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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 Subbalah 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'.

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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) 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? 1
b) Where did it rise from? 2
c) Explain the phrase 'voluntary power instinct'. 2
- 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? 1
b) Explain the figure of speech in the first line of the passage. 2
c) What do the qualities listed in the passage suggest? 2
- 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? 1
b) Explain 'Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes'. 2
c) Explain the last two lines of the passage. 2
- 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? 1
b) Explain the phrase 'travel sore'. 2
c) What does the narrator mean by 'yea, beds for all who come'? 2

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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.

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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)