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BASENL 103/BSWENL 103/HRDENL 103

Credit Based I Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.A.(HRD) Degree
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(2014-15 Batch Onwards)

ENGLISH

General Proficiency and Communicative English
(Semester Scheme)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

(Prose and Poetry)

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

- 1) Sketch the character of Subbaiah with reference to the lesson 'Half-A-Rupee Worth'.
- 2) Write a note on the daily routine of Mother Teresa and the other nuns at the Mother House in Calcutta.
- 3) Narrate the experiences of Norman Peale which helped him to gain self-confidence in life.

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

- 1) Explain how Subbaiah treated the last customer who came to his shop with half a rupee coin.
- 2) What are the four vows taken by Mother Teresa's missionaries of charity ? Explain.
- 3) Why does the boy hate the Major in 'A Job Well Done' ?
- 4) What according to A.G. Gardiner, makes the young lift-man in the city office throw a passenger out of the lift ?

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 man ? How does he specify each stage ?
- 2) What is Tagore's prayer to God in the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' ?
- 3) How does the poet emphasize the common humanity of the people of all countries in the poem, 'No Men are Foreign' ?

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

- 1) 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,
His acts being seven ages.
- a) What is the world compared to in the first line ? 1
b) What does 'exit' and 'entrance' refer to ? 2
c) Explain how 'one man in his time plays many parts'. 2
- 2) Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak ?
Of labour you shall find the sum.
Will there be beds for all who seek ?
Yea, beds for all who come.
- a) Who is the speaker ? 1
b) Explain the phrase 'travel-sore'. 2
c) What does the narrator mean by 'Yea, beds for all who come'. 2
- 3) One summer evening (led by her) I found
A little boat tied to a willow tree
Within a rocky cave, its usual home.
Straight I unloosed her chain, and stepping in
Pushed from the shore.
- a) Whom does 'her' in the first line refer to ? 1
b) Where did the poet find the boat ? 2
c) What did he do when he found it ? 2
- 4) Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign :
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes
Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.
- a) What does the poet want us to remember ? 1
b) What does he mean by 'beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes' ? 2
c) Name and explain the figure of speech in the last two lines of the passage. 2



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

- 1) How does the poet describe an infant, a schoolboy and a lover in the poem 'The Seven Ages of Man' ?
- 2) How does Christina Rossetti describe man's life on earth in the poem 'Up-Hill' ?
- 3) What was the spectacle that Wordsworth saw and how did it affect him in the poem 'The Stolen Boat Ride' ?
- 4) Why does the poet say that 'no men are strange, no countries foreign' in the poem 'No Men Are Foreign' ? Give reasons to support your answer.

SECTION – B

(Grammar)

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) The more he ate the more rotund he became.

- i) tall ii) funny iii) round iv) over weight

b) The youngster escaped with a light penalty.

- i) reward ii) punishment iii) threat iv) warning

2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate **Antonyms** of the words underlined : (2×1=2)

a) The traders were busy in buying and _____ things.

b) Both private and _____ companies provide employment opportunities.

3) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate **forms** of the words given in brackets : (2×1=2)

a) The _____ seems too severe for his mistake. (punish)

b) He suffers from _____ complex. (inferior)

4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate words given in brackets : (2×1=2)

a) She had to _____ for nearly an hour to meet him. (weight, wait)

b) He was carrying a bag of _____ on his shoulders. (rise, rice)

5) Write **one-word substitutes** for the following : (2×1=2)

a) The act of giving help to the needy and the poor.

b) Dirty quarter of a town.



VII. Do as directed :

A) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate **articles** : (4×1=4)

- 1) _____ Deccan Herald is an English newspaper.
- 2) She is _____ University level player.
- 3) I purchased _____ umbrella yesterday.
- 4) Do you have _____ one rupee coin ?

B) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate **prepositions** given in brackets : (4×1=4)

- 1) The children distributed the chocolates _____ themselves.
- 2) My sister is going _____ Mumbai tomorrow.
- 3) He is waiting _____ his friend.
- 4) The property was divided _____ the two sons. (for, among, between, to)

C) Rewrite the following sentences expanding the underlined **phrases into clauses** : (4×1=4)

- 1) She is an intelligent lady.
- 2) He was congratulated on securing a rank.
- 3) A wounded tiger is very dangerous.
- 4) The diamond in the ring is very costly.

D) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets : (4×1=4)

- 1) I _____ my best friend last week. (meet)
- 2) When I went to my Aunt's house, she _____. (sleep)
- 3) I _____ a letter to her last week. (write)
- 4) It _____ when we went out. (rain)

E) Choose from the brackets the word that agrees with the subject in each of the following sentences : (4×1=4)

- 1) One of my friends _____ won the prize. (has/have)
- 2) Either she or I _____ going to be selected. (is/an)
- 3) Both of them _____ well. (is/are)
- 4) Slow and steady _____ the race. (win/wins)