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**B. A. (Pass Course & Vocational) 4th Sem.
Examination – May, 2019**

ENGLISH (COMPULSORY)

Paper : P-IV

Time : Three hours] [Maximum Marks : 80

Before answering the questions, candidates should ensure that they have been supplied the correct and complete question paper. No complaint in this regard, will be entertained after examination.

Note : Attempt *all* questions. Marks are given at the right side of every question.

1. Explain the following passages with reference to the context : 2 × 4 = 8

(a) *"And it's impossible for me not to marry ... In the first place, I'm already thirty five, a critical age, so to speak. In the second place, I ought to lead a quiet and regular life ... I suffer from palpitations."*

OR

"They're all gone now, and there isn't anything more the sea can do to me I'll have no call now to be up crying and praying when the wind breaks

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from the south, and you can hear the surf is in the east, and the surf is in the west, making a great stir with the two noises, and they hitting one on the other. I'll have no call now to be going down and getting Holy Water in the dark nights after Samhain, and I won't care what way the sea is when the other women will be keening."

(b) *"Women alone can in a moment overstep the bounds of caste; when once the curtains of destiny are drawn aside, they all stand revealed in their queenliness. You had a good chance, you know, when the king's son was deer-hunting and came to this very well of yours."*

OR

"That won't destroy it. I've got it all in my head. All that you've done, Charlotte, is to make a mess on my floor. Damned silly, I call it."

2. Answer the following questions based on your readings of *Snapshots* : 4 × 4 = 16

- (a) Describe the second quarrel in *The Proposal*.
- (b) Why does Bartley want to go to the Galway fair?
- (c) How do Mrs Pearson and Mrs Fitzgerald feel after they change back into their real selves?
- (d) Bring out the theme of *Chandalika*.

(2)

3. Answer any *four* of the following questions based on your readings of *The Mahabharata* : $4 \times 2 = 8$

- Which son of Dhritarashtra said that Panchali had not been legally won by them ?
 - How did the citizens react to the exile of the Pandavas ?
 - How did Sri Krishna console the grieved Draupadi ?
 - Who was Agastya ? Why did the Vindhya mountains remain arrested in growth ?
 - Describe the fight between Duryodhana and the Gandharvas.
 - What choice did Sri Krishna offer to Arjuna when the latter visits the former before the war ?
4. (a) Discuss the appropriateness of the title *Riders to the Sea*. 6

OR

Compare and contrast the characters of Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Fitzgerald.

- Discuss in detail Bhima's encounter with Lord Hanuman. 6

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OR

What was the cause of Dhritarashtra's anxiety after the Pandavas left for the forest ?

- (a) Make a précis of the following passage and give it a suitable title : 7

Most of the people who appear most often and most gloriously in the history books are great conquerors and generals and soldiers, whereas the people who really helped civilization forward are often never mentioned at all. We do not know who first set a broken leg, or launched a 'scaworthy boat, or calculated the length of the year, or manured a field; but we know all about the killers and destroyers. People think a great deal of them, so much so that on all the highest pillars in the great cities of the world you will find the figure of a conqueror or a general or a soldier. And I think most people believe that the greatest countries are those that have beaten in battle the greatest number of other countries and ruled over them as conquerors. It is just possible they are, but they are not the most civilized. Animals fight; so do savages; hence to be good at fighting is to be good

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- (ii) What gives us happiness ?
- (iii) What three things does work give us ?
- (iv) How does the idler live and feel ?
- (v) What good things does work teach us ?
- (vi) Give a suitable title to the passage.
- (d) Draft an email in about 150 words to be sent to a leading newspaper expressing your opinion about what the main concerns in the manifestos of the political parties should be. 7

OR

Draft an email in about 150 words to be sent to a leading newspaper expressing your concern about the unplanned development in your town.

- (e) Imagine you have to apply for the post of a language teacher in a senior secondary school. Prepare a resume giving all the required details. 7