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BASENL 153/BSWENL 153/HRDENL 153

**Credit Based II Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.A. (HRD) Degree
Examination, April/May 2015
(2014-15 Batch Onwards)**

ENGLISH

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) Why did the King seek the advice of the hermit ? How were the Kings questions answered in the story 'Three Questions' ?
- 2) Bring out Dr. Kalam's views in 'My Visions for India'.
- 3) How does E.V. Lucas illustrate the importance of dates in 'Concerning Dates' ?

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

- 1) Explain the answers received by the King for the three questions from the people before he met the hermit, in the story 'Three Questions'.
- 2) Why does Hardin say that if drugs offered safe form of pleasure, there might be few objections to using them ?
- 3) What does Dr. Kalam say about the behaviour of an average Indian in a foreign nation and in India ?
- 4) Why did Jesse Owens have problems with his qualifying jumps ?

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

- 1) How did Matilda get burnt and die ? Why was there no help from people ?
- 2) 'Ozymandias' exposes the futility of human life. Discuss.
- 3) How does Gieve Patel convey the destructive nature of human beings through the poem "On Killing a Tree".

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

1) but all in vain !

For every time she shouted 'Fire !'

They only answered 'Little Liar!'

And therefore when her Aunt returned,

Matilda, and the House, were Burned

- a) What was all in vain according to the poet ?
- b) Who were 'they' ? Why did they only answer 'Little Liar' ?
- c) What happened when the Aunt returned ?

2) The root is to be pulled out

Out of the anchoring earth ;

It is to be roped, tied,

And pulled out – snapped out

Or pulled out entirely,

Out from the earth-cave.

- a) Why is the root to be pulled out ?
- b) Explain the expression 'anchoring earth'.
- c) How is the process of 'pulling out' done ?



3) We quail, money makes us quail.

It has got us down, we grovel before it in strange terror.

And no wonder, for money has a fearful cruel power among men.

- a) Why do we quail ? 1
 - b) Why does the poet say that money has got us down ? 2
 - c) What quality of money is revealed in the last line ? 2
- 4) He only says, 'Good fences make good neighbours'.

Spring is the mischief in me, and I wonder

If I could put a notion in his head :

- a) What is the notion referred to ? 1
- b) What does the statement 'good fences make good neighbours' tell you about him ? 2
- c) Why does the poet say 'Spring is the mischief in me' ? 2

V. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than a page **each** : (2x5=10)

- 1) Why did Matilda's Aunt decide to punish her ?
- 2) Bring out the irony in 'Ozymandias'.
- 3) Why according to D. H. Lawrence we must have money ?
- 4) What, according to Robert Frost, makes the wall collapse periodically ?

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 man stretched his hand for the spade.

- i) offered
- ii) gave
- iii) extended
- iv) lifted

b) You behave like a responsible citizen in an alien country.

- i) native
- ii) foreign
- iii) neighbouring
- iv) famous

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

a) The efficient workers were retained and those _____ were dismissed by the company.

b) It was advertised as a temporary job but in reality it was a _____ appointment.

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

a) The use of drugs can lead to _____ (depress)

b) His attitude of _____ did not make him popular. (superior)

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4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate words

given in brackets :

(2×1=2)

a) She made a long _____ of items to be purchased. (least, list)

b) The village _____ all the basic facilities. (lacks, lakhs)

5) Write one-word substitutes for the following :

(2×1=2)

a) Sign in One's own handwriting.

b) Physical or mental signs of disease or injury.

VII. 1) Do as directed :

(6×1=6)

a) Hearing the noise, the child woke up.

(Change into compound sentence)

b) The principal said to me, 'why are you late ?'

(Rewrite the sentence using indirect speech)

c) Prof. Sukumar teaches us grammar.

(Rewrite using passive voice)

d) Akbar was the greatest Moghal emperor.

(Change into positive degree)

e) What a pity he died so young !

(Change into assertive sentence)

f) Stop talking.

(Change into interrogative sentence)



2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the suitable question tags : (2x1=2)

a) You have done your home work _____ ?

b) Raju drives the car carefully _____ ?

3) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate linkers from the options given below : (2x1=2)

a) _____ it rains, the match will be postponed.

i) And

ii) If

iii) Though

iv) So

b) I did not come to college _____ I was ill.

i) but

ii) or

iii) because

iv) while

4) Write a paragraph of 10-12 sentences on **any one** of the following topics : (1x5=5)

a) Town life versus country life.

b) My hobby.

c) Science – a blessing and a curse.

5) Interpret the following bar diagram in about 10 sentences. The diagram shows number of Road Deaths in Delhi on Holi.

