

B.A. (Honours) / B.Mus. (Honours) Examination, 2014

Semester - III

Paper - I

English (General)

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer the following questions

1. (a) Narrate the trouble created by the prêt once it got inside the house, in Bond's short story. 10

or

- (b) Explain why the giant did not remain selfish any more, in the story by Oscar Wilde. Who do you think was the 'little boy' of the story? 8+2=10

2. (a) What do the arrow and the song stand for in the poem "The Arrow and the Song" by Longfellow? 10

or

- (b) Describe the image of Kashmir kept in the speaker's memory.

3. (a) Write a letter to your friend describing the celebration of 'Ananda Bajar' at Visva-Bharati. 10

or

- (b) Write a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the post of a Police Officer at Bolpur Sub-Divisional Police Station.

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in your own words as far as possible:

If an Indian today were magically transported back five thousand years to the ancient town of Mohenjo Daro, laid open by Sir John Marshall, and described in his great work, he would see a splendid city, but yet it would not strike him as so very strange. He would see men of various races, some swarthy of skin, others fair, some of the Chinese type, busy on their daily work. He would see wheeled carts, with supplies of wheat and barley, hauled by buffaloes or oxen on broad straight thoroughfares laid out for a lively traffic, leading men into the town from north and south and east and west. He could see dogs basking in the streets as today. He would meet men coming down the Great North Road leading strings of camels from the desert lands or others up the Great South Road with elephants bringing produce from the hot, moist districts. Outside in the country he would see shepherds tending their flocks of sheep, and swine routing for dainties. He would see that the folk were dressed in the same white cotton, much as in India today,

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the women wearing beautiful necklaces, with armlets, fillets, girdles, earrings and anklets of silver, of gold, of porcelain, of ivory. Soldiers would march past him carrying axes on their shoulders, with maces and spears and daggers thrust through their girdles, and some with bows and arrows too. But he would be surprised that they had no armour, nor did they carry swords. Nor had they yet discovered the use of iron. They were still in the Age of Bronze.

Answer the following questions:

- i) What kind of transport was used in those days? 2
 - ii) What were the differences in the traffic between the Great North road and the Great South Road? 2
 - iii) How would you describe a soldier of that time? 3
 - iv) Make sentences of your own with the following words (*any three*): 3
Indian, town, Chinese, wheat, traffic, cotton, sheep, ivory, white
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