

It is not known exactly how man discovered the use of fire in early times. He must have seen forest fires, perhaps, started by lightning, and have learnt the terrible danger of fire. But how did he find out how to make it? The study of ancient history shows us that fire was carefully kept burning in some public building, so that people could light their own fires from it when necessary. But in most parts of the world it seems that men soon learnt to rub two pieces of wood together, or strike one stone against another, in order to light some dry, quick-burning material. Matches were not invented till the beginning of the nineteenth century, and in these days, when they are cheap and plentiful, it is easy to forget how difficult it must often have been to light a fire.

When we refer to fire as a bad master, we are thinking of the great amount of damage it can do when it gets out of control. Forest fires are feared by men and animals. They are very difficult to stop once they have started and may burn for days until, perhaps, rain falls and puts them out. It is a common custom, where forests cover mountain sides, to keep stretches of land free from trees so that, if a fire does break out, there will be less danger of its spreading.

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B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – JUNE 2006.

(For candidates admitted in AY 2003–2004, CY – 2004, AY– 2004–05 and CY–2005)

First Year

Part II — English

FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH — I

Time : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 75

1. Annotate any THREE of the following :
(3 × 5 = 15)

(a) Yet he was kind, or, if severe in aught

The love he bore to learning was in fault ;

(i) Who is described in these lines?

(ii) Why was he severe?

(b) Where Alph, the sacred river, ran

Through caverns measureless to man

Down to a sunless sea

(i) What is described here?

(ii) Why is it referred to as “measureless to

man”?

(c) 'I saw pale Kings and Princes too,
Pale warriors, death-pale were they all :'

- (i) Identify the speaker
- (ii) Explain these lines.

(d) But this forbidden book lasted longer than all the rest, because it was forbidden.

(i) Which book is referred to as "this forbidden book"?

(ii) By whom and why was it forbidden?

(e) A golden chain is as much as an iron one.

(i) Who says these words?

(ii) Explain the meaning of the passage.

2. Answer any THREE in about 200 words each :
(3 × 10 = 30)

(a) Discuss the views of Gandhi on education. How far they relevant today.

(b) Show how the attitudes of people change according to circumstances from your study of "A devoted son".

(c) Discuss Jonson's "On Shakespeare" as an elegy.

(d) Trace the development of the thought in the poem "Nutting".

(e) Write an essay on the reflections on the psychology of patients and artists as revealed by O. Henry in "The Last Leaf".

3. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles : (5)

In India the coldness is practised in _____ interest of _____ salutary peek order in _____ upper strata of our society. It is _____ demonstrative exhibition of kindness, accompanied by _____ good deal of sound.

4. Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns : (5)

One of _____ said to me, "_____ are assuming that everyone has a good taste and _____ will pass on to others. But a great many know what _____ like, and _____ stick to it.

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : (5)

It is now time _____ me _____ say something _____ the last _____ my three points. There is a characteristic Indian attitude _____ life in them.

6. Write a precis of the following passage : (15)

Fire has been called a good servant but a bad master. We use it for heating our homes, for cooking our food and in manufacturing all kinds of things. Without it, we certainly could not live as we do now. We should in many ways have to lead a life very much like that of animals.