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## BASENL 103/BSWENL 103/HRDENL 103

Credit Based I Semester B.A./B.S.W./B.A. (HRD) Examination, Oct./Nov. 2016  
(Semester Scheme) (2014-15 Batch Onwards)

ENGLISH

General Proficiency and Communicative English

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

**Instruction : Please read all the instructions carefully.**

### SECTION – A

- I. Answer **any one** of the following in **not more than two** pages. (1×10=10)
- 1) How does Peale get released from his negative thinking when he was a college student ?
  - 2) Compare and contrast the boy's father and the step father's characters with reference to 'A Job Well Done'.
  - 3) Sketch the character of Subbiah with reference to the lesson 'Half-a Rupee Worth'.
- II. Answer **any two** of the following in **not more than a page each** : (2×5=10)
- 1) How does Subbiah manipulate things in his business and accumulate huge quantities of rice in his hidden godown ?
  - 2) Write a note on Prof. Ben with reference to 'Building Self-Confidence'.
  - 3) Why does Dhuki take revenge on the Major Summer skill ?
  - 4) What were the four vows takes Mother Teresa's order ?
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in **not more than two** pages : (1×10=10)
- 1) What are the "seven ages" of man ? How does he specify each stage ?
  - 2) Briefly describe Wordsworth's experience in 'The Stolen Boat'.
  - 3) Why is the poet against all wars in the poem 'No Men are Foreign' ?



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

- 1) "All the world's a stage,  
 And all men and women merely players  
 They have their exits and their entrances;  
 And one man in his time plays many parts,  
 His acts being seven ages"
- a) What is the world compared to ? 1  
 b) What do the words 'exits' and 'entrances' mean in the context ? 2  
 c) What does the poet say about men and women and their lives in the passage ? 2
- 2) 'Shall I meet other way farers at night ?  
 Those who have gone before  
 Then must I knock, or call when just in sight ?  
 They will not keep you standing at that door',
- a) Who does 'I' in the first line refer to ? 1  
 b) Who are those people 'who have gone before', according to the poet ? 2  
 c) What does the poet mean by – 'They will not keep you standing at the door' ? 2
- 3) Remember they have eyes like ours that wake  
 Or sleep, and strength that can be won  
 By love, In every land is common life  
 That all can recognize and understand.
- a) Who do 'they' in the first line stand for ? 1  
 b) What according to the poet is common among all countries ? 2  
 c) Explain briefly the meaning of – 'strength that can be won by love'. 2
- 4) One summer evening, (led by her) I found  
 A little boat tied to a willow tree  
 Within a rocky cave, its usual home  
 Straight I unloosed her chain, and sleeping on  
 Pushed from the shore.
- a) Who does 'I' refer to ? 1  
 b) What did he find and where ? 2  
 c) What did he do when he found it ? 2

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

- 1) Why did Wordsworth turn to the shore with trembling Oars ?
- 2) Why is the poet against all wars in the poem 'No Men are Foreign' ?
- 3) What kind of freedom does Rabindranath Tagore want for his country in the poem 'Where the Mind is without Fear' ?
- 4) Describe any three stages of man as narrated by Jacques in the poem 'The Seven Ages of Man'.

SECTION – B

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) A poor man cannot afford to satisfy even his basic needs.  
i) depend      ii) manage      iii) steal      iv) borrow
  - b) The youngster escaped with a light penalty.  
i) imposition      ii) punishment      iii) reward      iv) warning
- 2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate antonyms of the words underlined. (2×1=2)
  - a) The more our spending increases the more our saving \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Both \_\_\_\_\_ and superiority complexes are destructive.
- 3) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate forms of the words given in brackets : (2×1=2)
  - a) The tourist wandered \_\_\_\_\_ in the beach (aimless).
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ helps to maintain good health (meditate).
- 4) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate words given in brackets : (2×1=2)
  - a) The \_\_\_\_\_ old lady was hospitalized. (week, weak)
  - b) He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the bread. (steel, steal)
- 5) Write **one-word** substitutes for the following : (2×1=2)
  - a) A place where runs stay.
  - b) A poor villager or farm labourer.

VII. Do as directed :

- A) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate articles. (4×1=4)
- 1) She is \_\_\_\_\_ Jane Austen of present age.
  - 2) It has been \_\_\_\_\_ one-man show.
  - 3) Atul is \_\_\_\_\_ honest employee.
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_ boy I saw yesterday was a champion in chess.
- B) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate prepositions given in brackets : (4×1=4)
- 1) He was unsure \_\_\_\_\_ his judgment.
  - 2) Neetha was absent \_\_\_\_\_ a week.
  - 3) Distribute the chocolates \_\_\_\_\_ all your friends.
  - 4) The two friends sat \_\_\_\_\_ the table in the hotel.  
(of, among, across, for)
- C) Rewrite the following sentences expanding the underlined phrases and clauses. (4×1=4)
- 1) She is a wealthy lady.
  - 2) Being tired, the child fell asleep.
  - 3) The girl sitting over there is my cousin.
  - 4) In spite of being ill the student attended the classes.
- D) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate forms of the verbs given in brackets : (4×1=4)
- 1) My sister always \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella. (carry)
  - 2) We are \_\_\_\_\_ T.V. (watch)
  - 3) How many people \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire last week ? (die)
  - 4) Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ up early in the morning. (wake)
- E) Choose from the brackets the word that agrees with the subject in each of the following sentences : (4×1=4)
- 1) One of my brothers \_\_\_\_\_ settled in the USA. (has/have)
  - 2) They \_\_\_\_\_ coffee. (like/likes)
  - 3) The news \_\_\_\_\_ too good to be true. (is/are)
  - 4) Each one of them \_\_\_\_\_ given a prize. (was/were)