

B.Com. Semester - 5 (CBCS) Examination
Oct/Nov.- 2024 (Old Course)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE - 5 (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 | Write short note. (Any one) | (10) |
| | (1) Character of Jakhra | |
| | (2) Mangalyaan | |
| Que. 2 | Answer the following questions in brief. (Any five) | (20) |
| | (1) How can space exploration help the developing countries? | |
| | (2) What are the benefits of starting your own business? | |
| | (3) Why the Mangalyaan is important? | |
| | (4) Why do some people criticize India's Space Programme? | |
| | (5) What did Jakhra tell the Bhuva when he tried to harm the snakes? | |
| | (6) How has the Employment Guarantee Scheme helped the rural population? | |
| | (7) How did Jakhra manage to capture the pair of cobras? | |
| Que. 3 (A) | Attempt any one report from the following. | (10) |
| | (1) As a Secretary of MNC, draft an individual report on monthly progress of Sales department. | |
| | (2) Draft an individual report on possibilities of starting a biscuit factory in Junagadh. | |
| | (B) Draft any one questionnaire from the following. | (10) |
| | (1) Reading habits of college students. | |
| | (2) Socio-economic conditions of vegetables vendors. | |
| Que. 4 (A) | Read the following share market report and answer the questions given below the report. (Any one) | (10) |

(1) Tech Sector Growth

The technology sector has witnessed significant growth in the last quarter, with major players like Apple and Microsoft reporting higher-than-expected earnings. Apple's stock rose by 5%, driven by strong iPhone sales and services revenue. Meanwhile, Microsoft experienced a 4% increase in its stock price, supported by growth in its cloud computing division. The overall tech index gained 6%, outperforming the broader market. Analysts attribute this growth to increased digital transformation efforts across industries and a strong demand for tech products. However, there are concerns about potential supply chain disruptions and increasing competition. Investors are advised to monitor these factors closely and consider diversifying their portfolios to mitigate risks.

Questions:

- (1) What factors contributed to Apple's stock price increase?
- (2) By what percentage did Microsoft's stock price rise?
- (3) What concerns do analysts have about the tech sector's future?
- (4) What was the overall gain of the tech index last quarter?
- (5) How can investors mitigate risks in the tech sector?

(2)

Energy Sector Developments

The energy sector has experienced volatility, with oil prices fluctuating due to geopolitical tensions and changing demand dynamics. ExxonMobil reported a 3% decline in stock price, affected by lower-than-expected earnings and environmental concerns. In contrast, renewable energy companies like Tesla saw a 5% increase in their stock prices, driven by a surge in demand for electric vehicles and clean energy initiatives. The energy index dipped by 1%, reflecting these contrasting trends. Analysts advise investors to consider long-term trends toward renewable energy and monitor geopolitical developments closely. Diversification within the energy sector may help manage potential risks.

Questions:

- (1) What caused ExxonMobil's stock price to decline?
- (2) How did Tesla's stock perform, and why?
- (3) What factors are causing volatility in the energy sector?
- (4) How did the energy index perform last quarter?
- (5) What investment strategies are recommended for the energy sector?

(B) Write an essay on any one topic from the following.

(10)

- (1) Pros and cons of smartphones
- (2) Pollution
