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**BASENL 131/BSWENL 131/HRDENL 131**

**I Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.A. (HRD) Degree Examination, April 2021  
(Choice Based Credit System)  
(2019 – 20 Batch Onwards)**

**ENGLISH**

**Compulsory Foundation Course in English Language**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

**SECTION – A**

**(Prose)**

- I. Answer **any one** of the following in **not more than two** pages : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) Write a note on the feelings of Ratan for the Postmaster.
  - 2) How does Thurber enumerate the memories evoked by Rex's photograph ?
  - 3) Why does Herman Wouk tell people to pursue other decent careers and not advertising, in the essay 'A Talk on Advertising' ?
- II. Answer **any two** of the following in **not more than a page each** : **(2×5=10)**
- 1) Which are the two kinds of railway travellers who can annoy people like Priestley ?
  - 2) How does Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit describe the State of Kathiawar or Saurashtra ?
  - 3) Justify the fact that Rex was a good fighter with reference to the essay 'Snapshot of a Dog'.
  - 4) Why would Wouk close every advertising agency ?

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III. Do as directed :

- 1) Choose the **synonym** of the underlined word from the choices given below **each** sentence : (2×1=2)
  - a) The pool was shimmering in the moonlight.
    - i) shining
    - ii) lackluster
    - iii) dull
    - iv) dark
  - b) The area around the hearth is usually warm.
    - i) house
    - ii) fireplace
    - iii) chimney
    - iv) candle
  
- 2) Fill in the blanks using the appropriate **antonyms** of the underlined words : (2×1=2)
  - a) The small village had a \_\_\_\_\_ playground.
  - b) You can either accept my suggestions or \_\_\_\_\_ them.
  
- 3) Fill in the blanks using the appropriate forms of the words given in brackets: (2×1=2)
  - a) He knows the \_\_\_\_\_ between right and wrong (different).
  - b) She \_\_\_\_\_ visits my house (frequent).
  
- 4) Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate words given in brackets : (2×1=2)
  - a) The \_\_\_\_\_ dogs eventually moved to the middle of the car tracks. (too/two).
  - b) In the contemporary world, most graduates find it difficult to find lucrative \_\_\_\_\_ (carriers/careers).
  
- 5) Write **one** word substitutes for the following : (2×1=2)
  - a) An area of land that is almost entirely surrounded by water but is joined to a larger piece of land.
  - b) Cruel and unfair ruler.

**SECTION – B**

**(Poetry)**

- IV. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages : (1×10=10)
- 1) Explain how death is a consolation rather than a regret with reference to the poem 'Fear no more the heat O' the sun.'
  - 2) Sketch the character of the village school master.
  - 3) How does Longfellow use rain to explain the life-cycle in 'How beautiful is the Rain' ?



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

1) From the neighbourhood school come the boys

With more than their wonted noise and commotion;

And down the wet streets sail their mimic fleets,

a) Who are referred to in the passage ?

1

b) How do they respond to the rain ?

2

c) Explain the phrase 'sail their mimic fleets'.

2

2) The village all declared how much he knew;

'twas certain he could write, and cipher too:

Lands he could measure, terms and tides presage,

And e'en the story ran that he could gauge

a) How did the villagers rate the teacher ?

1

b) What could the teacher do with his mathematical knowledge ?

2

c) What else could he foretell about ?

2

3) Serene is an adequate word. Death is not quite

The enemy it was. It is a kind of watching.

Death begins to seem a friend that one has almost

Forgotten, then remembers again. In my dream,

Last night, I was playing in the garden.

a) Who is getting old now and how does the person feel ?

1

b) Who is not an enemy now ?

2

c) Who is the forgotten friend remembered again ? Why is he called the forgotten friend ?

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

1) Write a note on Robert Kroetsch's views on growing old.

2) Why is there no use of purposeless swimming according to Kamala Das ?

3) Why does Longfellow call the rain beautiful ?

4) What, according to Shakespeare, are the dangers to which the dead are not vulnerable ?



**SECTION – C**

**(Grammar)**

VII. Do as directed :

- 1) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles : (4×1=4)
- a) I found \_\_\_\_\_ coin in the passage.
  - b) Can you drop me near \_\_\_\_\_ stadium ?
  - c) She is \_\_\_\_\_ European by birth.
  - d) His cousin is \_\_\_\_\_ MLA.
- 2) Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate prepositions given in brackets : (4×1=4)
- a) I will meet you \_\_\_\_\_ the airport.
  - b) You are invited to our house \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.
  - c) The cat was sleeping \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
  - d) She played the role \_\_\_\_\_ Kittur Chennamma.  
(at, of, on, for, among)
- 3) Add appropriate question tags to the following : (4×1=4)
- a) She is very polite, \_\_\_\_\_?
  - b) Too many cooks spoil the food, \_\_\_\_\_?
  - c) Pass me a glass of water, \_\_\_\_\_?
  - d) Robin did not do it, \_\_\_\_\_?
- 4) Frame questions so as to get the underlined words as answer : (4×1=4)
- a) The necklace is made of pearls.
  - b) His uncle is a doctor.
  - c) She will be returning tomorrow.
  - d) Her father has served in the Postal Department for 30 years.
- 5) Rewrite the following sentences after correcting the **grammatical** errors found in them : (4×1=4)
- a) She sat besides me
  - b) I congratulated him for his success.
  - c) He repairs computers, don't he ?
  - d) Why you are crying ?
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