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COMPULSORY FOUNDATION COURSE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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SECTION A

(PROSE)

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I. Answer **any one** of the following questions in not more than two pages :
(1 × 10 = 10)

1. What are Oliver Goldsmith's views on national prejudices?
2. Comment on the character of Mr. Gessler, the shoe maker as seen in the lesson Quality.
3. How does the lesson Socrates and the Schoolmaster bring out the villagers' aversion and resistance to change?

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

1. Describe the reasons for Mr. Gessler's death in the lesson Quality.
2. How does the story The Eyes are Not Here bring out elements of pathos and irony?
3. Elaborate on the White man's attitude towards nature in the lesson A Simple Philosophy.
4. Why does Socrates believe that the school master has an important role to play?

III. Do as directed :

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

- (a) Everyone thought that it was a judicious remark
(i) thoughtful (ii) sensible (iii) witty (iv) cruel
- (b) Let's love our country without despising the rest of the world.
(i) neglecting (ii) ignoring (iii) hating (iv) encouraging



2. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate antonyms of the underlined words²: (2 × 1 = 2)
 - (a) She has finite means but _____ dreams.
 - (b) While he _____ as an artist, he flourished as a businessman.

3. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the words given in brackets : (2 × 1 = 2)
 - (a) The student felt very _____ after moving into a hostel. (lone)
 - (b) Their opinion was beyond his _____ (comprehend)

4. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word from those given in brackets : (2 × 1 = 2)
 - (a) Freedom of expression is our fundamental _____ (right/write)
 - (b) It was an _____ mistake that was irreversible. (occidental/accidental)

5. Write one-word substitutes for the following : (2 × 1 = 2)
 - (a) Shine brightly with flashes of light.
 - (b) A bunk or a sleeping plank on a train.

SECTION B

(POETRY)

- IV. Answer **any one** of the following questions in not more than two pages : (1 × 10 = 10)
 1. How does the poem The Charge of Light Brigade celebrate the heroism of the British cavalry brigade?
 2. Comment on the poet's behavior towards the snake in the poem 'Snake' by D.H.Lawrence.
 3. What does Annie Louisa Walker propagate in the poem Women's Rights?

- V. Choose **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions that follow them : (2 × 5 = 10)
 1. Was there a man dismayed?
Not though the soldier knew
Someone had blundered
 - (a) What does the word 'dismayed' suggest? (1)
 - (b) How did the soldiers face the war? (2)
 - (c) Who had blundered and how? (2)



2. The voice of my education said to me
He must be killed,
For in Sicily the black, black snakes
are innocent, the gold
are venomous.

- (a) Which place is the poem set in? (1)
- (b) Why does the speaker make a reference to the 'Voice of my education' in the context? (2)
- (c) Who must be killed? Why? (2)

3. Saib's hand one minute see,
No like no pay my fee.
Saib plenty money make,
But cunning people take.

- (a) Who is the speaker in these lines? (1)
- (b) What offer does the person make? (2)
- (c) What does the speaker reveal in the last two lines? (2)

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

- 1. How does W.B.Yeats express his unconditional love in the poem He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven?
- 2. Write a note on the movement of the snake. What causes the final change in its movement?
- 3. Elaborate on the fortune teller's trade antics.
- 4. Describe how women are on par with men in the poem Women's Rights by Annie Louisa Walker.

SECTION C
(GRAMMAR)

VII. Do as directed:

- 1. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles : (4 × 1 = 4)
 - (a) She is ____ star of our college.
 - (b) He is known as ____ Bhishma of our times.
 - (c) Roopal cut ____ slice of meat to feed his canine.
 - (d) Kenneth is ____ honest police officer.