

B.A.(Honours) / B.Mus.(Honours) Examination, 2016
Semester-III
General English
Course – I

(For Regular and Back Candidates)

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are value as indicated in the margin.

Answer the following questions

1. (a) Why was the family trying to shift to another place, in Bond's short story *Pret in the House*? Did they succeed in what they wanted? 10

or

- (b) Explain how in Oscar Wilde's story *The Selfish Giant* the giant learns kindness. 10
2. (a) Describe the loss and longing expressed by Agha Shahid Ali for his home in the poem "Postcard from Kashmir". 10

or

- (b) Explain the symbolic values of the arrow and the song in Longfellow's poem of that name. 10
3. (a) Write a letter to your friend describing the celebration of Briksha-Ropan and Barsha-Mangal at Visva-Bharati. 10

or

- (b) Write a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the post of an Assistant Teacher at Suri High School. 10
4. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in your own words as far as possible:

He reached the house. There was no appearance of its inmates stirring at that early hour. Oliver stopped, and peeped into the garden. A child was weeding one of the little beds; and as he stopped, he raised his pale face, and disclosed the features of one of his former companions. Oliver felt glad to see him, before he went; for, though younger than himself, he had been his little friend and playmate. They had been beaten, and starved, and shut up together, many and many a time.

"Hush, Dick!" said Oliver, as the boy ran to the gate, and thrust his thin arm between the rails to greet him "Is any one up?"

"Nobody but me," replied the child.

"You mustn't say you saw me, Dick," said Oliver. "I am running away. They beat and ill-use me, Dick; and I am going to seek my fortune, some long way off. I don't know where. How pale you are!"

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“I heard the doctor tell them I was dying,” replied the child with a faint smile. “I am very glad to see you, dear; but don’t stop, don’t stop!”

“Yes, yes, I will, to say good-b’ye to you,” replied Oliver. “I shall see you again, Dick; I know I shall. You will be well and happy!”

“I hope so,” replied the child. “After I am dead, but not before. I know the doctor must be right, Oliver, because I dream so much of Heaven and Angels; and kind faces that I never see when I am awake. “Kiss me,” said the child, climbing up the low gate, and flinging his little arms round Oliver’s neck: “Good-b’ye, dear! God bless you!”

The blessing was from a young child’s lips, but it was the first that Oliver had ever heard invoked upon his head; and through all the struggles and sufferings, and troubles and changes, of his after life, he never once forgot it.

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| (a) What did Oliver see when he reached the house? | 2½ |
| (b) What was Oliver’s plan? | 2½ |
| (c) Describe the child’s physical condition. | 3 |
| (d) How did Oliver feel at his parting from the child? | 2 |
