

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. (L.L.)- English For Empowerment	02:30 PM To 05:00 PM	555501	75

Instruction: All questions are compulsory.

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

It didn't really matter how muddy we got, because we had only to dive into the pool to wash off the mess. If it was possible to get out of our houses undetected at night, we would come to the pool and bath by moonlight. We bathed silently, because the stillness and eeriness of the surrounding jungle seemed to discourage high spirits. We saw several snakes, which came out to feed on the frogs that spent the summer nights in full-throated song. An impressive owl occasionally watched us from the branch of a big sal tree. Sometimes Somi would sing in a deep, pleasant voice; and we would float magnolia blossoms down the moonlit stream.

I don't remember how we finally broke up; it was hardly noticeable at night. In spite of our pledge to return to the pool as grown men, we never really believed that we would go different ways, that we would be leaving the pool. After about a year, Somi passed his matriculation examination and entered a military school. When I saw him about three years ago, he was sporting a fierce and very military moustache. Shortly after Somi left school, Anil and his family went away to Delhi, and I did not see them again. I would not visualize Anil in any conventional occupation, he was so wild and unpredictable. And yet, sometimes I wondered.... Those who are rather wild when they are young, often grow up to be respectable people; while the quiet, reserved ones turn out to be perfect hellions.

QUESTIONS:

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| 1) What did they do at night if undetected? | 01 |
| 2) Why did they bathe silently? | 01 |
| 3) Who would sing in a deep, pleasant voice? | 01 |
| 4) Who entered a military school? | 01 |
| 5) What was the change in Somi after three years? | 01 |
| 6) Who went to Delhi? | 01 |
| 7) Why did the narrator say 'sometimes I wondered...'? | 01 |
| 8) What did they do down the moonlit stream? | 01 |
| 9) How did the narrator describe Anil? | 01 |
| 10) What did they see at night? | 01 |
| 11) Give the antonyms of the following - 1) Silent, 2) Respectable | 02 |

- 12) State whether the following sentences are TRUE or False. 03
- a) Anil passed his matriculation examination.
 - b) Somi would sing in a deep, pleasant voice.
 - c) Anil was sporting a fierce and very military moustache.

Q.2 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. 06

The news about human sacrifice in Kerala has again raised the valid question: Are we inherently violent and do we spontaneously succumb to sinister practices, just the way moths are drawn to a flame? Let me narrate a true story, rather a metaphor, to debunk the myth of human being intrinsically violent.

An old Buddha statue was removed from its old site to its present location in the Wat Traimit temple in Bangkok in 1957. The statue fell off the crane and sustained a crack. Further work was suspended until the following day. An anxious monk, who came in the night to check on the damage, shone a torch on the crack and found to his surprise that light reflected from the cracked area. A little chipping of the mud revealed that the Buddha was made of pure gold but covered in hard clay. It weighed over five tonnes. The 700-year-old Buddha had been covered in mud to hide from the marauding Burmese army a few centuries ago and nobody seemed to remember that the strong clay was only an exterior and it concealed something precious.

This is the universal truth about us. Within the clay exterior is the golden Buddha. That's who we are. The golden Buddha is a metaphor for the inherent goodness we are imbued with. Man is basically good, but circumstances do not always allow him to retain this intrinsic goodness. We all have noble qualities, but we are often not alive to them. Let's zero in on those positive attributes and make the world a far better and desirable place to live in. Because what you give energy to, is what gets enhanced.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why was the statue covered in mud? 02
- 2) What did a little chipping of the mud reveal? 02
- 3) What did an anxious monk see in the torch light? 02
- 4) What was removed in Bangkok in 1957? 02
- 5) Which questions did the human sacrifice in Kerala raise? 02
- 6) Write your views about positive thinking. 03
- 7) **Which words in the passage have the same meaning as the following-** 02
 - 1) situation
 - 2) postpone

Q.3 Write an application with resume in response to the following advertisement. 20

- 1) Wanted Office Assistant for a reputed firm. Candidate must be graduate with good communication skills and fluency in English. Candidate with MHCIT/Computer Skill certificate will be preferred.

OR

- 2) Write an application with the CV for the post of Female Hostel Warden for the ABC Residential School, Jalgaon.
- Q.4** 1) You are working as a teacher in the school. Write a letter of resignation to the Principal of your school explaining the reasons for the same. **10**
- OR**
- 2) Write a letter to the Principal of your college requesting leave for five days.
- Q.5** Do as directed in the following sentences. **10**
- 1) **Change the following from direct into indirect speech.**
- a) Rama said, "I write a novel".
 - b) Seema said, "What are you doing here?"
 - c) "We will call it Rusty's pool" said Somi.
 - d) Rusty said, "I am waiting in the ravine for two or three hours.
 - e) Anil said, "Are you happy in the village?"
- 2) **Correct the following sentences.**
- a) We has seen the accident.
 - b) Rekha has go to the market.
 - c) She dancing on the ground.
 - d) Mona like her mother,
 - e) There are a pen on the table.
- 3) **Change the tense in the following sentences according to the instructions in the bracket.**
- a) Somi was a good swimmer. (Simple Present Tense)
 - b) My parents are going to Kedarnath. (Perfect Past Tense)
 - c) I had seen one of the parrots knock itself. (Simple Past Tense)
 - d) Meera will be bringing a cup of tea. (Continuous Present Tense)
 - e) Rujuta had completed the project. (Simple Future Tense)