

B.A./B.Sc. (Honours) Examination, 2016

Semester - III

Physical Education

Language Course (General English)

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

1. Attempt any two of the following questions-

5+5=10

- A. Write a brief character sketch of "The Giant" in your own words.
- B. 'I have many beautiful flowers', he said; but the children are the most beautiful flowers of all,' who said these words and why in the story 'the Selfish Giant.'?
- C. On the basis of the story 'Pret in the House' choose the correct alternative in the following-
- In India, Prets usually live in:
(a) Mango tree (b) Gulmohar tree (c) Peepal Tree
 - The Prêt, deprived of his tree, had decided to take up residence in the-
(a) Neighbour's house (b) garden (c) author's bungalow
 - The Prêt seemed to take an immediate dislike to-
(a) Uncle Ken (b) Aunt Minnie (c) Another ghost
 - When the author and his family moved to a new house, the Prêt-
(a) stayed behind (b) went with them (c) felt sad
 - Who is the author of this story-
(a) Ruskin Bond (b) Oscar Wilde (c) Long Fellow
- D. Write the summary of the story 'Pret in the House'.

2. Attempt any one of the following questions-

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- A. Write a critical Appreciation of the poem 'The Arrow and the Song'.
- B. Explain the following with reference to context-
- I always loved neatness.
Now I hold the half-inch Himalayas in my hand.
This is home. And this is the closest
I'll ever be to home.
When I return, the colors won't be so brilliant.
The Jhelum's waters so clean, so ultramarine.
My love so overexposed.

3. Attempt any one of the following questions-

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- A. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Times of India' expressing your views on increasing pollution in Delhi and suggestions for its immediate solution.
- B. Write an application to the principal, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya for the post of PTI along with your CV.

- C. Write a letter to the Vice-Chancellor requesting for additional facilities and financial support in your department to organize international sports meet in the month of May 2017.

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions followed by – 10

People moan about poverty as a great evil and it seems to be an accepted belief that if people had plenty of money, they would be happy, and get more out of life. As a rule there is more genuine satisfaction in life and more is obtained from life in the humble cottage of the poor man than in the palace of rich men, who are attended by servants and governesses at a later stage. At the same time I am glad to think they do not know what they have missed. It is because I know how sweet and happy and pure the home of honest poverty is, how free from perplexing care and social envies and jealousies, how loving and united the members are in the common interest of supporting the family that I sympathise with the rich man's boy and congratulate the poor man's son. It is for these reasons that from the ranks of the poor so many strong eminent self-reliant men have always sprung. If you read the list of the "Immortals who were not born to die" you will find that most of them have been poor.

Questions:

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| 1. What is the popular notion about poverty? | 1 |
| 2. Where can one get more genuine satisfaction in life? | 1 |
| 3. Why does the author pity the rich man's boy? | 1 |
| 4. (a) They do not know what they have missed. [Make it affirmative] | 1 |
| (b) People moan about poverty. [Change into question] | 1 |
| 5. Find two words of similar meaning to 'confusing' and 'self-dependent'. | 2 |
| 6. How has the author compared rich with the poor? | 1 |
| 7. Find out the opposite words of 'particular' and 'corrupt' in the above passage. | 2 |
