

**2017**

**M.A.**

**2nd Semester Examination**

**ENGLISH**

**PAPER—ENG-204**

*Extra-Departmental Course—Language  
and Commucative Skiller*

*Full Marks : 40*

*Time : 2 Hours*

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their  
own words as far as practicable.*

1. Answer any *two* of the following questions : 2×14

(a) Discuss the functions of different organs of speech involved in the pronunciation of English sounds.

*Or*

(b) Give a brief account of the vowels in British Received Pronunciation (R.P.).

(c) Define a verb. What are the different kinds of tenses ? Explain with one example for each.

*Or*

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- (d) What is the difference between active and passive voice? Explain with one example for each. Which voice, according to you, is suitable for speech and which for writing? Justify your answer.
- (e) What are the procedures for general note-taking and note-making? Discuss with suitable examples.

Or

- (f) (i) Write a letter to M/S Book Depot Raja ki Mandi, Agra, placing an order for the supply of books for your college library.
- (ii) Make a summary of the following prose-passage :

The long and glorious history of Presidency College during the last hundred years hardly needs reiteration here. Its name has become a household word among educated Bangalis, and it has come to occupy a place of the foremost importance in the intellectual history of modern Bengal. Like its predecessor, the Hindu College, it has proved the nursery of Bengal's genius and gone on contributing, year after year, men of first-rate distinction to the various walks of Indian life, the arts and the science, laws, politics and administration, education and social service. There is not a whit of exaggeration in the remark made by Acharya Prafullachandra Ray (one of the long line of famous Presidency College teachers) that nearly everybody who is somebody in Bengal is an ex-student of Presidency College. The

alumni of the College, however, are by no means confined to Bengal. They are to be found in other parts of India as well, the most distinguished of them being the President of the Indian Republic, Dr. Rajendra Prasad. And in neighbouring Pakistan the Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammad Ali, is an ex-alumnus too of Presidency College.

2. Comment on any *three* of the following : 3×4

(a) What are nasal sounds and how are they produced ?

*Or*

(b) Mark the primary stress and divide the following words into syllables :

(i) Extermination.

(ii) Important.

(iii) Address (verb).

(iv) Understatement.

(c) Correct the following sentences :

(i) Mother wrapped carefully the gift.

(ii) The Ram's old brother lives in Mumbai.

(iii) When bus driving fast it almost was crushed us.

(iv) The exhausting travellers reaching the camp last night.

*Or*

- (d) Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words :
- (i) Will you book us a show for 3pm ?
  - (ii) Vipul lives in London.
  - (iii) The hungry cat scratched at the back door.
  - (iv) I could hardly hear them speaking.
- (e) Comment on the most common abbreviations used during note-taking.

Or

- (f) Differentiate between skimming and scanning texts and provide the suitable context in which each is used.
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