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**BBA|BCOM|MSW|PGDCA**

# ENGLISH

**B.com-1<sup>st</sup> Year  
(Foundation)**



**Includes**

- ➔ **syllabus**
- ➔ **Important Questions**
- ➔ **Past examination paper**

**Notes as Per DAVV Syllabus**

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**First Year प्रथम वर्ष**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND INDIAN CULTURE**  
**[VALUE ADDED COURSE (VAC)]**

Time - 2 Hour

[ Max. Marks 100

[ Minimum Passing Marks 35

**Examination Scheme**

<b>Section A: Very Short Questions (50 words)</b>	<b>[5x4=20]</b>
<b>Section B: Short Questions (200 words) 5 Questions</b>	<b>[5x10=50]</b>
<b>Section C: Long Answer Questions (400 words)</b>	<b>[2x15=30]</b>
<b>[Two Questions to be attempted out of 4 questions]</b>	

**Unit - 1**

Understanding Indian Culture

1. Rabindranath Tagore -'Where the mind is without fear'
2. Swami Vivekananda 'Chicago Speech (1893)'
3. R.K. Narayan 'Astrologer's Day'
4. Introduction to Sundarkand of Valmiki's Ramayan
5. A.L. Basham "The Wonder that was India' (an excerpt).

**Unit - 2**

Comprehension Skills

1. Reading Techniques: Skimming, Scanning
2. Identifying the Main Idea and Theme
3. Making Inferences and Drawing Conclusions
4. Analysing unseen passages on Indian history, society, and art.

**Unit - 3**

Basic Language Skills

Grammar:

1. Parts of Speech
2. Articles
3. Subject-Verb Agreement
4. Tenses and their application.

Vocabulary:

1. Synonyms, Antonyms, Homonyms, and Homophones
2. One-word substitutes
3. Word formation: Suffixes and Prefixes.

**Unit - 4**

Writing Skills

1. The Writing Process: Pre-writing, Drafting, Revising, and Editing.
2. Paragraph Writing: Structure, Topic Sentence and Coherence.

3. Letter Writing: Formal/Informal.

**Unit - 5**

Situational Conversation-Context, Audience, Purpose, Type, Register

1. Meeting/Greeting- Introducing Self, Introducing people to one another
2. Apologies/Responses
3. Enquiring about a Course/Requesting Information
4. Agreeing/Disagreeing (with a Proposal).

ALEXIA COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

**Exam Oriented Important Questions**

1. What is meant by expression "knowledge is free" ?
2. Why does the poet compare 'dead habbit' to dreary desert land ?
3. What narrow domestic walls are referred to by the poet?
4. Why does the poet compare reason with stream?
5. What was the significance of Vivekananda's address response to welcome to the people of the west and for Hinduism?
6. How did Vivekananda criticize missionary efforts in India during "religion not crying need of India" ?
7. Discuss the theme of religious tolerance in Vivekananda's Chicago speech with special reference to the "response to welcome" and the final session.
8. Who is the author of an astrologist day? How does The astrologer impress people even though he is not a real astrologer?
9. Discuss how RK Narayan uses irony in the story?
10. Explain the theme of fate and free will in an astrologers day.
11. Discuss the character of Hanuman as revealed in Sunderkand ?
12. How does Hanuman convince sita of his genuineness?
13. What is the significance of Hanuman burning lanka?
14. Why is this section called Sunderkand ?
15. What is the most significant quality of Indian civilization?
16. Why did Indian culture influence being in Ceylon?
17. Who were the first Indian to go to the South East Asian countries?
18. Who is said to have Conquered Ceylon first?
19. Mention some practical blessings conferred on the world by India.
20. In what way was Goethe indebted to India?
21. Which quality of Mahatma Gandhi influenced the west most?
22. Which Indian influences the European America most?
23. Write a note on the spiritual influence of India on the west.
24. Paragraph writing -
  1. Fusion of culture in Indian art
  2. Noise pollution

3. Slow and steady wins the race.
  4. The pen is mightier than the sword.
25. Write a letter to your friend thanking him for the wonderful summer vacation you spend with him.
  26. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper drawing attention to the unsanitary condition of the city.
  27. Write a letter congratulating MC Mary Kom the Indian lady boxer for winning Olympic bronze Medal in London.
  28. You have obtained a B.E degree in electronics and instrumentation branch with first division and distinction this year you have further qualified yourself in the graduate aptitude test in engineering securing 99 percentile marks on application to be sent to different institutions in India to seek admission to one of the M.tech programmes conducted by them.

Essay writing

1. Unemployment among the educated
2. Women empowerment
3. Terrorism and its solution.
4. Role of Internet in the present scenario.