



BRAINWARE UNIVERSITY

Course – **BCA / BSc.CS / BSc.HN / BAMW / B.Com / BBA**

English Communications (HU 101) / Business Communications (BBAC105)

(Semester – 1)

Time allotted: 3 Hours

Full Marks : 70

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

Group –A
(Multiple Choice Type Question)

(10 x 1 = 10)

Choose the correct alternatives of the following :

1. Babies _____ when they are hungry.

- i. cry ii. Cries iii. Cried iv. are crying

2. I don't have _____ much time for reading _____ I would like to.

- i. as / as ii. more / than

- iii. so / that iv. too / that

3. My students' sleepless nights became ---- as the finals approached.

- i. so frequently ii. more frequent

- iii. as frequent iv. much more frequently

4. Sorry, she can't come to the phone. She a bath!

- i. is having ii. having

- iii. Have iv. Has

5. Last summer we went on _____ cruise in the Caribbean. Among _____ Islands we visited were Bermuda and the Bahamas.

- i. an / the ii. a / the iii. the / an iv. the / a

6. _____ teachers prefer a class that is fairly consistent in having pupils of the same level.

- i. Each ii. Every iii. Neither iv. Most

7. Due to _____ a lack of production _____ increasing housing prices, Liverpool is now ranked as one of the least affordable cities countrywide.

i. neither / nor

ii. no sooner / than

iii. scarcely / before

iv. both / and

8. There's paper _____ the floor. Please put it _____ the wastebasket.

i. at / into

ii. on / at

iii. on / in

iv. over / at

9. _____ two rings here on my little finger belonged to _____ grandmother.

i. These / my

ii. That / mine

iii. Those / me

iv. The / myself

10. Jane found it hard to get up from the bed after the alarm clock ---- at seven.

i. took out

ii. sent out

iii. went off

iv. threw up

Group – B

(Short Answer Type Question)

(3 x 5 = 15)

Answer any **three** of the following

Q.1. How did the Magi want to celebrate their Christmas?

Q.2. How much attached to each other were Della and Jim in the story?

Q.3. What is the moral of the story?

Q.4. Would the personalities of Jim and Della change if they were better off financially?

Group C

(Long Answer Type Question)

(3 x 15 = 45)

C1 .Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:-

(2+2+2+2+2+5+5=20)

The Battle of Chancellorsville, one of the most famous battles of the Civil War, took place in Virginia in the spring of 1863. For months, the two armies had been staked out on opposite banks of a narrow river. The Confederate troops were led by perhaps the most revered military tactician in American history, General Robert E. Lee. The Union soldiers were led by "Fighting" Joe Hooker. In appearance, personality, and lifestyle, these men were nearly perfect opposites. Lee, an older man in poor health with a gray beard, had a somber, measured demeanor. Hooker was a blond, strapping young man whose vanity over his appearance was but one aspect of his egotism. Whereas Lee was devout and principled, Hooker was known for his rollicking enjoyment of both women and whiskey.

Despite the fact that the Confederacy had won the last four major battles and the Union soldiers were famished, exhausted, and demoralized, Hooker proclaimed, "My plans are perfect. And when I start to carry them out, may God have mercy on Bobby Lee, for I shall have none." Why, aside from a propensity for narcissism, was Hooker so confident? Hooker had used spies, analysts, and even hot air balloons to compile a vast amount of intelligence about Lee's army.

He had discerned, for example, that Lee had only 61,000 men to Hooker's own 134,000. Buoyed by his superior numbers, Hooker covertly moved 70,000 of his men fifteen miles up and across the river, and then ordered them to sneak back down to position themselves behind Lee's army. In effect, Hooker had cut off the Confederate soldiers in front and behind. They were trapped. Satisfied with his advantage, Hooker became convinced that Lee's only option was to retreat to Richmond, thus assuring a Union victory. Yet Lee, despite his disadvantages of both numbers and position, did not retreat. Instead, he moved his troops into position to attack. Union soldiers who tried to warn Hooker that Lee was on the offensive were dismissed as cowards. Having become convinced that Lee had no choice but to retreat, Hooker began to ignore reality. When Lee's army attacked the Union soldiers at 5:00 pm., they were eating supper, completely unprepared for battle. They abandoned their rifles and fled as Lee's troops came shrieking out of the brush, bayonets drawn. Against all odds, Lee won the Battle of Chancellorsville, and Hooker's forces withdrew in defeat.

1. Which are the two armies who fought the Battle of Chancellorsville led by whom?
2. How were the two leaders opposite to each other?
3. How can you say that Hooker's army was more powerful than Lee's?
4. What did Lee do despite his disadvantages?
5. Who finally won the battle and how?
6. Make sentences with- convinced, warn, abandoned, troops, appearance.
7. Give a suitable title to the passage and justify it.
8. Write down the meanings of- trapped, revered

C.2. Do as directed

3 x 5 = 15

i. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:

(1x5=5)

1. This material is different _____ that.
2. You should explain this _____ them.
3. He has been absent _____ Monday.
4. I haven't been to the theatre _____ a long time.
5. He goes to school _____ car.

ii. Change the voice:

(1x5=5)

1. We were received by the hostess.
2. The snake was killed with a stick.
3. The minister was welcomed by the people.
4. They found him guilty of murder.
5. John Mathews built this house in 1991.

iii. Change the narration:

(1x5=5)

1. Alladin said to the magician, 'What have I done to deserve so severe a punishment?'
2. 'Don't you know the way home?' I said to her.
3. 'Do you write a good hand?' the teacher said to the student.
4. The judge finally asked whether he/she had anything to say on behalf of the accused.
5. Ulysses asked the little bird whether it had anything to tell him.

C.3. Write a paragraph on 'Merits and Demerits of Demonetization'.

(10x1=10)