

B.A. Part – II (English Communication Skills)
2012, 2013 and 2014 Examinations

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. *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens. Orient BlackSwan Abridged Texts. Abridged by Pronoti Sinha. Edited by Seetha Srinivasan. Orient BlackSwan, Hyderabad, 2010.
2. *Gleanings from Home and Abroad*. Orient Blackswan, 2011.

The following essays from this book are prescribed:

1. 'A Talk on Advertising'--Herman Wouk
2. 'Globalisation'--Joseph Stiglitz
3. 'Work Brings Solace'--A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
4. 'The Night the Bed Fell'--James Thurber
5. 'Rising Tide of Urban Chaos'--Colin Legum
6. 'What is Wrong with Indian Films'--Satyajit Ray
7. 'More than 100 Million Women are Missing'--Amartya Sen
8. 'I have a Dream'--Martin Luther King
9. 'Why I want a Wife'--Judy Brady
10. 'Universal Declaration of Human Rights'--Leah Levin

(B) Text Prescribed for Grammar:

Oxford Practice Grammar (With Answers) by John Eastwood, OUP, 1999.

Recommended Reading

1. *Functional Grammar and Spoken and Written Communication in English*. Bikram K. Das. Orient Longman. (For the questions dealing with Grammar and Composition).

Testing:

Section A:

- Q. No. 1(a): One essay type question of about 250 words with an internal alternative on theme, narrative, incident, character or substance of *Oliver Twist*.
10 marks
- (b): Five short-answer questions to be attempted (in about 100 words each) out of given seven from *Oliver Twist*.
2x5=10 marks

Section B:

- Q. No 2(a): One essay-type question of about 250 words with internal alternative on theme, central ideas or substance of the prescribed essays in *Gleanings from Home and Abroad*.
10 marks
- (b): Five short-answer questions to be attempted (in about 100 words each) out of given seven from *Gleanings from Home and Abroad*
2x5=10marks

Section C:

- Q. No. 3: Comprehension of an unseen passage. Five questions to be set on the given passage and five words to be set out of the passage for meanings to be given in simple English.
5+5x1=10 marks

Q. No. 4. : Letter Writing: Personal letters, Applications and letters to the Editor on current issues. The paper-setter shall set two letters out of which candidates shall attempt any one.

10 marks

Section D:

Q. No. 5: This question, having two parts, will be based on *Oxford Practice Grammar* by John Eastwood.

(a) Exercise 44-75. 10 marks

(b) Exercise 118-153. 15 marks

Candidates shall be required to attempt 10 out of 12 sentences in Part (a) and 15 out of 18 sentences in Part (b).

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

Section E:

Q. No. 6: Ten very short-answer questions to be attempted from both the prescribed texts i.e. *Oliver Twist* and *Gleanings from Home and Abroad*. (Five each from each text). Answers are to be given in about one line each. Each question will carry one mark and there will be no internal choice.

1x10=10 marks.

Q. No. 8: This question comprises vocabulary items. No text is prescribed for this part. However, *The Student's Companion* by Wilfred D. Best is recommended.

(a): Use of Idioms in illustrative sentences. The candidates shall attempt two out of given three idioms and use them in sentences which appropriately show their meanings.

02 marks

(b): Correction of three out of five given misspelt words.

03 marks

Important

The paper-setter shall give clear instructions to the candidates to attempt the sentences in Section D and the questions in Section E at one place and only once. Second or subsequent attempts, unless the earlier ones have been crossed out, shall not be evaluated.