

SS/BSN-1/ENG/6-14

2014

(June)

ENGLISH

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Answer **all** questions

1. Answer the following:

(a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners from the options given below (*any four*)

(a, an, the, enough, little, few.) $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (i) The doctor says it is _____ hopeless case.
- (ii) The brave soldier lost _____ arm in the battle.
- (iii) The sun appears to sail across _____ sky.
- (iv) I have had _____ of this.
- (v) There is _____ danger in going there.

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(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions (*any three*) $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (i) The crowd prevented the police _____ moving ahead.
- (ii) The park _____ the lake is a great place to enjoy.
- (iii) He is fond _____ tea.
- (iv) His success depends _____ how I help him.
- (v) He jumped _____ the river.

(c) Fill in the blanks using the verbs in brackets in correct tense (*any three*) $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (i) I knew that they _____ rich. (be)
- (ii) He taught us that truth _____ in the end. (prevail)
- (iii) Don't disturb me. I am _____ my home work. (do)
- (iv) It was some time before he _____ his position. (understand)
- (v) I entered quietly, lest I _____ my sleeping mother

SECTION - B (Comprehension)

2. Answer the following (*any two*) $10 \times 2 = 20$

- (a) "How are your Milnias doing" they will ask each other, and I shall straighten myself proudly in my grave if they answer "Well".
 - (i) What are Milnias? 2
 - (ii) How does the essayist describe them? 4
 - (iii) How do the lines reveal the essayist's sense of humour? 4
- (b) 'Griefs and humiliations survive, but except occasionally, they are mitigated by time' Discuss with reference to Robert Lynd's argument in his essay, 'Window view'. 10

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(c) "I suddenly realized that I should have to shoot the elephant after all".

- (i) What was the earlier intention of the author? 1
- (ii) What made him change his mind? 3
- (iii) How did he feel about the course of action forced on him? 4
- (iv) Bring out the significance of expression 'after all' in the quoted line. 2

3. Answer the following (*any one*) $10 \times 1 = 10$

- (a) How does Dr. Jekyll transform himself into Mr. Hyde, and with what result?
- (b) Sketch the character of Mr. Hyde.

SECTION - C (Composition)

4. Write a précis of the following passage and add a suitable title. 8

One of the peculiarities which distinguish the present age is the multiplication of books. Every day brings new advertisements of literary undertakings, and we are flattered with repeated promises of growing wise on easier terms than our progenitors.

How much either happiness or knowledge is advanced by this multitude of authors, is not easy to decide. He that teaches us anything which we know not before, is undoubtedly to be loved as a benefactor; and he that supplies life with amusement, will be certainly caressed as a pleasing companion.

But few of those who fill the world with books, have any pretensions to the hope either of pleasing or instructing. They have often no other task than to lay two books before

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them out of which they compile a third without any new materials of their own, and with little application of judgement to those which former authors have supplied. That all compilations are useless, I do not assert. Particles of science are often very widely scattered upon topics very remote from the principal subject, which are often more valuable than formal treatises, and which yet are not known because they are not promised in the title. He that collects those under proper heads is very laudably employed; for though he exerts no great abilities in the work, he facilitates the progress of others, and by making that easy of attainment which is already written, may give some mind more vigorous or more adventurous than his own, leisure for new thoughts and original designs.

But the collections poured lately from the press have seldom been made at any great expense of time or inquiry, and therefore only serve to distract choice without supplying any real want.

5. Write a letter to your friend describing a curious experience. 10

Or,

Write an application to your Principal describing the poor condition of your college hostel. 10

6. Write a report on department you were last posted in. 7
7. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics. 10

- (a) Adult education
(b) The brain drain problem of India
(c) Environmental pollution

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