

B.S.W. (Honours) Examination, 2014

Semester - I

English - I

Course : LC-1

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 80

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

1. Write an essay on **any one** of the following: 20

- (a) 'Poush-Mela' in Santiniketan
- (b) Cultural activities as part of Education
- (c) Pains and Pleasures of Student Life

2. Write a letter to your mother telling her about your life in Santiniketan. 10

or

Write a letter to the O.C. of Bolpur Police Station reporting the loss of your bicycle.

3. Write a field report on an Anti Child-Labour Campaign. 10

or

Write a field report on a 'Keep the Environment Green' campaign organized recently.

4. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions: 3×5=15

It is hard to miss Tallinn's multitude of towers. Along with the city's soaring church spires and distinctive orange roofs, they are a key element of the Estonian capital's striking skyline. But more than just beautiful architecture, the towers also reveal much about the city's fascinating history.

The Old Town Hall, the best preserved Gothic structure in Northern-Europe, is an excellent opening example. Originally built in 1322, the building contains a medieval museum, its vaulted ceilings patched full of artistic treasures such as a Gothic bench featuring striking carvings of the story of Tristan and Isolde. Climb its tower to find a wind vane in the shape of an old man wearing a hat and carrying a spear.

Another impressive spire belongs to nearby St. Olav's church. The tallest structure in the old Town at 123.7m, the 12th century church has been hit by lightning a dozen times and burned down and rebuilt three times. However, it still stands proud today, and its tower – accessed via a narrow and vertiginous flight of circular stairs that lead out onto a viewing platform – provides some of the most breath-taking views of Tallinn.

Tallinn's 4in-thick city wall carries equally enigmatic tales. Constructed in the late 14th century to fend off invaders, there were once 45 towers helping to form the city wall. By the 16th century, Tallinn was one of the most fortified cities in the world as the walls were raised to 16 in high to better defend against cannon fire from potential invaders.

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- (i) Give a suitable title to the passage.
- (ii) Describe the old Town Hall's architecture.
- (iii) What is the amazing fact about St. Olav's church?
- (iv) What makes the city of Tallinn so unique?
- (v) Make sentences with **any three** of the following words:

Striking, reveal, fascinating, treasures, Gothic, narrow, invaders

- 5. Write a précis of the passage cited above. 15
- 6. (a) Write the antonyms of **any six**: 6
narrow, best, impressive, thick, make, perfect, accept, gain
- (b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions: 4
 - (i) The cat was hiding _____ the table.
 - (ii) He is looking forward to travelling _____ America.
 - (iii) He lives _____ Dubai.
 - (iv) I am looking _____ a good car.
