

B.A. Semester - 1 (CBCS) Examination
Oct/Nov-2024 (As Per Syllabus Year June-2018)
COMPULSORY ENGLISH(FOUNDATION)

Time: 2:30 Hours**Marks: 70****Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Figures to the right indicate marks.

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- Que. 1 (A) Answer the following questions. (Any eight) (08)
1. What is our life full of according to William Henry Davies?
 2. What is old man's bag filled with?
 3. Who wrote the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening'?
 4. What did Mr. Ratnam do first at 'The Father's Help'?
 5. What was Mr. Agarwal's dream?
 6. What is another name of National e-Governance plan 2.0?
 7. What is E-Kranti?
 8. How do the streams look in broad day –light?
 9. Why did Swami flee from school?
 10. What does the toilet symbolise?
- Que. 1 (B) Answer briefly in Two or Three sentences. (Any three) (06)
1. Describe the central idea of the poem 'Father Returning Home'?
 2. Why does the traveller's horse feel it queer to stop in the woods?
 3. How did Mr. Agarwal lose his job?
 4. What was Swami's complaint for Samuel?
 5. What is the message of the poem 'Leisure'?
- Que. 2 Write short note. (Any Two) (14)
1. Irony in the story "Lemon-Yellow and Fig"
 2. The theme of the Poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening"
 3. Swaminathan
 4. The Pillars of the digital India
- Que. 3 (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles. (07)
1. Mr. Raval is ____American actor.
 2. My brother has____ Ph.D. degree.
 3. Manisha plays with ____rupee note.
 4. ____ Rich are not always happy.
 5. Mr. Kaushik drove his car 80kms ____hours.
 6. ____Rolling stone gathers no mass.
 7. Pritam visited ____United States of America.
- Que. 3 (B) Identify the following sentences. (07)
1. Shut the door.
 2. What is your occupation?
 3. Alas! We missed the deadline.
 4. All the creatures in the world are destined to die.
 5. Isn't she beautiful?
 6. Bablu is a bold and brave boy.
 7. English is spoken all over the world.

Que. 4 (A) Read the following passage answer the following questions.

(08)

“I will think about it.” It is easy to say this, but do you know what great things have come from thinking? We cannot see our thoughts, or hear, or taste, or feel them, and yet what mighty power our thoughts have! Sir Isaac Newton was seated in his garden on a summer’s evening when he saw an apple fall from a tree. He began to think, and, in trying to find out why the apple fell, discovered how the earth, sun, moon, and stars are kept in their places. A boy named James Watt sat quietly by the fireside watching the lid of the tea kettle as it moved up and down. He began to think; he wanted to find out why the steam in the kettle moved the heavy lid. From that time, he went on thinking and thinking, and when he became a man, he improved the steam engine so much that it could do the work of many horses with the greatest ease. When you see a steamboat, a steam mill or a locomotive, remember that it would never have been built if it had not been for the hard thinking of someone. A man named Galileo was once standing in the cathedral of Pisa when he saw a chandelier swaying to and fro. This set him thinking, and it led to the invention of the pendulum. James Ferguson was a poor Scottish shepherd boy. Once, seeing the inside of a watch, he was filled with wonder.

“I should make a watch,” he thought. But how was he to get the materials to make the wheels and the mainspring? He soon found out how to get them. He made the mainspring out of a piece of whalebone. He then made a wooden clock which kept good time. He began, also, to copy pictures with a pen and portraits with oil colors. In a few years, while still a small boy, he earned enough money to support his father. When he became a man, he went to London to live. Some of the wisest men in England, and the king himself, used to attend his lectures. His motto was, “I will think of it,” and he made his thoughts useful to himself and the world. When you have a difficult lesson to learn, don’t feel discouraged, and ask someone to help you before helping yourselves. By thinking you will learn how to think to some purpose.

Questions:

1. What did Isaac Newton felt?
2. What did James Watt see?
3. What is a message of the above paragraph?
4. Give a suitable title to this article.

Que. 4 (B) Choose the correct option from those given below.

(06)

1. Which best describes James Ferguson?
(A) Rich (B) gives up easily (C) clumsy (D) curious
2. What is the short story trying to teach you?
(A) Thoughts are not important since we can see or touch them.
(B) It is important to try a challenge on your own.
(C) Ask for help right away when things get hard.
(D) Great people have great teachers.
3. Which idea from the short story is an opinion?
(A) Isaac Newton discovered how the earth, sun, moon, and stars are kept in their places.
(B) It is easy to say, “I will think about this.”
(C) The king attended the lectures of James Ferguson.
(D) James Watt improved the steam engine.

4. How do you think the author feels about the people he describes?
(A) Bored (B) Sad (C) Confused (D) Impressed
5. The synonym of the word “quietly” is ____
(A) silently (B) annoyed (C) awake (D) slowly
6. Opposite of the word ‘discourage’ is ____
(A) Enhance (B) Eager (C) Earnest (D) Encourage

Que. 5 (A) Prepare a resume for the post of an English teacher to apply in a reputed school. (07)

OR

Prepare a resume for the post of Editor in a reputed Gujarati News paper.

Que. 5 (B) Study the following table and answer the questions given below: (07)

No.	Subject	Books
1	English	3500
2	Gujarati	2500
3	Hindi	300
4	Sanskrit	200
5	Sociology	2500
6	Psychology	1500
	Total	15000

Questions:

1. In which subject is there the highest number of books?
2. Which subject has the minimum number of books?
3. What is the total number of books?
4. Which two subjects are having equal number of books?
5. How many books are there in Sanskrit?
6. What is the number of books in Psychology?
7. What is the number of books in Sociology?
