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## BASENL 103/BSWENL 103/HRDENL 103

Credit Based I Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.A. (HRD)  
Examination, October/November 2017  
(Common to All Batches Scheme)

### GENERAL PROFICIENCY AND COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

*Instruction : Please read all the questions carefully.*

#### SECTION – A

- I. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages : (1×10=10)
- 1) Why does Dhuki want to take revenge on the Major ? How does he accomplish it ?
  - 2) How does Prof. Ben help transform Norman Peale's life in 'Building Self-confidence' ?
  - 3) Explain the incident concerning the 'Half-a-Rupee-Coin'. What is its significance in the story ?
- II. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than **a page each** : (2×5=10)
- 1) Write a brief note on the character of Subbaiah in 'Half-a-Rupee-Worth'.
  - 2) Discuss the daily routine of Mother Theresa and the nuns.
  - 3) Why does the little boy hate Major Summerskill in 'A Job Well Done' ?
  - 4) Describe the incident of the young liftman in Gardiner's 'On Saying Please'.
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in **not** more than **two** pages : (1×10=10)
- 1) How does Jacques describe the 'Seven Ages of Man' ?
  - 2) Summarize Wordsworth's 'The Stolen Boat Ride'.
  - 3) Write a note on 'Man's eternal journey to heaven' as described in 'Up-Hill'.



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

1) When from that craggy steep till then

The horizon's bound, a huge peak, black and huge,  
As if with voluntary power instinct  
Upreared its head

- a) What 'upreared' its head ?
- b) Where did it rise from ?
- c) Explain the phrase 'voluntary power instinct'.

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2) Full of strange oaths, and bearded like a pard,

Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel  
Seeking the bubble reputation  
Even in the cannon's mouth

- a) Who is being described in the passage ?
- b) Explain the figure of speech in the first line of the passage.
- c) What do the qualities listed in the passage suggest ?

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3) 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 ?
- b) Explain 'Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes'.
- c) Explain the last two lines of the passage.

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4) 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 ?
- b) Explain the phrase 'travel sore'.
- c) What does the narrator mean by 'yea, beds for all who come' ?

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

- 1) What qualities does Tagore look forward to in his country ?
- 2) How does the poet emphasize the similarities among the people of different countries in 'No men are Foreign' ?
- 3) Write a brief note on 'Faith in God' as the main theme of the poem 'Up-Hill'.
- 4) Describe the movement of the boat in Wordsworth's 'The Stolen Boat Ride'.

SECTION – B  
(Grammar)

VI. Do as directed :

1) Choose the correct synonyms of the words underlined from the alternatives given below them : (1×2=2)

a) I loathe people who are dishonest.

- i) admire      ii) dislike      iii) forgive      iv) respect

b) The poor peasants used all their meagre savings to buy seeds.

- i) hard earned      ii) extra      iii) little      iv) precious

2) Fill in the blanks with the antonyms of the words underlined : (1×2=2)

a) Many a time small differences of opinion lead to \_\_\_\_\_ misunderstandings.

b) He answered both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the difficult questions equally well.

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

a) The huge fort was \_\_\_\_\_ for safety. (construction)

b) Mother Teresa was very \_\_\_\_\_ in all her work. (enthuse)

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

a) He is well known for his sessions on \_\_\_\_\_ guidance. (career, carrier)

b) The new law will affect the \_\_\_\_\_ country. (whole, hole)

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

a) Dry outer covering of grains.

b) A padded bed covering.





VII. Do as directed :

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

- 1) It is not easy to get \_\_\_\_\_ good job these days.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ gift you gave me last year was very nice.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ European visited the exhibition yesterday.
- 4) I consider that \_\_\_\_\_ untidy piece of work.

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

- 1) Madrid is the capital \_\_\_\_\_ Spain.
- 2) The teacher received a gift \_\_\_\_\_ her old student.
- 3) The money should be divided \_\_\_\_\_ the two carpenters.
- 4) We meet \_\_\_\_\_ holidays.  
(from, on, of, between)

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

- 1) The cherry in the cake is very tasty.
- 2) Mother Teresa was a very special woman.
- 3) In spite of being injured, Heera completed the marathon.
- 4) A friendly smile can win many friends.

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

- 1) I \_\_\_\_\_ attending the classes last year. (start)
- 2) My friend \_\_\_\_\_ his house when I visited him. (clean)
- 3) Every morning Raghu \_\_\_\_\_ the pigeons in his terrace. (feed)
- 4) Mohan \_\_\_\_\_ to congratulate you. (wish)

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

- 1) Either Mala or Shubha \_\_\_\_\_ painted this. (has, have)
- 2) One of my brothers \_\_\_\_\_ a professor. (is, are)
- 3) The secretary and treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ present in the meeting. (was, were)
- 4) Both of them \_\_\_\_\_ expert skaters. (is, are)