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BASENL 153/BSWENL 153/HRDENL 153

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(2014-15 Batch Onwards)

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 are the visions of Kalam for India ?
 - 2) What were the 'Three Questions' asked by the King and how were they answered by the hermit ?
 - 3) How does Jones bring out the dangers of drug abuse ?
- II. Answer **any two** of the following in **not more than a page each** : (2×5=10)
- 1) Write a note on the Australian Professor's visit to London.
 - 2) How did Luz Long push Owens to peak performance ?
 - 3) Why does a woman look at the wrong part of the sky to tell the weather ?
 - 4) Why, according to Kalam, are we Indians so embarrassed to recognize our strengths and weaknesses ?
- III. Answer **any one** of the following in **not more than two** pages : (1×10=10)
- 1) How did Matilda meet the tragic end of her life ?
 - 2) Write the central idea of the poem 'Ozymandias'.
 - 3) How does the poet Patel present the destructive nature of human beings in '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) ... Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read.
a) Whose 'visage' is referred to in the context ? 1
 - b) What does the 'visage' tell about him ? 2
 - c) What does the poet tell about the sculptor ? 2

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- 2) He only says, 'Good fences make good neighbors'.
 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) Why does 'he' quote 'Good fences make good neighbors' ? 2
 c) Why does the poet say 'Spring is the mischief in me' ? 2
- 3) Within an hour the Gallant Band
 Were pouring in on every hand,
 From Putney, Hackney Downs, and Bow.
- a) What is the 'Gallant Band' referred to ? 1
 b) Why were they 'pouring in' ? 2
 c) What do 'Putney, Hackney Down and Bow' suggest ? 2
- 4) It takes much time to kill a tree
 Not a simple jab of the knife
 Will do it. It has grown
 Slowly consuming the earth.
- a) What does 'it' in line three refer to ? 1
 b) Why does the poet say 'It takes much time to kill a tree' ? 2
 c) What nature of human being is presented by the poet ? 2

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

- 1) How does Gieve Patel portray many ways of killing of a tree ?
 2) 'Ozymandias' portrays the futility of power. Discuss.
 3) Why does the poet not share his neighbor's philosophy in 'Mending Wall' ?
 4) What does Lawrence mean by 'We must regain our sanity about money' ?

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 raised his voice and spoke with vengeance.
- i) sympathy
 ii) concern
 iii) revenge
 iv) understanding

b) Hitler glared at both the young men.

- i) smiled
- ii) pointed
- iii) stared
- iv) observed

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

- a) She can easily differentiate between superior and _____ quality of rice.
- b) He always provided simple solutions to _____ problems.

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

- a) She was very happy to receive the _____ (invite).
- b) Her _____ (obsess) for reading led her to become a great writer.

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

- a) This village _____ (lacks, lakhs) all the basic amenities.
- b) The child looked _____ (week, weak) and unhealthy.

5) Write **one**-word substitutes for the following : (2×1=2)

- a) Sign in one's own handwriting.
- b) A set of twelve.

VII. 1) Do as directed : (6×1=6)

- a) Rohan loved Krishna.
(Change into negative sentence without changing the meaning)
- b) Somu told his friend, "Please wait here till I return".
(Rewrite the sentence in indirect speech)
- c) John ate many apples. (Change into passive voice)
- d) Hearing the noise, the child woke up. (Change into compound sentence)
- e) What a beautiful city Paris is ! (Change into a statement)
- f) As soon as he got into the bus he started quarrelling with other passengers.
(Rewrite the sentence by using "No sooner ... than")



- 2) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the suitable question tags : (2x1=2)
- a) Venu broke the glass, _____ ?
 - b) Your aunt is a good cook, _____ ?

- 3) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate linkers from the options given below : (2x1=2)
- a) He is intelligent, _____ he does not help others.
 i) because ii) but iii) that iv) when
 - b) You can't see him _____ you go there.
 i) unless ii) nor iii) or iv) that

- 4) Write a paragraph of **10-12** sentences on **any one** of the following topics : 5
- a) Cell phones should be prohibited.
 - b) Teen age is the best age.
 - c) My favourite hobby.

- 5) Interpret the following bar diagram in about 10 sentences. The diagram shows the Government's budget allocation in crores for agriculture : 5

