

**BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE
FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAM 2024**

HUMANITIES

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 100

Use Separate Answer scripts for each Part.

Part – I (50 Marks)

ENGLISH

1. Answer any two of the following questions: [2× 15= 30]

- a. “My name is Sherlock Holmes. It is my business to know what other people don’t know”. What inferences can you draw about the character of Holmes from your reading of “The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle”?
- b. How will you justify Jimmy’s act in “After Twenty Years”? Comment with reference to the ending of the story.
- c. Why does the narrator in “The Barbers’ Trade Union”, call Chandu one of the “makers of modern India”? Discuss with close reference to the plot of the text.

2. Answer any one of the following: [1×10= 10]

- a. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper drawing attention to certain factual errors in a recent article on ‘campus placements’ about your institution.
- b. Suppose the HoD of the School of Architecture and Planning, ABC University had written to the HoD of the Dept. of Architecture, Jadavpur University wishing to conduct a student exchange programme between the two departments. The HoD of the Dept. of Architecture, JU after discussing this issue with the BoS of the department and obtaining necessary permission from the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology and the Registrar of the university is pleased to write a letter back to the HoD of the School of Architecture and Planning, ABC University informing her about the department’s plan of conducting the said programme within a couple of weeks, having obtained all the necessary approvals for the said programme. Write a concise letter on this purpose.

3. Read the passage below, and answer the questions that follow

[Turn over

What, then, is so special about our language? The most common answer is that our language is amazingly supple. We can connect a limited number of sounds and signs to produce an infinite number of sentences, each with a distinct meaning. We can thereby ingest, store and communicate a prodigious amount of information about the surrounding world. A green monkey can yell to its comrades, ‘Careful! A lion!’ But a modern human can tell her friends that this morning, near the bend in the river, she saw a lion tracking a herd of bison. She can then describe the exact location, including the different paths leading to the area. With this information, the members of her band can put their heads together and discuss whether they ought to approach the river in order to chase away the lion and hunt the bison. A second theory agrees that our unique language evolved as a means of sharing information about the world. But the most important information that needed to be conveyed was about humans, not about lions and bison. Our language evolved as a way of gossiping. According to this theory *Homo sapiens* is primarily a social animal. Social cooperation is our key for survival and reproduction. It is not enough for individual men and women to know the whereabouts of lions and bison. It’s much more important for them to know who in their band hates whom, who is sleeping with whom, who is honest, and who is a cheat.

Most likely, both the gossip theory and the there-is-a-lion-near-the-river theory are valid. Yet the truly unique feature of our language is not its ability to transmit information about men and lions. Rather, it’s the ability to transmit information about things that do not exist at all. As far as we know, only *Sapiens* can talk about entire kinds of entities that they have never seen, touched or smelled. Legends, myths, gods and religions appeared for the first time with the Cognitive Revolution. Many animals and human species could previously say, ‘Careful! A lion!’ Thanks to the Cognitive Revolution, *Homo sapiens* acquired the ability to say, ‘The lion is the guardian spirit of our tribe.’ This ability to speak about fictions is the most unique feature of *Sapiens* language.

- a. What evidence does the author give in support of his theory that “our language is amazingly supple”? [2]
- b. What, according to the above passage, is the importance of gossiping? [3]
- c. Explain the following line(s)– “...the truly unique feature of our language is...the ability to transmit information about things that do not exist at all.” [3]
- d. Find the synonyms of the following words in the above passage – “consume”, “extraordinary”. [2]

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**Part – II (50 Marks)
SOCIOLOGY**

Answer question no.1 and any two others.

1. Write short notes on any four of the followings

5X4=20

- a) Nature of Sociology
- b) Impression Management
- c) Technological Determinism
- d) Latent and Manifest Function
- e) Society and Technology
- f) Back Stage
- g) Conflict perspective
- h) "I" and "Me"

- 2. What is Sociology? Explain in detail about the perspectives of Sociology. 15
- 3. How Ogburn Explains technology and Society? 15
- 4. Discuss Goffman's Dramaturgy. 15
- 5. What is Social Stratification? How Social Stratification originated? Explain with theories. 6+9=15