

M.A. 2nd Semester Examination, 2023

ENGLISH

PAPER – ENG-204(CBCS)

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 hours

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks

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

A. Answer any *two* of the following : 10 × 2

1. (a) Describe the phonetic function of the palate.

Or

- (b) Discuss the function of the tongue in the pronunciation of English sounds.

2. (a) Define Parts of Speech. Explain each one of them with examples.

Or

- (b) What is a sentence ? What are the different kinds of sentences ? Elucidate with examples.

3. (a) Bring out the key differences between summary and paraphrase with suitable examples.

Or

- (b) What are the procedures for general note-taking ? Discuss with suitable examples.

4. (a) Describe the different methods of business communication.

Or

- (b) Write a business letter to *Paint and Varnish Co. Pvt. Ltd.*, 44, S.M. Avenue, Kolkata, complaining against the wrong delivery of paints to your shop and requesting to replace them.

B. Comment on any *four* of the following : 5 × 4

5. Write a brief note on stop consonants.
6. Give the phonemic transcription of the following sentences :

(a) An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

(b) A bird in the hand is worth two in a bush.

(c) A stitch in time saves nine.

(d) I wonder if it'll rain tonight.

(e) What an absolutely delightful day !

7. Choose the *correct* verb in the bracket that agrees with the subject.

(a) Slow and steady _____ (win/wins/won) the race.

(b) No friend and no relative _____ (cares/care/caring) for the girl.

- (c) Every man, woman and child _____ (was/were/are) killed.
- (d) Ram with his friends _____ (has been/have been/were) punished.
- (e) Either he or his brother _____ (is/am/are) guilty.

8. Rearrange the jumbled sentences.

- (a) soccer/He plays/his friends/ with
- (b) for us/ cooks/dinner/ She
- (c) shoes/ I wear/comfortable
- (d) often go/We/library/ to the
- (e) sandwiches/ for breakfast/eat/ They

9. Divide the following words into syllables and mark the primary stress.

- (a) Extermination
- (b) Address

- (c) Abstract
- (d) Observation
- (e) Afternoon

10. Write a short note on skimming texts.
