

Bachelor of Commerce

COMPULSORY ENGLISH

Second Semester

Very Short Answer Question

Unit -I

SHORT STORIES

A. SOMEDAY by Isaac Asimov

1. Did Niccolo like Paul telling him that the Bard was an old model?

Ans:- No. Niccolo did not like Paul telling him that the Bard was an old model.

2. What, according to Paul, are real books? Where can we find books of our times kept?

Ans:- According to Paul, real books are those with magnetic tapes that go through the vocalize and come out talking. It can find in the museum.

3. What did the bard (the computer) mean to say when he said, 'someday...?' could it be that a) computers will disappear?
b) Computers will become more friendly?
c) Computers will take over control of human affairs?

Ans:- When the computer said 'someday', it meant that computers would take over control of human affairs.

B. MARRIAGE IS A PRIVATE AFFAIR by Chinua Achebe

1. Where was Nene's room located?

Ans:- At 16 Kasanga Street, Lagos.

2. Which tribe did Nnaemeka belong to?

Ans:- The Ibo tribe.

3. Name of Nnaemeka's father.

Ans:- Nnaemeka's father was Okeke.

4. Who was Nene? What was her religion?

Ans:- She was Christian and a teacher in a girl's school in Lagos.

5. Which place did Nene Atang belong to?

Ans:- A place called Calabar, in Lagos.

C. THE TAXI DRIVER by Kartar Singh Duggal

1. Name the disease that Dittu's wife (Banti) had contracted.

Ans:- Dittu's wife (Banti) had contracted leucoderma.

2. Name Dittu's wife?

Ans:- Dittu's wife was Banti.

3. What would Dittu ask his passenger first?

Ans:- The name and address of his passenger.

4. Why did Dittu have to give up the practice of asking the names and addresses of his passengers?

Ans:- Because every time he asked his passenger's name and address, they would start arguing with him.

5. Name Dittu's son.

Ans:- Dittu's son was Gullu.

Unit- II

POETRY

A. ART OF LIFE by Tukdoji

1. What are the three kinds of art?

Ans:- The three kinds of art are: Rajas, Tamas and Satvik.

2. What is not an art of life for Tukdoji?

Ans:- The principal of 'Might is Right' is not an art of life.

3. What is the real art of life?

Ans:- The principal of 'Live and Let Live' is the real art of life.

4. What is the reason of chaos on the earth?

Ans:- The reason for chaos on the earth is practicing the principal of 'Might is Right'.

5. What does one find in nature?

Ans:- One find oviparous and viviparous beings, and microbes and plants in nature.

B. HORSES GRAZE by Gwendolyn Brooks

1. What activity do cows and horses perform?

Ans:- Cows and horses do the activity of grazing.

2. How do cows and horses eat?

Ans:- Cows and horses eat with their heads bowing down.

3. Do cows and horses speak with their companions?

Ans:- Yes, the cows and horses do speak with their companions.

4. How are the animals in different nations?

Ans:- The animals are the same in different nations and they are sane too.

5. What do the animals know?

Ans:- The animals know that there is ground below and sky up high.

C. SWAN AND SHADOW by John Hollander

1. Describe the swan floating on the surface of water.

Ans:- The swan is floating gracefully on the surface of the water, and its shadow can be seen under the surface.

2. How does the poet describe the fading memory about the swan?

Ans:- The poet describes the fading memory about the swan by saying that the bird is "passing out of sight".

Unit- III

ESSAYS

A. KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM by Bertrand Russell

1. What is the essence of wisdom?

Ans:- The essence of wisdom is emancipation from the tyranny of the here and now.

2. Who, according to Russell, remained free from the errors of their time?

Ans:- According to him, Queen Elizabeth I, Henry IV in France and Abraham Lincoln remained free from the errors of their time.

3. Why does the world need wisdom more than ever today?

Ans:- Because of the enormous increase in knowledge.

4. Where do we need wisdom?

Ans:- Wisdom need both in private and public life.

5. Who is a true citizen?

Ans:- A true citizen is one who has wisdom and knowledge in equal measure.

B. ON EDUCATION by Albert Einstein

1. What is knowledge of truth compared to by Einstein?

Ans:- It is compared that a statue of marble standing in the desert and is continuously threatened with burial by the shifting sand.

2. What is the ideal which the English school system comes nearest to realize?

Ans:- The aim of education must be the training of independently acting and thinking individuals.

3. What is the motivation behind the pupil's work?

Ans:- The motivation behind pupil's work is loving interest in the object and a desire for truth and understanding.

4. Who is a successful man?

Ans:- A man, who receives a great deal from his fellow-men, usually incomparably more than what corresponds to his service to them.

5. What is the most important motive for work in the school and in life?

Ans:- The pleasure in work, pleasure in its result, and the knowledge of the value of the result to the community.

6. How according to Einstein are personalities formed?

Ans:- According to Einstein, personalities are not formed by what is heard and said, but by labour and activity.

7. What exists behind every achievement?

Ans:- Motivation exists behind every achievement.

C. WHAT IS INDIANNESS by Sheila Dhar

1. How difficult is an attempt to describe a typical Indian?

Ans:- A typical Indian is as difficult as making a list of the things that make up the blueness of the sky.

2. What is the most important quality of Indian culture?

Ans:- The most important quality of Indian culture is that it has always been able to accept new influences and still remains what it was.

3. What does Sheila Dhar compare Indian culture to?

Ans:- Sheila Dhar compares Indian culture to a bicycle.

4. How did a great Indian leader describe the huge dams and factories in India?

Ans:- A great Indian leader described the huge dams and factories in India as “Temples of the new age”.

5. What does Sheila Dhar mean by the word “Tradition”?

Ans:- Tradition means those ways of thinking and feeling which have come down to us from the past.

6. What did the labourers do when the installations at Tarapore Atomic Station were being put up?

Ans:- They worshipped the pieces of machinery before they started their work.

7. What was *Gnat Devata*?

Ans:- It was an Indian-made fighter-plane.

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