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BCMENL 103

**Credit Based I Semester B.Com. Degree Examination, Oct./Nov. 2014
(Semester Scheme)**

ENGLISH

(2014-15 Batch Onwards)

General Proficiency and Communicative English

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) How does the photograph that the customer brings to Datta get damaged ?
How does Datta repair the damage ?
 - 2) Explain the different kind of learning that Jade Snow Wong encounters in America.
 - 3) What, according to A.J. Cronin, is the best investment that he has ever made in his life ?
- II. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than **a** page **each** : **(2×5=10)**
- 1) How does Datta look at his profession ?
 - 2) Why does Ashok say that “the doctor there had been brutal” in the lesson, Stigma, ‘Shame and Silence’ ?
 - 3) What incident does Cronin remember when he recognizes Mr. John in the lesson, ‘The Best Investment I Ever Made’ ?
 - 4) What, according to A.G. Gardiner, are the different aspects of liberty ?
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages : **(1×10=10)**
- 1) What conflicting views about the felling of the banyan tree does Dilip Chitre present in the poem, ‘The Felling of the Banyan Tree’ ? Explain.
 - 2) How does W.H. Auden present the sufferings of the German Jews in the poem, ‘Refugee Blues’ ?
 - 3) Explain how Wordsworth shows that nature is the best teacher for mankind in the poem, ‘The Tables Turned’ ?

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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) Felling them is a crime but he massacred them all
The *sheoga*, the *oudumber*, the neem were all cut down
But the huge banyan tree stood like a problem.
- Who does 'he' in the first line refer to ?
 - What does the poet mean by, 'he massacred them all' ?
 - Why does the poet say that the huge banyan tree stood like a problem ?

- 2) Walked through a wood, saw the birds in the trees;
They had no politicians and sang at their ease :
They weren't the human race, my dear, they weren't the human race.
- Who walked through a wood and saw the birds in the trees ?
 - What does the speaker mean by saying, "They weren't the human race, my dear, they weren't the human race".
 - What is the contrast made in the passage ?

- 3) Books! tis a dull and endless strife :
Come, hear the woodland linnet,
How sweet his music! on my life,
There's more of wisdom in it.
- What is described as a dull and endless strife ?
 - How does the poet describe the music of the linnet ? What does the music have in it ?
 - Explain the contrast made in the passage.

- 4) When, in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes,
I all alone bewep my outcast state,
And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries,
And look upon myself and curse my fate.
- What does the expression, 'in disgrace with fortune' mean ?
 - Why does the poet describe his cries as bootless ?
 - Explain the tone of the speaker in these lines.

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

- How does the banyan tree differ from other trees, according to Dilip Chitre ?
- What are the two worlds contrasted in the poem, 'The Tables Turned' ? Explain.
- How does the thought of the beloved make the poet a different person in Sonnet 29 ?
- Describe the atmosphere of eerie silence and mystery presented in the poem, 'The Listeners'.

SECTION – B

(Grammar)

VI. Do as directed :

1) In each of the following sentences a word is underlined. Choose the synonym of the word underlined from the choices given below each sentence. (2×1=2)

a) The photograph was mutilated beyond recovery.

i) Decorated

ii) Destroyed

iii) Gilded

iv) Shaded

b) Ashok used to watch his paper boats with glee.

i) Greed

ii) Jealousy

iii) Joy

iv) Hatred

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

a) Although Datta strongly discouraged casual friends, he _____ genuine customers.

b) We should be aware of not only our perfections but also our _____

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

a) Datta never allowed anyone to _____ (intrusion) on his zone of silence.

b) It was like a _____ (resurrect) from the grave.

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

a) The nurse would look for his _____ (vein, vain) and plunge in the needle.

b) As I wrestled with _____ (closes, clauses) and sections, his voice rose like a gale.

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

a) A person who goes or travels on foot.

b) An evil spirit, devil or friend.

VII. Do as directed :

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

1) Soon there was _____ pile of photos.

2) _____ entire set up was quite intimidating.

3) Cronin met _____ European on board.

4) It is _____ accommodation of interests.



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

- 1) He became a nuisance _____ his neighbours.
- 2) He was unsure _____ his judgment.
- 3) Datta stared _____ the disaster at his feet.
- 4) The doctor told him that he was suffering _____ AIDS.
(from, to, at, into, of)

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

- 1) The questions asked by the teacher cannot be answered easily.
- 2) Singing very well, Sita got the first prize.
- 3) In spite of performing very well in the examination, Mahesh failed to get a rank.
- 4) I will go home after meeting my friend.

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

- 1) As Ashok lay on his bed, every detail of the last few days _____ (flash) through his mind.
- 2) I wanted to visit you yesterday, but you _____ (be) not at home.
- 3) Jose is tired because he _____ (work) all day.
- 4) How many people _____ (die) in the fire yesterday ?

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

- 1) Either Peter or his friends _____ (has/have) broken the glass.
- 2) None of the first degree students _____ (know, knows) the answer.
- 3) The orator and the statesman _____ (has/have) already arrived.
- 4) A number of doctors _____ (has/have) gone on leave.