

**B.A/B.Sc/B.Com/B.B.A Degree Examination**  
**(For the candidates admitted from 2019-2020)**

**First Semester**  
**Foundation English - I**

**Time: Three hours**

**Maximum: 75 marks**

**Section A – (15 Marks)**

**I. Answer the following multiple choice questions (15x1=15)**

1. Choose the appropriate expression to greet your librarian at 9.00 a.m.  
a) Good Morning sir b) Good Day c) Hello sir, How are you d) Good Afternoon
2. How will you introduce your cousin to your friend who is with you?  
a) Excuse me, May I Introduce my friend to you? b) Do you know Ms.Leela, My friend?  
c) Hello! Let me introduce my friend, Leela to you. d) Leela is my friend
3. You are late for a function. Your friend Deepa has been waiting for the past one hour. What will you say when you meet her?  
a) Sorry, Deepa, for making you wait so long. b) Are you waiting? c) Sorry, Deepa  
d) My friend Deepa is waiting
4. What did you have for your breakfast today?  
a) I have Idly for my breakfast today b) I ate Idly c) I had Idly for my breakfast today  
d) I brought Idly
5. What is the capital of Nepal?  
a) Thimphu b) Islamabad c) Kathmandu d) Dhaka
6. Choose the correct answer for the underlined word in the sentence- Men considered animals, birds and insects nuisance.  
a) Pests b) Friends c) Opponents d) enemies
7. Mindless cutting of trees in the woods left the land -----  
a) Rich b) Barren c) Green d) Flooded
8. Fill in the blanks to form correct word : **sa-ri-ice**  
a) r, f b) c, f c) f, c d) c, s
9. The old Giant saw the little boy whom he loved a lot for the second time during the -----  
a) Spring season b) Winter season c) Autumn season d) Summer season
10. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. Give the meaning of the underlined word.  
a) dropped b) appeared c) murmured d) spoke

11. Rearrange the letters to form a proper word-revolution
  - a) Revolution b) revolution c) revolution d) revolution
12. Uncle Podger hangs a -----
  - a) picture b) clock c) speaker d) fan
13. Squirming means -----
  - a) rolling b) keeping straight c) twisting d) curving
14. Indica was written by -----
  - a) Megasthenes b) Aryans c) Rishabh Dev d) Alexander the Great
15. The modification ----- Sindhu into Hindu can be traced back -----2500 years ago
  - a) to,about b) of,to c) by, from d) on,by

### SECTION – B

**II. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions: (2x5=10 marks)**

1. Fill in the blanks with suitable response:

1. Mother: I'm sorry. I seem to have forgotten to add salt to the soup  
Son: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Tenant: Sorry, Mr. Kapoor. I couldn't pay the house rent in time.  
House owner: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Venu: Hi, here is your mobile phone which you have misplaced in the library.  
You: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Arvind: Good afternoon, Sir. I need your signature in this application form.  
Dean: \_\_\_\_\_
5. You: Excuse me, Sir. Is it the first time you are visiting this town?  
Foreigner: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Say whether the following statements are true or false:

- i) The World became crowded with wild animals. (true/false)
- ii) The ones below the poverty line were called greedy people. ( true/ false)
- iii) The Giant was happy about the existence of the winter in the garden. (true/false)
- iv) We must remember our ancestors and try to excel them. (true/false)
- v) Uncle Podger hanged the picture within five minutes. (true/false)
- vi) Bharat is accorded equal importance as the word India in the Constitution. (true/false)
- vii) The word 'plastic' comes from Italy. (true/ false)

- viii) If we follow God's ways, He will stay with us. (true/ false)
- ix) The tusk of the elephant resembled a spear. (true/ false)
- x) Shakuntala has been translated in many African languages. (true/ false)

3. Annotate the following

- a) Can earth be Earth when all its trees are gone,  
And sudsy waters have become unfit,  
And poisoned life no longer greets the dawn.....
- a) I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.

4. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition:

- i) It is dangerous to play cricket \_\_\_\_\_ the street.
- ii) A stitch \_\_\_\_\_ time saves nine.
- iii) Pipes are made \_\_\_\_\_ different plastics.
- iv) Plastics have made life easier \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- v) India has given \_\_\_\_\_ the world the story telling tradition.
- vi) The word Hindu was first used \_\_\_\_\_ ancient Persians to designate the ancient Vedic society.
- vii) India has done even more \_\_\_\_\_ Mathematics, Algebra, Geometry and Astronomy.
- viii) Varanasi is \_\_\_\_\_ the river Ganga.
- ix) Pride goes \_\_\_\_\_ a fall.
- x) Time and tide wait \_\_\_\_\_ no one.

5. Match the words in Column A with their meaning in column B:

| S.no | Column A      | Column B          |
|------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1    | feeble        | valuable          |
| 2    | tiny          | Looking inward    |
| 3    | precious      | strong            |
| 4    | notice        | refuse            |
| 5    | excel         | shout             |
| 6    | introspection | small             |
| 7    | sturdy        | murmur            |
| 8    | deny          | Perform very well |
| 9    | bawl          | weak              |
| 10   | whisper       | observe           |

## SECTION-C

### III. Answer the following questions:

1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

Once a woodcutter went looking for a job. He approached a timber merchant, and got a job with a decent salary and good working conditions. The woodcutter was thrilled and determined to do his best. His boss gave him an axe and showed him the area where he was supposed to fell trees. At the end of the first day, the woodcutter brought in fifteen trees he had cut. His boss was very happy with his performance and congratulated him. The woodcutter tried harder the next day, but he could fell ten trees. The third day he tried even harder, but he was only able to bring in seven. Day after day, he was bringing fewer and fewer trees. "I must be losing my strength", the woodcutter thought. He went to his boss and apologized, saying that he could not understand what was going on. "When was the last time you sharpened you axe?" the boss asked. "Sharpen?. I had no time to sharpen my axe. I have been very busy, trying to cut trees" said the woodcutter.

1. Why did the woodcutter approach the timber merchant?
2. What happened at the end of the first day?
3. What happened the next day?
4. Why was the woodcutter unable to cut more trees during the days that followed?
5. What do you learn from this mini-story?

(OR)

(b) Answer about your daily activities:

- i) When does your college work start?
- ii) What do you have for lunch?
- iii) At what time does your college work end?
- iv) How do you find your classes?
- v) Which is your favourite subject?
- vi) How many friends do you have?
- vii) How often do you go to movies?
- viii) Do you have a smart phone?
- ix) Do you often chat with your friends on social media?
- x) Is yours a joint family or nuclear family?

2. (a) The short story "Once upon a time ...." is a touching and realistic story that advocates the love of nature and the need to preserve our environment- Elucidate.

(OR)

- (b) Write an essay on the drastic effects of plastics.

3. (a) Give reasons to say that the poem “Footprints in the Sand” is inspirational and heart-warming

**(OR)**

- (b) Substantiate Swami Vivekanandha’s view that India can be a cradle of world culture with reference to his famous lecture delivered at Lahore.

4. (a) Write an essay on “The blind man and the elephant”

**(OR)**

- (b) What do you understand from the story “Who named this land India”?

5. (a) Write a letter to the Chairman, Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, about the plastic pollution in your area.

**(OR)**

- (b) You are the NSS secretary of your college. Write a letter to your Principal requesting permission to conduct an awareness camp on World Environment day.