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First Year B. A. Examination

March / April – 2006

English (Compulsory)

(New Course)

Text : Pleasant Prose Selections

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 100

1 (a) Answer in brief any **three** of the following: **12**

- (1) How did Ali walk towards the post-office? What would he do after reaching there?
- (2) Why did Mme Loisel become sad after receiving a prestigious invitation?
- (3) What was the old man at the bridge worried about?
- (4) Why did the banker want the lawyer to die?
- (5) How did the King of Monaco raise his revenue?

(b) Write a brief note on any **one** : **8**

- (1) Vera
- (2) Mabel
- (3) Rosemary Fell
- (4) The title – Half – a – Rupee Worth

2 (a) Complete the following sentences with the correct options : **5**

- (1) The writer of the story 'The Bet' is –
 - (a) Anton Pavlovich Chekhov
 - (b) Salman Rushdie
 - (c) H. H. Munro

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- (2) Monaco was situated
- (a) near England and France
 - (b) near the borders of Japan and Morocco
 - (c) near the borders of France and Italy
- (3) Mabel found George at
- (a) Chungking
 - (b) Hong Kong
 - (c) Cheng – tu
- (4) Miss Smith wanted from Rosemary the price for
- (a) bread and butter
 - (b) a cup of tea
 - (c) cakes and wine
- (5) 'Mine were False. They were not worth over five hundred francs!' – these words are from the story –
- (a) A Cup of Tea
 - (b) The Open Window
 - (c) The Necklace
- (b) State whether the following are true or false and supply correct information wherever needed. 5
- (1) The old man at the bridge had to leave home because of artillery.
 - (2) The criminal of Monaco was finally executed.
 - (3) Romance at short notice was the speciality of Vera.
 - (4) The last leaf was the master piece of Sue.
 - (5) Ali could receive a letter from Mirium during his life time.

- 3 (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of verbs given in the brackets : 5
- (1) I _____ a letter to the principal of this school last week. (to write)
 - (2) You are late. The train _____ already _____. (to leave)
 - (3) She _____ when I entered the class. (to cry)
 - (4) Shila _____ Mathematics. (to hate)
 - (5) Rajesh _____ for this exam for the last six months. (to prepare)
- (b) Correct the following sentences if necessary : 5
- (1) Fifty thousand rupees are a big amount.
 - (2) Rajesh and his friends are going on a tour.
 - (3) Either Sudha or Nila are coming for the wedding.
 - (4) A group of workers is waiting outside.
 - (5) Kiran, alongwith his friends are going to Ranthambhore.
- (c) Join the following sets of sentences by using proper conjunctions : 5
- (1) Your daughter is smart. Your daughter is beautiful.
 - (2) I am very much upset. I could not answer any of the questions.
 - (3) We were standing at the bus-stop. She came running.
 - (4) He is very old. He cannot climb the stairs.
 - (5) I could not see properly. It was dark.

- (d) (1) Give synonyms of the following words : **3**
- (i) Divine
 - (ii) Famous
 - (iii) Cold
- (2) Give antonyms : **2**
- (i) Cruel
 - (ii) Distant

- 4 (a) Read the following paragraphs carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There is a book written by Tom Lutz about the history of weeping which has duly taken the world by storm. The book claims that tears are the new elements and that welling up, spilling over and streaking your face with tears is the best therapy for the blues.

According to Lutz, crying is the first method of communication. 'The only way a newborn baby can tell its mother that it is uncomfortable is to use its lung and howl'. It's basically the same when we are older.

Scientists have studied the make up of tears and found out that there three types of tears one, basal tears which lubricate the eyeballs, two, reflex or irritant tears which are produced when, say we chop onions. The third type are emotional or psychic tears, triggered especially when we are sad.

- (a) Answer the following questions : **10**
- (1) What is the subject of the book written by Tom Lutz?
 - (2) How does the newborn baby communicate with its mother?
 - (3) What is the best therapy for the blues?
 - (4) What is the function of basal tears?
 - (5) Give a suitable title to the passage.

- (b) State whether the following are true or false : **5**
- (1) Crying is the best method of communication even when we grow older.
 - (2) Irritant or reflex tears are produced when we are sad.
 - (3) There are five types of tears.
 - (4) The above paragraph is about how to control or check our tears.
 - (5) Weeping is bad for our health.
- (c) Select the right meaning for the word from given choices : **5**
- (1) therapy
 - (a) theory
 - (b) curative treatment
 - (c) melody
 - (2) blue
 - (a) a colour
 - (b) sadness
 - (c) sky
 - (3) to take the world by storm
 - (a) there is a cyclone
 - (b) to attract the attention of the world
 - (c) to travel round the world
 - (4) lubricate
 - (a) grease
 - (b) liberate
 - (c) generate
 - (5) triggered
 - (a) three
 - (b) quietened
 - (c) to be the immediate cause of something

(b) Develop paragraphs using given points. (Any **two**) **15**

- (1) Films – watching Films – not merely a pass-time – enriches life – good, great Films – good subjects – good actors – but mostly a world of glamour and violence – Films a part of our life.
- (2) Post office – place filled with activity – windows for stamp – cash payment – money order – long queues – postman running with bags full of letters – the staff often relaxing with a cup of tea.
- (3) Pollution – we breath polluted air – automobiles, factories pollute the air – forests are being destroyed – atomic explosions – we need clean air – it is our life.
- (4) A poor woman once got an invitation for dinner – took her children with her – nobody paid attention to her – relatives secretly made fun of her poverty – time passed – she became rich – again received invitation from the same relative – all praised her beauty and virtues – she took out her jewellery – placed pieces of sweets on it – the praise and good food was for her riches – not for herself.
- (5) A soldier of enemies captured – was left at the mercy of a hungry lion – the lion seat at the feet of the soldier – once when the lion needed help – the soldier had taken out thorn from his paw and dressed the wound – even the wild animals return kindness.

5. Write a precis of the following passage and give a suitable title : 15

In the contemporary world, the meaning of pen (writing) is media and the sword refers to the arms and ammunitions, which the political leaders use to prove themselves as superpowers. The media can present truth to the people and make them aware. The writers and philosophers have the power to motivate people to think which in turn initiates revolutions leading to positive dramatic results. The classic example is of the National Song 'Vande Mataram', which became the slogan for India's struggle for freedom against the British rule. It stirred up the entire nation to unitedly fight against the British under Mahatma Gandhi's peaceful and non-violent mass-movement which won India her freedom. No war can have such an impact. Pen is mightier than sword. The 'Pen Warriors' like Shakespeare, Leo Tolstoy, Kalidas and Tulsidas command more respect than sword. Warriors like Alexander, Napoleon, Hitler or Aurangzeb. The sword caters to the selfish motives of ruthless rulers, which destroys peace and harmony. The power of pen brings peace and justice to the world.
