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**BASENL 153/BSWENL 153/
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**II Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.A.(HRD) Degree Examination,
April/May 2019**

(Credit Based Semester Scheme)

(Common to all Batches)

ENGLISH

General Proficiency and Communicative English

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 80

SECTION - A

(PROSE AND POETRY)

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- I. Answer **any one** of the following in not more than two pages each : (1 × 10 = 10)
1. Why does the King meet the Hermit? How does he find answers to his three questions?
 2. What are Kalam's views in 'My Visions for India'?
 3. How does the writer emphasise the importance of dates in 'Concerning Dates'?
- II. Answer **any two** of the following in not more than a page each : (2 × 5 = 10)
4. What are the temperamental differences between men and women as pointed out by E.V. Lucas?
 5. How does Dr. Kalam contrast the behaviour of Indians in India and in a foreign nation?
 6. What, according to Hardin B. Jones, are the reasons for the spread of drug abuse?
 7. How does Luz Long help Owens improve his performance in the Long Jump event of the Berlin Olympics?



III. Answer **any one** of the following in not more than 2 pages each : (1 × 10 = 10)

8. Narrate the story of Matilda in your own words.
9. How does Shelley portray the futility of pride in worldly achievements in his poem 'Ozymandias'?
10. Discuss the poem 'On Killing a Tree' as a graphic description of the destructive nature of human beings.

IV. Select **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions set on them in one or two sentences each :

11. ... Near them, on the sand,

Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,

And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,

Tell that its sculptor well those passions read

(a) Whose 'visage' is referred to in the passage? (1)

(b) What does the 'visage' convey? (2)

(c) What information does the speaker give about the sculptor? (2)

12. For every time she shouted 'Fire!'

They only answered 'Little Liar!'

And therefore when her aunt returned,

Matilda, and the house, were burned.

(a) Who shouted "fire"? (1)

(b) Why did they answer "Little Liar!?" (2)

(c) What had happened when the aunt returned? (2)



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13. The root is to be pulled out
Out of the anchoring earth;
It is to be roped, tied,
And pulled out-snapped out
Or pulled out entirely,
- (a) What does 'It' stand for in the third line of the passage? (1)
(b) Explain the phrase 'anchoring earth'. (2)
(c) Why should the root be pulled out? (2)

14. We wear our fingers rough with handling them

Oh, just another kind of outdoor game,

One on a side.

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- (a) Who does 'We' stand for in the first line? (1)
(b) Why are their fingers rough? (2)
(c) What is described as an 'outdoor game'? Why? (2)

- V. Answer **any two** of the following in not more than a page each : (2 × 5 = 10)

15. What, according to the poet, makes the wall collapse every now and then?

16. Why does Lawrence say that we must have money?

17. How does Gieve Patel describe the process of killing a tree?

18. Describe the scene the traveller saw in the desert in Shelley's 'Ozymandias'.



SECTION - B
(GRAMMAR)

19. Do as directed :

(a) Choose the synonym of the underlined word from the choices given below each sentence : (2 × 1 = 2)

(i) The king seized the man's property.

(1) Captured (2) Bought (3) Sold (4) Borrowed

(ii) He was generous in his donations.

(1) Stingy (2) Liberal (3) Hesitant (4) Cunning

(b) Fill in the blanks using the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words : (2 × 1 = 2)

(i) Though he has a secure job, he feels _____ at times.

(ii) The photograph made the pretty face look _____.

(c) Fill in the blanks using the appropriate forms of the words given in brackets. (2 × 1 = 2)

(i) They were involved in a heated _____. (argue)

(ii) She was asked to write a job _____. (apply)

(d) Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate words from those given in brackets : (2 × 1 = 2)

(i) The continuous use of drugs can damage the nerve _____ in the body. (cells, sells)

(ii) They wanted to _____ the plan of the house. (alter, altar)

(e) Write one-word substitutes for the following : (2 × 1 = 2)

(i) Sign in one's own handwriting.

(ii) Physical or mental signs of disease or injury.



20. (a) Do as directed :

(6 × 1 = 6)

(i) He said, "I have completed the assignment."

(Rewrite the sentence in indirect speech)

(ii) The painter is painting the fence.

(Change into passive voice)

(iii) It is really hot.

(Change into exclamatory sentence)

(iv) Close the door.

(Change into interrogative sentence)

(v) Seeing the policeman, the pickpocket ran away.

(Change into compound sentence)

(vi) The librarian is absent today.

(Change into negative sentence without changing the meaning)

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable question tags :

(2 × 1 = 2)

(i) He is really stylish, _____?

(ii) The batsman scored a century, _____?

(c) Fill in the blanks with appropriate linkers from the options given below each sentence :

(2 × 1 = 2)

(i) _____ it is raining, the temperature is still high.

(1) If (2) Although (3) So (4) But

(ii) I could not reach the office in time _____ I met with an accident.

(1) Because (2) Unless (3) Though (4) Yet

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(d) Write a paragraph of 10-12 sentences on **any one** of the following topics. (5)

(i) The importance of conserving water.

(ii) Health is wealth.

(iii) Hobbies.

(e) Interpret the following bar chart in about 10 sentences : (5)

The following Bar Graph shows the number of deaths, year-wise, due to Malaria :

