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BCMENL 153

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(2014 – 15 Batch Onwards Scheme)

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. (1×10=10)
- 1) What are Robert Lynd's impressions about absent-mindedness and level of intelligence ?
 - 2) How does James Bryce put forth his observations on public speaking ?
 - 3) Why is Princess September inconsolable ? How does she turn selfless finally ?
- II. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than a page **each**. (2×5=10)
- 1) How does J.C. Hill illustrate the importance of respecting the weak and the elderly ?
 - 2) Describe the incident of the baby in the pram as an act of absent-mindedness.
 - 3) Bring out the varied feelings evoked by the little bird among the members of King of Siam's family.
 - 4) Why does the selfish giant throw open his garden to little children ? What is the outcome ?
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages **each**. (1×10=10)
- 1) How does John Keats personify autumn in the poem 'Ode to Autumn' ?
 - 2) How does the poem 'The Last of the Princes' bring out the decline of the Mughal dynasty ?
 - 3) Elaborate on the Misery of the Chimney Sweeper as seen by William Blake.
- IV. Select **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions set on them in **one or two** sentences **each**. (2×5=10)
- 1) Where are the Songs of Spring ? Ay, where are they ?
Think not of them, thou has thy music too,
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
a) Who is addressed in line two ?
b) What does the expression 'Songs of Spring' mean in the context ?
c) How is nature described in the last two lines ?

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2) He lines on, heir to long
 Fingers, faces in paintings, and a belief
 in auspicious
 snakes in the skylight: he lives on,
 to cough,
 remember and sneeze, a balance of phlegm,
 and bile,

- a) Who is referred to in these lines ?
- b) What has he inherited and from whom ?
- c) What do the last two lines suggest ?

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3) When my mother died I was very young,
 And my father sold me while yet my tongue
 Could scarcely cry 'weep !' weep !' weep !' weep !
 So your chimneys I sweep, and in soot I sleep.

- a) Who is the speaker in line one ?
- b) What is implied in line three ?
- c) What is the profession of the speaker ? Pick the words from the passage that suggest it.

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4) And I think it no disgrace
 To occupy my place.
 If I'm not so large as you,
 You are not so small as I,
 And not half so spry.

- a) Whom does the speaker address in the context ?
- b) What are the speaker's thoughts of himself ?
- c) What challenge does the speaker pose ?

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V. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than a page **each**.

(2x5=10)

- 1) Why is the poet sympathetic to the plight of the blind-child ?
- 2) Present the evidence of decay of royalty as seen in the poem 'The Last of the Princes'.
- 3) Describe the dream that Tom had in the poem 'The Chimney Sweeper'.
- 4) 'Talents differ from person to person'. Justify the statement with reference to the poem 'The Mountain and the Squirrel'.



SECTION – B
(Grammar)

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VI. Do as directed.

- 1) Choose the Synonym of the words underlined from the options given below : (2×1=2)
 - a) The girl is Meticulous in her work.
 - i) quick
 - ii) careless
 - iii) thorough
 - iv) slow
 - b) The elderly couple was reluctant to cross the road.
 - i) eager
 - ii) unwilling
 - iii) lazy
 - iv) ready
- 2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate antonyms of the words underlined. (2×1=2)
 - a) Virtue is always admired whereas _____ is condemned.
 - b) Although the furniture looks sturdy, it is very _____.
- 3) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of words given in brackets : (2×1=2)
 - a) We marched ahead with _____ (confident).
 - b) I like watching movies that are _____ (humour).
- 4) Fill in the blanks using the appropriate words given in brackets. (2×1=2)
 - a) My friend bought a _____ in Delhi. (sight/site).
 - b) Let me know _____ your family will attend the wedding. (whether/weather)
- 5) Write **one** word substitutes for the following : (2×1=2)
 - a) A speech on religious instruction.
 - b) A large and stately mansion.

VII. 1) Do as directed. (6×1=6)

- a) Although very lethargic, he wakes up early (change from simple to compound sentence).
 - b) The Syrian city was bombarded by them (change into active voice)
 - c) How divine the food tastes ! (change into assertive sentence)
 - d) Omar is rather slow in his speech (change into negative sentence without changing its meaning)
 - e) Goa is the best weekend holiday destination (change into positive degree of comparison)
 - f) He said, "Are you ready for marriage yet ?" (Rewrite in reported speech)
- 2) Complete the sentences using question tags : (2×1=2)
- a) Shakespeare wrote Macbeth, _____ ?
 - b) Shreya Ghoshal is a very popular singer, _____ ?



3) Fill in the blanks choosing the right linkers from the options given below : (2x1=2)

- a) 'Panda is an adorable animal, _____ it is not intelligent.
 i) if ii) but iii) or iv) so
- b) He walked out of the house without his wallet _____ he was reminded by his mother to take it.
 i) for ii) though iii) because iv) nor

4) Write a paragraph of about **8-10** sentences on **any one** of the following topics. 5

- a) Civic sense
- b) Electing the right leader
- c) Participation in extra-curricular activities.

5) Interpret the following diagram in **8-10** sentences. 5

The diagram shows hygiene level maintained by different wards of Mumbai during 2016.

