

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

Semester - I

Physical Education

Alternative English

Time: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Section-A

Attempt any one of the following parts (A), (B) or (C)

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A) *Make précis of the following passage and give a suitable title-*

The evolution of sports in the modern world is an interesting one. In the past, men took up spears to hunt animals for food. He, who could use the spear most expertly would usually bring home a bigger supply of food. Nowadays, men take up spears only in sports, in what we now call 'javelin throwing'.

What used to be essential skills in survival, such as running, shooting and jumping, are now skills that are tested primarily in the sports arena. Man no longer has to aim well to shoot at a deer grazing in the grassland or jump over difficult terrain in pursuit of his prey. What he does have to do now is to prove to others that he can shoot further or more accurately than the other competitors, or outrun his opponents in a race.

The pursuit of excellence in sports has become the desire and purpose of every true sportsman today. Sportsmen have to be armed with an indomitable spirit of determination and discipline in order to reach heights ordinary men can only dream of. Carl Lewis, one of the world's fastest men, ran the 100-meter race under ten seconds. Michael Jordan out jumped and outscored his opponents in many basketball matches in the United States. Michael Owen captured the hearts of millions of fans when he outsmarted the opposing team to dribble and kick home a crucial goal during the 1998 World Cup. These sportsmen lay claims to glory through their amazing feats in the sports they play and excel in.

However, what significance does sports hold for the ordinary people -people who cannot perform extraordinary feats like the above-mentioned sports icons of modern times? Thankfully, sports exist for another very vital reason. They promote health. When we engage in a sport, whether it is cycling, swimming, playing football or tennis, it helps to build up our physical as well as mental strength. When the body is strong, it means that we are able to fight off infections or illnesses, such as cold or fever, better and faster than someone who is not physically healthy. Sports also help to build up our mental strength. One would not want to cycle right into the drain or be hit by a tennis ball coming right at you. Similarly, we need discipline to complete the various exercises, it takes time and effort to train to play basketball or to complete a long distance run.

Hence, sports have become an integral part of our lives and it is no wonder that the Singapore Government is trying to encourage a nation of healthy living by promoting sports.

B) *Read the following passage and answer the questions that followed-*

True, it is the function of the army to maintain law and order in abnormal times. But in normal times there is another force that compels citizens to obey the laws and to act with due regard to the rights of others. The force also protects the lives and the properties of law abiding men. Laws are made to secure the personal safety of its subjects and to prevent murder and crimes of violence. They are made to secure the property of the citizens against theft and damage to protect the rights of communities and castes to carry out their customs and ceremonies, so long as they do not conflict with the rights of others. Now the good citizen, of his own free will obey these laws and he takes care that everything he does is done with due regard to the rights and well-being of others. But the bad citizen is only restrained from breaking these laws by fear of

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the consequence of his actions. And the necessary steps to compel the bad citizen to act as a good citizen are taken by this force. The supreme control of law and order in a State is in the hands of a Minister who is responsible to the State Assembly and acts through the Inspector General of Police.

Choose the correct Alternative:

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1. The expression 'customs and ceremonies' means:
 - a) fairs and festivals.
 - b) habits and traditions.
 - c) usual practices and religious rites.
 - d) superstitions and formalities.
2. A suitable title for the passage would be:
 - a) the function of the army.
 - b) laws and the people's rights.
 - c) the fear of the law and citizen's security.
 - d) the functions of the police.
3. Which of the following is not implied in the passage?
 - a) Law protects those who respect it.
 - b) Law ensures people's religious and social rights absolutely and unconditionally.
 - c) A criminal is deterred from committing crimes only for fear of the law.
 - d) The forces of law help to transform irresponsible citizens into responsible ones.
4. According to the writer, which one of the following is not the responsibility of the police?
 - a) To protect the privileges of all citizens.
 - b) To check violent activities of citizens.
 - c) To ensure peace among citizens by safeguarding individual rights.
 - d) To maintain peace during extraordinary circumstances.
5. Which of the following reflects the main thrust of the passage?
 - a) It deals with the importance of the army in maintaining law and order.
 - b) It highlights role of the police as superior to that of the army.
 - c) It discusses the roles of the army and the police in different circumstances.
 - d) It points to the responsibility of the Minister and the Inspector General of Police.
6. "They are made to secure the property of citizens against theft and damage", means that the law:
 - a) helps in recovering the stolen property of the citizens.
 - b) assist the citizens whose property has been stolen or destroyed.
 - c) initiate process against offenders of law.
 - d) safeguard people's possessions against being stolen or lost.
7. Out of the following which one has the opposite meaning to the word 'restrained' in the passage?
 - a) Promoted
 - b) Accelerated
 - c) Intruded
 - d) Inhibited
8. Which one of the following statement is implied in the passage?
 - a) Peaceful citizens seldom violate the law, but bad citizens have to be restrained by the police.
 - b) Criminals, who flout the law, are seldom brought to book.
 - c) The police hardly succeed in converting bad citizens into good citizens.
 - d) The police check the citizens, whether they are good or bad, from violating the law.
9. Which statements expresses most accurately the idea contained in the first sentence?
 - a) It is the job of the army to ensure internal peace at all times.

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- b) It is the police that should always enforce law and order in the country.
 - c) Army and the police ensure people's security through combined operations.
 - d) It is in exceptional circumstances that the army has to ensure peace in the country.
10. The last sentence of the passage implies that:
- a) The Inspector General of Police is the sole authority in matters of law and order.
 - b) In every State maintenance of public peace is under the overall control of the responsible Minister.
 - c) A Minister and a responsible State, Assembly exercise direct authority in matters pertaining to law and order.
 - d) The Inspector General of Police is responsible to the State Assembly for maintaining law and order.

C) Write an Essay on any one of the following topic in more than 1500 words-

1. Increasing Pollution in Delhi: Causes and Remedial Measures
2. Indian Women in Sports: Changing Scenario
3. The Effect of Politics on Sports and Films
4. Factors Causing Threats to National Integration

Section B

- 1. Attempt any one of the following- 10**
- a) Write a summary of the story 'The Eyes are Not Here'.
 - b) Write a Critical Appreciation of the story 'A Snake in the Grass'.
- 2. Explain any of the following stanza with reference to the context- 10**
- a) No Nightingale did ever chaunt
More welcome notes to weary bands
Of travellers in some shady haunt,
Among Arabian sands:
A voice so thrilling ne'er was heard
In spring-time from the Cuckoo-bird,
Breaking the silence of the seas
Among the farthest Hebrides.
 - b) And on the pedestal, these words appear:
My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings;
Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away."
 - c) My mother twisted through and through,
groaning on a mat.
My father, sceptic, rationalist,
trying every curse and blessing,
powder, mixture, herb and hybrid.
He even poured a little paraffin
upon the bitten toe and put a match to it.
I watched the flame feeding on my mother.
I watched the holy man perform his rites to tame the poison with an incantation.
After twenty hours
it lost its sting.
My mother only said
Thank God the scorpion picked on me
And spared my children.
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