

**BASENL 103/BSWENL 103/HRDENL 103**

**Credit Based I Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.A. (HRD) Examination, Oct./Nov. 2016
(Semester Scheme) (2014-15 Batch Onwards)**

ENGLISH

General Proficiency and Communicative English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

Instruction : Please read all the instructions carefully.

SECTION – A

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

- 1) How does Peale get released from his negative thinking when he was a college student ?
- 2) Compare and contrast the boy's father and the step father's characters with reference to 'A Job Well Done'.
- 3) Sketch the character of Subbiah with reference to the lesson 'Half-a Rupee Worth'.

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

- 1) How does Subbiah manipulate things in his business and accumulate huge quantities of rice in his hidden godown ?
- 2) Write a note on Prof. Ben with reference to 'Building Self-Confidence'.
- 3) Why does Dhuki take revenge on the Major Summer skill ?
- 4) What were the four vows takes Mother Teresa's order ?

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

- 1) What are the "seven ages" of man ? How does he specify each stage ?
- 2) Briefly describe Wordsworth's experience in 'The Stolen Boat'.
- 3) Why is the poet against all wars in the poem 'No Men are Foreign' ?



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 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 ? 1
 - b) What do the words 'exits' and 'entrances' mean in the context ? 2
 - c) What does the poet say about men and women and their lives in the passage ? 2

- 2) 'Shall I meet other way farers at night ?
Those who have gone before
Then must I knock, or call when just in sight ?
They will not keep you standing at that door'.
- a) Who does 'I' in the first line refer to ? 1
 - b) Who are those people 'who have gone before', according to the poet ? 2
 - c) What does the poet mean by – 'They will not keep you standing at the door' ? 2

- 3) Remember they have eyes like ours that wake
Or sleep, and strength that can be won
By love, In every land is common life
That all can recognize and understand.
- a) Who do 'they' in the first line stand for ? 1
 - b) What according to the poet is common among all countries ? 2
 - c) Explain briefly the meaning of – 'strength that can be won by love'. 2

- 4) 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 sleeping on
Pushed from the shore.
- a) Who does 'I' refer to ? 1
 - b) What did he find and where ? 2
 - c) What did he do when he found it ? 2



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

- 1) Why did Wordsworth turn to the shore with trembling Oars ?
- 2) Why is the poet against all wars in the poem 'No Men are Foreign' ?
- 3) What kind of freedom does Rabindranath Tagore want for his country in the poem 'Where the Mind is without Fear' ?
- 4) Describe any three stages of man as narrated by Jacques in the poem 'The Seven Ages of Man'.

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) A poor man cannot afford to satisfy even his basic needs.

- i) depend ii) manage iii) steal iv) borrow

b) The youngster escaped with a light penalty.

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

2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate antonyms of the words underlined. (2×1=2)

a) The more our spending increases the more our saving _____

b) Both _____ and superiority complexes are destructive.

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

a) The tourist wandered _____ in the beach (aimless).

b) _____ helps to maintain good health (meditate).

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

a) The _____ old lady was hospitalized. (week, weak)

b) He tried to _____ the bread. (steel, steal)

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

a) A place where runs stay.

b) A poor villager or farm labourer.



VII. Do as directed :

A) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate articles. (4x1=4)

- 1) She is _____ Jane Austen of present age.
- 2) It has been _____ one-man show.
- 3) Atul is _____ honest employee.
- 4) _____ boy I saw yesterday was a champion in chess.

B) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate prepositions given in brackets : (4x1=4)

- 1) He was unsure _____ his judgment.
- 2) Neetha was absent _____ a week.
- 3) Distribute the chocolates _____ all your friends.
- 4) The two friends sat _____ the table in the hotel.
(of, among, across, for)

C) Rewrite the following sentences expanding the underlined phrases and clauses. (4x1=4)

- 1) She is a wealthy lady.
- 2) Being tired, the child fell asleep.
- 3) The girl sitting over there is my cousin.
- 4) In spite of being ill the student attended the classes.

D) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets : (4x1=4)

- 1) My sister always _____ an umbrella. (carry)
- 2) We are _____ T.V. (watch)
- 3) How many people _____ in the fire last week ? (die)
- 4) Yesterday I _____ up early in the morning. (wake)

E) Choose from the brackets the word that agrees with the subject in **each** of the following sentences : (4x1=4)

- 1) One of my brothers _____ settled in the USA. (has/have)
- 2) They _____ coffee. (like/likes)
- 3) The news _____ too good to be true. (is/are)
- 4) Each one of them _____ given a prize. (was/were)