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BASENL 103/BSWENL 103/HRDENL 103

Credit Based I Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.A. (HRD) Degree
Examination, November/December 2018
(Common to all Batches)

ENGLISH

General Proficiency and Communicative English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

- I. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages. (1×10=10)
- 1) Analyse in detail 'Half-A-Rupee Worth' as the story of Subbiah's greed and its result.
 - 2) Describe the role of Mother House in helping the needy.
 - 3) What according to A.G. Gardiner, is the first requirement of civility ? Why do we need civility in public life ?
- II. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than **a page each**. (2×5=10)
- 1) Why does Dhuki take revenge on Major Summerskill ?
 - 2) How was Norman Vincent Peale released from negative thinking when he was a college student ?
 - 3) Explain how Subbiah treated the last customer who came to his shop with half a rupee coin.
 - 4) Why, according to A.G. Gardiner, was the action of the lift-man unjustifiable ?
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages. (1×10=10)
- 1) What, according to Jacques, are the 'seven ages' of a man's life ? Explain.
 - 2) Write a note on the significance of the title 'Up-Hill'.
 - 3) Summarise the experience of Wordsworth with reference to 'The Boat Ride'.



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

1) Shall I meet other wayfarers at night ?

Those who have gone before.

Then must I knock, or call when just in sight ?

They will not keep you standing at the door.

a) What does 'wayfarers' mean here ?

1

b) What doubt does the speaker pose in these lines ?

2

c) What assurance does the speaker get in the passage ?

2

2) All the world's a stage

And all the men and women merely players:

They have their exits and their entrances;

And one man in his time plays many parts,

a) What is the meaning of the word 'players' in the context ?

1

b) Explain the figure of speech in the first line.

2

c) Mention the 'many parts' referred to in the passage.

2

3) Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;

Where knowledge is free;

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by

narrow domestic walls;

a) What do the words 'knowledge is free' mean in the passage ?

1

b) What does the speaker wish for in line two ?

2

c) What do the 'narrow domestic walls' symbolize ?

2

4) Straight I unloosed her chain, and stepping in

Pushed from the shore. It was an act of stealth

And troubled pleasure, nor without the voice

Of mountain-echoes did my boat move on ...

a) Whom does 'her' in the first line refer to ?

1

b) Which act is called a 'stealth' ?

2

c) Explain the last two lines.

2

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

(2x5=10)

1) How does James Kirkup emphasise the humanity of all people of all countries ?

2) What lessons did Wordsworth learn from his boat ride ?

3) Write a brief summary of 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'.

4) Explain how 'UP-Hill' moves from doubt towards affirmation of faith in God.

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SECTION – B

VI. Do as directed.

- 1) In each of the following sentences a word is underlined. Choose the synonym of the underlined word from the choices given below each sentence. (2×1=2)
- a) I wonder when the rains will cease.
i) start ii) continue iii) stop iv) spread
- b) The speaker elucidated the problem of inflation.
i) explained ii) debated iii) discussed iv) enumerated
- 2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate antonym of the word underlined. (2×1=2)
- a) Do not lead me because I will not _____ you.
b) I finally managed to complete all the _____ assignments.
- 3) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the correct form of the word given in brackets. (2×1=2)
- a) It is not easy to get an _____ with the Governor (appoint).
b) The little boy did all the tasks _____ (obey).
- 4) Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate words from those given in brackets. (2×1=2)
- a) He was carrying a bag of _____ on his shoulders. (rice/rise).
b) Could you please tell me the _____ options left today ? (carrier/ career).
- 5) Give one word substitutes for the following. (2×1=2)
- a) Dry outer covering of grains.
b) Cruel or oppressive government or rule.

VII. Do as directed.

- A) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate articles. (4×1=4)
- 1) I worked for just _____ hour.
2) Vidya is _____ most intelligent student in my class.
3) "Will you give _____ one rupee coin ?", said the shopkeeper.
4) Would you like to be _____ English teacher ?
- B) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate prepositions given in brackets. (4×1=4)
- 1) I sent the book _____ post.
2) The boy fell _____ the river.
3) Keep your books _____ the table.
4) The warden is angry _____ the students.
(on, into, with, by, in)

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C) Rewrite the following sentences expanding the underlined phrases and clauses.

(4×1=4)

- 1) It is too big for me to lift.
- 2) The senior most person will be the chairman.
- 3) The glass in your hand may break.
- 4) In spite of his richness, he is very humble.

D) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets.

(4×1=4)

- 1) I _____ (meet) my cousin in Mysore last month.
- 2) We will be _____ (move) to our new school soon.
- 3) Geeta always _____ (share) her experiences with her teachers.
- 4) When I went home last night, my father _____ (read) his Bible.

E) Choose, from the brackets, the verb that agrees with the subject in each of the following sentences.

(4×1=4)

- 1) Either Naveen or his friends _____ broken the glass (has/have).
- 2) One of my sisters _____ (knows/know) all the details of this incident.
- 3) A committee of experts _____ (were/was) appointed to study the cause for floods in Kerala.
- 4) The news _____ (are/is) unbelievable.