

B.A. Part – I (For 2008 Examination)

English Communication Skills

One paper of 100 marks to be attempted in three hours

No. of Teaching Periods: 150

(Six periods per week)

Pass Marks: 35%

Time: 3 Hours

Course Content:

Two Literary Texts

Composition

Grammar and Vocabulary

(A) Texts Prescribed:

1 *Let's Go Home and Other Stories*, ed. Meenakshi Mukerjee

2 *Flights of Fancy*, ed. Bakhshish Singh (Pbi. Uni., Patiala)

Poems to be studied: 1 to 15

(B) Texts Prescribed for Grammar

(1) *Oxford Practice Grammar* by John Eastwood

Testing:

Section A:

Q. No 1 (a): One essay type question with an internal alternative on theme, incident and character from *Let's Go Home and Other Stories*. The answer should not exceed 250 words. 10 marks

(b): Five short answer questions to be attempted (in about 100 words each) out of the given eight from *Let's Go Home and Other Stories*. 2x5=10 marks

Section B:

Q. No 2(a): One essay type question with an internal alternative on main ideas, summary from *Flights of Fancy*. The answer should not exceed 250 words. 10 marks

(b): Two stanzas out of three to be explained with reference to the context from *Flights of Fancy*. 5x2= 10marks

Section C:

Q. No. 3: A paragraph (Descriptive) of about 150 words on any one of the 4 given topics. 10 marks

Q. No. 4: Translation from English into Hindi or Punjabi of a given passage consisting of 10 sentences. 10marks

(For those who do not know Punjabi/Hindi)

Paraphrase of a given poetry passage of about 8 to 10 lines.

Section D:

Q. No. 5: Ten very short answer questions to be attempted from both the prescribed texts, that is, from *Let's Go Home and Other Stories* and *Flights of Fancy* (Five each from both the texts). Answer to each question to be given in about one line. Each question will carry one mark and there will be no internal choice.

1x10=10 marks

Q. No. 6: This question, having two parts, will be based on *Oxford Practice Grammar* by John Eastwood

(a): Exercises 1 to 43 15 marks

(b): Exercises 76 to 103 10 marks

A candidate will be required to attempt 15 out of 18 sentences set in (a) and 10 out of 12 in (b).

The examiner shall set 25% sentences from the *Oxford Practice Grammar* and 75% shall be based on the exercises prescribed in each part.

Q. No. 7:

(a): Words commonly misspelt 2 marks

(b): Antonyms and Synonyms 3 marks

In part (a) a candidate shall respond to two out of three words, each carrying one mark

In part (b) a candidate shall give synonyms or antonyms of all the 6 carrying half a mark each.

While no book is prescribed for Question No. 8, the *Students Companion* by Wilfred D. Best is, however, recommended.

Important:

The examiner shall give a clear instruction to the candidates to attempt these questions only at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.