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## BASENL 253/HRDENL 253/BSWENL 253



**Credit Based IV Semester B.A./B.A.(HRD)/B.S.W. Degree Examination,  
May/June 2016**

**(Semester Scheme)**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**General Proficiency and Communicative English  
(2015-16 Batch Onwards)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

### SECTION – A

I. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages **each** : (2×10=20)

- 1) Write an essay on the theme of illusion and reality as depicted in 'The Glass Menagerie'.
- 2) Examine the role of Amanda Wingfield in the play 'The Glass Menagerie'.
- 3) Sketch the character of Laura Wingfield in the play 'The Glass Menagerie'.
- 4) 'Tom is continually torn between his sense of duty to his family and his own urges and aspirations'. Discuss.

II. Answer **any five** of the following in **not** more than **a page** **each** : (5×6=30)

- 1) Write a note on the significance of Laura's Unicorn.
- 2) What is the importance of Blue Mountain for Amanda ?
- 3) Narrate situations in the play where Laura's inferiority complex is revealed.
- 4) Write a note on Amanda's relationship with Tom.
- 5) Write a note the role played by the gentleman caller in the play.
- 6) Write a note on Tom as narrator in the play.
- 7) What preparations does Amanda make to receive the gentleman caller in scene six of the play ?
- 8) Write a note on Laura's fiasco at Rubicam's Business College.

III. Choose **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions given below them :

1) Fifty dollar's tuition, all our plans – my hopes and ambitions for you – just gone up the spout, just gone up the spout like that.

- a) Who is the 'You' referred to in the passage ? 1
- b) What are the speaker's hopes and ambitions for her ? 2
- c) Explain the phrase 'just gone up the spout'. 2

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- 2) But the wonderfulest trick of all was the coffin trick. We nailed him into a coffin and he got out of the coffin without removing one nail. There is a trick that would come in handy for me – get me out of this 2 by 4 situation !
- a) Who is the speaker of the passage ? 1
- b) What was so wonderful about the 'coffin trick' ? 2
- c) Why does the speaker feel that the trick would come in handy for him ? 2
- 3) I know your ambitions do not lie in the warehouse, that like everybody in the whole wide world you've had to – make sacrifices, but – Tom – life's not easy, it calls for – Spartan endurance !
- a) Who is the speaker in the passage ? 1
- b) What were the sacrifices that Tom had to make ? 2
- c) Explain the reference to 'Spartan endurance'. 2
- 4) Yes, it was so hard for me, getting upstairs. I had that brace on my leg – it clumped so loud !
- a) Whom does the speaker address in the passage ? 1
- b) Why was it difficult for the speaker to climb the stairs ? 2
- c) Explain the phrase 'it clumped so loud !' 2

## SECTION – B

- IV. 1) Write an essay on **any one** of the following in about **300** words : 10
- a) Gender equality
- b) National integration
- c) Importance of learning English language.
- 2) Write a report on **any one** of the following : 5
- a) Inauguration of a science exhibition.
- b) Annual N.S.S. Camp.
- 3) Write a letter of application for the post of Assistant Manager. Your name and address will be Ms. Shobha Madhavan, House No. 216 Bhima Nagar, Udupi. Address your application to The Personnel Manager, National Trading Company, Mysore Circle, Bengaluru. 5