



I Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. Examination, Nov./Dec. 2008
(Semester Scheme) (Prior to 2006)

GENERAL ENGLISH
Language English (Paper - I)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 90

- Instructions :** 1) Answer all the questions.
2) Mention the Sections and question numbers correctly.

SECTION - A

- Fill in the blanks with suitable articles and prepositions to complete the sentence : (4×1=4)
The fir tree was placed in _____ great tub filled _____ sand, but no one could see that it was _____ tub, for it was covered with greenery and stood _____ a gaily coloured carpet.
- Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense forms of the verbs given in the brackets : (4×1=4)
Gandhiji knew that India _____ (be) a very poor country. So he _____ (want) his countrymen to _____ learn the most valuable lesson – not to _____ (waste) even a particle of food or a drop of water.
- Change the voice of the verbs : (4×1=4)
 - The dacoits threatened the inmates of the house.
 - The young girl fascinated the blind young man.
 - The boy is writing a letter in his study.
 - His peers had recognized his outstanding work.
- Rewrite the following into Indirect Speech : 4
Mrs. Slater said, "Take your boots off, Henry. Elizabeth is so prying that she notices the least speck of dirt". Henry said, "I am wondering if they'll come at all. When you and Elizabeth quarrelled she said that she would never set her foot in your house again".
- Fill in the blanks choosing the correct word from those given in the brackets : (2×1=2)
 - The box of eggs _____ (is, are) broken.
 - Both Sunith and Sharath _____ (has, have) done well in their exams.