

B. A. LL.B. (FIVE YEAR DEGREE COURSE) (CBCS-2021 COURSE)
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SUBJECT: GENERAL ENGLISH-I

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Max. Marks : 60

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- 1) All questions are **CO MPULSORY**.
- 2) Figures to the right indicate **FULL MARKS**.

Q.1 Answer the following in approximately 200 words. (ANY TWO) (14)

- i) In the short story *The Witness for the Prosecution*, what is the allegation against Leonard Vole? What proofs and witnesses does the prosecution have?
- ii) What is meant by 'the machine' in the short story *The Benefit of the Doubt*?
- iii) Write a character sketch of Ben Davis from story *The Web of Circumstance*.
- iv) In the short story *The Witness for the Prosecution*, describe how Romaine Heilger tricks Mr. Mayherne and the court to get her husband Leonard Vole acquitted.
- v) Discuss the theme of racism in the short story *The Web of Circumstance*.

Q.2 Explain the following quotations from the *Letter from Birmingham Jail* by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in approximately 150 words (ANY ONE) (06)

- i) "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
- ii) "Non-violent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and establish such creative tension that a community that has refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue."

Q.3 A) Do as directed. (03)

- i) The situation was so grim that the court was forced to take suo moto cognizance. (Identify which part of speech is the underlined word)
- ii) The unemployment situation was worst than any other period in the country's history. (Identify and correct the mistake in the sentence)
- iii) The court asked the defendant to explain the reason _____ the delay. (Use the correct preposition to fill in the blank.)

B) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the Verb given in the bracket. (04)

- i) Mr. Sudhanshu _____ the country for 35 long years now. He will be awarded by the government today. (serve)
- ii) I _____ the minister about the earthquake predictions. She ignored them. (warn)
- iii) The court _____ suo moto action whenever it sees a problem. (take)
- iv) The case _____ on since the last three years. (go)

C) Fill in the blanks with the correct article – A/An/The/No Article required. (03)

- i) The judge quoted from _____ Quran in the judgment.
- ii) _____ writer and _____ advocate has had a prolific career.
- iii) The prosecution alleged that _____ union worker, not yet identified, had killed the factory owner.

Q.4 A) Change the given sentences from Active to Passive Voice. (04)

- i) The court has held the actor guilty.
- ii) The MP is raising the issue of corruption in the Parliament.
- iii) My mother taught me the importance of humanity.
- iv) The government has appointed a committee to look into the issue of river management.

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B) Change the given sentences from Direct to Indirect Speech. (03)

- i) My father said, "Equality is the most important element of a democracy."
- ii) The prosecution lawyer argued, "The accused attacked the watchman before entering the building."
- iii) The defence lawyer argued, "The prosecution is making baseless allegations."

C) Add question tags to the given sentences. (03)

- i) You are not well.
- ii) The case is still not over.
- iii) You will speak the truth in the court.

Q.5 Explain the following legal terms. (05)

- i) Affidavit
- ii) Fabricate
- iii) Doli incapax
- iv) Ex gratia payment
- v) Decree

Q.6 Read the passage and answer the questions given below :

All societies have historically had the problem of hierarchies. From the ancient times, there have been groups of a small number of people who have ruled the majority. This is true of socio-political systems like monarchy and feudalism. In the modern world, while there is democracy and more individual freedom, the gap between the wealthy and the poor is increasing. This is because problems like corruption and monopoly do not allow money to trickle down to the grassroots level. Wealth of a nation is absorbed by politicians and businessmen, whose greed for more and more wealth does not allow distribution of resources. This, on the one hand, does not allow the poor to grow beyond a certain limit. On the other hand, the rich keep growing exponentially.

- a) Why is the rich-poor gap still prevalent? (02)
- b) Which words in the passage mean the following: (02)
 - i) Political system where the king or the queen rules
 - ii) Increasing at a very rapid speed
- c) Suggest a suitable title to the passage. (01)

Q.7 Write an essay in 350 words on ANY ONE of the given topics. (10)

- a) Judiciary as a Watchdog of Democracy
- b) All that Glitters is Not Gold
- c) Reels, TikTok and Youth
