

B.A./B.Mus. (Honours) Examination, 2018
Semester-III
Language Course (GE) - General English
(For Back Candidates only)

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin
Answer all questions

1. (a) What is the moral lesson which we learn from Oscar Wilde's story 'The Selfish Giant'? Discuss.

Or

(b) What is the basic theme of Ruskin Bond's story 'Pret in the House'? 10

2. (a) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'The Arrow and the Song'.

Or

(b) Discuss the significance of the title of 'Postcard from Kashmir'. 10

3. (a) Write a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) for the post of a part-time teacher in a private school.

Or

(b) Write a letter to the editor of a leading newspaper regarding traffic control in the city. 10

4. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:

My mother was asleep in one room upstairs, my brother Herman in another; Grandfather was in the attic, in the old walnut bed which once fell on my father. I had just stepped out of the bathtub and was busily rubbing myself with a towel when I heard the steps. They were the steps of a man walking rapidly round the dining-room table downstairs. The light from the bathroom shone down the back stairs, which dropped directly into the dining room; I could see the faint shine of plates on the plate-rail.

1. Make sentences from the following words (*any two*): 2
asleep, upstairs, towel, faint, shine.

2. a) Choose the best alternative:

'Grandfather was in the attic in the old walnut bed which once fell on my father'-

The author mentions this detail, because 2

i) he wants to add to the humour of the passage.

ii) it will add a touch of realism to his imaginary account.

iii) his grandfather really slept on the bed.

b) Where was grandfather sleeping? 2

c) Where were the steps of the author heard? 2

d) Whose reflection did the author see on the plate-rail? 2