

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

Day & Date	Semester	Subject Name	Time	Code	Marks
Wednesday 17-05-2023	VI (Fresh/ Repeater)	English C.C. (L.L.) English for Success	11:00 AM To 01:30 PM	655601	75

**Instruction: All questions are compulsory.**

**Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions given bellow: 20**

It did not stop raining that day, so Madhav did not go to his tea stall. His routine changed completely after that. He spent less and less time at the tea stall and he started coming home early, to sit alone, and stare at the majoos.

Gradually, he began to hear sounds - from the cracks in the wall, from the doors, from the roof. All kinds of sounds - heavy, soft, shrill, sweet... Toys, soaps, shoes and slippers, biscuits, sherbet, clothes, toothpaste, chocolate, television. All the goods in the world were advertised loudly, assaulting his ears. He would have liked the silence of the grave better. Madhav finally understood the real reason for the clamour for electricity, for which all of them had spent three, four thousand rupees. Everyone wanted a TV at home. His son was seven years old and the daughters were five and three. Their eyes, noses, tongues, ears were alert to these sounds. If they were asleep, they would wake up. If they were studying, they would put aside their books. If they were talking, they would stop halfway and run to the neighbour's house, and it was difficult to make them come home. They didn't want datun so toothpaste arrived. Earlier milk with a little tea in it was fine, but now they wanted cocoa or chocolate. Following this was the demand for icecream. Deewali also was influenced by the children. Madhav was forced to keep his tea stall open for longer to take care of the extra expenses. Dust started gathering on the majoos.

**Questions:**

- 1) Why did Madhav not go to the tea stall that day? 02
- 2) What did he do after coming home early? 02
- 3) Describe the sounds that Madhav heard in the house. 02
- 4) What was the real reason for the clamour for electricity? 02
- 5) How old were Madhav's children? 02
- 6) What did the children want instead of datun and milk with tea? 02
- 7) Which words in the passage mean the following: 03
  - a. Quiet b. demand loudly c. additional

**Q.2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below. 15**

The story of Hazare's transformation began in 1964 at a Delhi railway station bookstall after he bought a book on Swami Vivekanand. Enthralled by the great sage's life and by his dictum that the noblest thing a man can

do is to is to work for the good of others, Hazare avidly began reading religious texts and biographies of social reformers, and after his escape from the Sabar jets at Khemkaran. Hazare became a vegetarian, gave up cigarettes and liquor and vowed to remain a bachelor, devoting himself to public service.

Worthy cause, he realized, lay right in front of him. The upliftment of his own village, Ralegaon Siddhi. During his annual visits home, Hazare had been appalled by its steady deterioration. Even the village temple had become badly run down. *If I could rebuild the temple, Hazare said to himself, more people might think of God and lead better lives.* But he didn't have the money. Nor could he leave the army just yet- to qualify for a pension, he had to serve for several years more.

Finally, in August 1975, Hazare returned to Ralegaon, after retiring from the army. His service benefits amounted to Rs 20,000, and he planned to spend the money rebuilding the village temple. He hired carpenters and Masons and helped them lay bricks and lug wood. Few people paid him attention at first, but as the temple neared completion, the villagers began changing. Some offered to donate wood. Many volunteered their labour. "This taught me one thing", Hazare says. "If people are convinced that you are not selfish, they are on your side."

**Questions:**

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| 1) What incident transformed Hazare's life?   | 02 |
| 2) What changes did Hazare make in his life as a result of reading religious texts and biographies of social reformers? | 02 |
| 3) What worthy cause did Hazare discover?   | 02 |
| 4) Why did Hazare want to rebuild the village temple?   | 02 |
| 5) What happened when the temple neared completion?   | 02 |
| 6) What lesson did Hazare learn while building the temple?  | 02 |
| 7) Which words in the passage mean the following:   | 03 |
| a) A wise man   |    |
| b) yearly   |    |
| c) horrified  |    |

**Q.3 Write a letter (ANY ONE) 10**

- 1) Write a letter to the Editor of Maharashtra Times requesting him to write about the problem of frequent water scarcity in your locality.

**OR**

- 2) Write a letter to the Editor of Times of India to point out the problem of increasing crimes like petty thefts and break- ins in your area.

**Q.4 Write a Short Note (ANY TWO) 20**

- 1) Parul
- 2) Deewali
- 3) The Chest versus the TV
- 4) Amit as a villain in 'Nayak, Khalnayak, Vidushak'

**Q.5 Write ANY ONE of the following essays with the help of points provided.**

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**1) Life post Corona pandemic**

Colleges- school reopened,- but attendance affected- students poor in writing skills- students' financial problems- left college- relocated- businesses affected- unemployment increased- inflation rising- life still goes on- hope is alive in the human heart.

**2) Ganesh festival 2022**

Ganesh Utsav 2022- people happy, enthusiastic post pandemic - awareness about- many eco – friendly options practiced – cost cutting due to inflation – awareness about noise pollution – restrictions on pandals – traffic efficiently regulated – Mumbai traffic police good job.