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BASENL 153/BSWENL 153/HRDENL 153

Credit Based II Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.A. (HRD) Examination, April/May 2017
(Semester Scheme) (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) What were the three questions of the King ? How were they answered by the Hermit ?
 - 2) How does Jesse Owens describe his friendship with Luz Long in "My Greatest Olympic Prize" ?
 - 3) What are the effects of drug abuse on the human body ?
- II. Answer **any two** of the following in not more than a page **each** : (2×5=10)
- 1) How did the wise men answer the king's questions ?
 - 2) What were the four milestones in Kalam's career ?
 - 3) How does E. V. Lucas explain the importance of dates to biographers ?
 - 4) How did Luz Long help Jesse Owens to qualify for the finals of the long jump event in the Olympic games ?
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in not more than **two** pages : (1×10=10)
- 1) Why did the fire brigade come to Matilda's house ?
 - 2) Why does the poet think that it is futile to build a wall in the poem "Mending Wall" ?
 - 3) How does Lawrence describe the money madness of mankind ?

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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) For every time she shouted 'Fire !
They only answered 'Little Liar !'
And therefore when her aunt returned,
Matilda, and the house, were burned.
- a) Who shouted 'Fire' ? 1
b) Why did they only answer, "Little Liar" ? 2
c) What had happened when her aunt returned ? 2
- 2) Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed
- a) What do "Lifeless things" refer to ? 1
b) Explain the contrast presented in the passage. 2
c) Whose "Hand" and "Heart" are referred to in the passage ? 2
- 3) It has grown
Slowly consuming the earth,
Rising out of it, feeding
Upon its crust, Absorbing
Years of sunlight, air, water,
And out of its leperous hide
Sprouting leaves
- a) What does 'it' refer to in the first line of the passage ? 1
b) What has 'it' been feeding upon ? 2
c) Explain the phrase "Leperous Hide". 2
- 4) We wear our fingers rough with handling them
Oh, just another kind of outdoor game,
One on a side.
- a) Who are "We" in the first line of the passage ? 1
b) What makes their fingers "Rough" ? 2
c) What is described as an "Outdoor game" ? Why ? 2

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

- 1) What did the traveller see in the desert ?
2) Why was Matilda calling people from the window ?
3) How does Gieve Patel describe the process of killing a tree ?
4) Why does the poet not share his neighbour's philosophy in "Mending Wall" ?

SECTION – B
(Grammar)

VI. Do as directed :

- 1) In each of the sentences a word is underlined. Choose the synonym of the underlined word from the choices given below **each** sentence : (2×1=2)
- a) He was recognized as a good orator.
 i) Leader ii) Speaker iii) Writer iv) Poet
- b) Water is very essential for our survival.
 i) Unnecessary ii) Necessary iii) Luxury iv) Scarce
- 2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate antonyms of the words underlined : (2×1=2)
- a) The old utensils were sold and _____ items were purchased.
- b) It is easy to forget and _____ to remember words of wisdom.
- 3) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate forms of the words given in brackets : (2×1=2)
- a) The first _____ (impress) is always said to be the best.
- b) Telephone is one of the important means of _____ (communicate)
- 4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate words given in brackets : (2×1=2)
- a) The brain is the _____ (least, list) understood part of the body.
- b) The _____ (whether, weather) is very pleasant today.
- 5) Write one-word substitutes for the following : (2×1=2)
- a) A long journey by sea or in space.
- b) A person who carries a message.

VII. 1) Do as directed :

(6×1=6)

- a) In spite of being rich, he is unhappy. (Change into compound sentence)
- b) Rita said, "I can't come to the party on Friday". (Rewrite the sentence using indirect speech)
- c) The people welcomed the Minister. (Change into passive voice)
- d) Reena is absent today. (Change into a negative sentence without changing the meaning)
- e) Please get me a glass of water. (Change into interrogative sentence)
- f) How confusing the project was ! (Change into assertive sentence)



- 2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the suitable question tags : (2x1=2)
- a) It is very hot today, _____ ?
 - b) Let's go to the beach, _____ ?
- 3) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate linkers from the options given below : (2x1=2)
- a) My brother likes maths, _____ he doesn't like science.
i) as ii) but iii) if iv) because
 - b) I did not come yesterday _____ I was ill.
i) until ii) or iii) because iv) but
- 4) Write a paragraph of 10-12 sentences on **any one** of the following topics : 5
- a) My views on college life
 - b) Health is wealth
 - c) Solar energy.
- 5) Interpret the following bar chart in about 10 sentences. The chart shows the population growth in India between the years 1971 and 2011. 5

