

BACHELOR OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2019 (OLD)
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER
ENGLISH SKILLS-A (ED)

Time: Two hours.

Full marks: 30

1. Answer any *one* of the following questions: 10
- a) How does O'Henry portray the tragic dimensions of a story about friendship, promises and duty in 'After Twenty Years'?
 - b) How did Chandu, in 'The Barbers' Trade Union' take his revenge on the people who used to insult him?

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2. A leading television channel is looking for young and dynamic candidates to anchor a new reality show. Applicants should be graduates with prior work experience in allied fields. Write to Crystal Eye Entertainment Limited, 32 Fern Road, Kolkata. Respond to this advertisement along with a CV.

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions: 10

World War II (1939-1945) was the largest and costliest war ever, both in terms of lives and money. In about six short years an estimated 50,000,000 people died as a result of battles, concentration camps, bombings, starvation and disease. Millions more were displaced and left as refugees. Billions of dollars in property was destroyed, as were artistic and architectural masterpieces. The war involved nearly every country, but essentially there were two sides, the Allies, which included the United States, Great Britain and the Commonwealth, China, and the Soviet Union; and the Axis, which included Germany, Japan and Italy.

A major cause of the unprecedented scale and destruction of World War II was improved military technology. Although submarines, tanks and aircrafts had limited use in previous wars, by World War II they were advanced enough to play a determining factor in the outcome. Submarines were made larger, faster, and deadlier and their torpedoes took a head toll on ships all through the war. Aircraft and tanks, which had limited use in World War I, now became two of the most important types of weapons. Aerial bombing became especially important, as both sides developed bigger bombers capable of delivering more bombs. This improved technology, however, was abetted by new technologies that debuted in War World II and would change war and the world forever.

- i) What were the material and human losses incurred during World War II? 4
- ii) Mention any two improvements made in weapons technology after World War I. 2
- iii) Which were the two opposing sides in the Second World War? 2
- iv) What were the main causes of death in the war? 2