

5. Express in one word :

a) A place where birds are kept

b) Scientific study of birds

c) One who does not believe in God

d) A group of fish

e) Murder or murderer of a king.

6. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate Phrasal verbs :

a) Overexerciseone's health (acts upon/acted on).

b) I him on the way (came across/came around)

c) I can't such conduct (bore down/bear with).

d) He marked our time to arrears of work (clear away/clear off).

GROUP – C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following. $3 \times 15 = 45$

7. Read the following passage and answer the questions in your own words.

He is short, two years from his teens. But he is walking ten feet tall.

Becoming the youngest graduate at eleven years and two months, Tathagat Avtar Tulsi has rewritten the Guinness Book of Records. Scoring 70%, he graduated with honours in physics from Patna University.

Tathagat's father Tulsi Narayan Prased, claims his son smashed the record of Jay Luo of Garden City, USA, who graduated in science from Boise University, Idaho, when he was twelve years one month and twelve days old.

Tathagat took the Part I, II & III examinations in the same year. But making him sit for the examination was a battle hard fought and won. Patna University was in a quandary, but the Patna High Court stepped in allowing him to take all three examinations in March last year.

University authorities however are guarded about letting him enroll for the M.Sc. course. "We planned his admission, but the University does not seem to agree." Tulsi Prasad said.

Records are not new for Tathagat. When he passed his CBSE at age nine and a half, he was said to have broken the record of Alexander Hill of England, who passed his school leaving examination when he was ten years and two months old.

Tathagat is in Delhi. "I am very happy and proud to be the youngest graduate," was all he said. "He is not the kind of boy to jump about in excitement." Tulsi Prasad said.

The boy from a modest home in Bhojpur District of Central Bihar claims to have authored a paper titled 'Electrogravity unification and energy loss phenomenon.' His father said efforts were on to find a British publisher for the paper.

It's not clear how a publisher can accept a work that is unrecognized in the scientific world. The practice is to first get a paper published in peer reviewed journals, like Physical Review Letters, Nature and Science.

After all, Tathagat claims to be working on a subject that has been engaging the minds of frontier physicist like Stephen Hawking, who wrote the best selling primer on the birth of the universe. A brief history of time.

"I want to solve the unsolved problems in physics," said Tathagat. Is that precocious pattern ? Or could it just be

talent talking ? It shouldn't take too long to find out.

i) Who is 'He' in the first paragraph ? What is the record breaking performance ? 2

ii) What is the name of Tathagat's father and what did he claim ? 2

iii) What were the problems he faced before the exams and how were they solved ? 2

iv) What is Tathagat's ultimate aim in life ? 2

v) Suggest a suitable title for the text & write a precis on it. 1 + 6

8. Reliable Communications, a Mumbai based MNC has given advertisement in The Telegraph (dated 26.8.2012) for the requirement of Management Trainees in the department of Sales and Marketing. Write a solicited letter applying for the job. 15

9. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily about the problems with the auto-rickshaws in your city. Also suggest measures to deal with the issues. 15

10. Assume that you are an interior designer. You have come up with a speciality store to cater to the interior designing needs of the corporate houses. Write a sales letter. 15

11. Write an essay on any one of the following topics : 15

a) The effects of globalization

b) Recession and the scope of the job market

c) Face book.

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