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Second Year B. A. Examination
March / April – 2010
English Compulsory
(Higher Level)

Time : Hours]

[Total Marks :

Instructions :

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- (2) Indicate clearly the options you attempt.
(3) Figures to the **right** indicate marks.

- 1 Answer the following questions briefly : (any **three**) **12**
- (i) What was the bet taken by the young man and for what reason?
(ii) Why did the Chairman wish to remove the statue of Sir Fredrick Lawley?
(iii) What was the fate of Princess September and that of her sisters?
(iv) What are the comparisons drawn between Lucy and other things in nature?
(v) What does the poet mean by 'the nineteenth autumn' in 'The Wild Swans'?
(vi) Describe the classroom as presented in 'The Best of School'.
- 2 (a) "There is a touch of humour and irony in the way Harvey Maxwell is presented in 'The Romance of a Busy Broker'. Explain. **12**

OR

- (b) "The Highway shows two contrasting perception and attitude to reality". Discuss.

OR

- (c) How does Lawrence in 'The Rocking-Horse Winner' describe the possessiveness of the spirit of man and its fateful consequences?

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- 3 (a) "There is an intense attachment on the part of the teacher with the students in 'The Best of Schools'." Discuss. 12

OR

- (b) Write a critical appreciation in the poem 'That Whitsun'.

OR

- (c) " 'To the Indians who died in Africa' ironically reveals the destiny of soldiers". Explain.

- 4 Make a precis of the following passage and give a suitable title to it : 7

In patrilineal society, both boys and girls take their social identity from the father and are placed in his linkage - kutumb. But while a son is a permanent member of this unit, a daughter is viewed as a transient or not permanent member. A son is supposed to continue the patriline; the daughter will not be continuing the line as her son will carry on his father's line. After marriage, a daughter is supposed to visit the parental home only for short periods. The cultural emphasis on the marriage of the daughter and her near permanent departure is well entrenched. Our folk songs and folklore are suffused with this message. Ordinarily, marriage does not take place among the near kin relations. Of course, some exceptions of marriages of cross cousins, or between a maternal uncle and niece among the Hindu communities in Southern India, and marriages between cross or parallel consins among the Muslims do not substantially affect the concept of temporary membership of the daughter. By and large property is inherited by male heirs and transmitted through them. According to the traditional legal practice, daughters have only the right of maintenance and to marriage, including the gifts and goods acquired at the time of marriage (streedhan), which are determined by the status of the family and the caste to which the family belongs.

- 5 (a) Write an application for senior clerical officer in the company. 7

OR

- (b) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper to voice the need of traffic signs, speed-brakers and other safety sign boards near the college for the overall safety of college students.

- 6 Do as directed : 14

- (i) The furniture in his house is made of rosewood. (Classify the underlined noun as 'countable' or 'uncountable')
- (ii) Asha, as well as Geeta, _____ good singers. (Insert 'is' or 'are' whichever is correct)
- (iii) His wife gave him the _____ present on his birthday. (lovely)
(Insert an appropriate 'degree' of the bracketed adjective)
- (iv) Whole her career has been full of ups and downs. (correct the sentence)
- (v) He _____ come and comfort the bereaved children. (Use appropriate 'modal showing desirability')
- (vi) English _____ (recognise) as an important world language in most developing countries. (Use correct form of the verb)
- (vii) The hostel warden cruelly has treated the residents. (Shift the 'adverb' to its proper place)
- (viii) I have not met Rajiv _____ last year. (Use appropriate 'preposition')
- (ix) If you handle him tactfully, he will confess the truth. (Turn into 'compound sentence')
- (x) When winter comes _____. (Complete the sentence in any way you like)
- (xi) _____ good health and a robust body, Govind was not selected for the army. (Use the **right** 'connector')
- (xii) The book Sherlock holmes explains is an all time best seller (Punctuate the sentence with appropriate marks)

(xiii) Use the following words into sentences :

dislike, despise

(xiv) amazing, baffling, surprising, amusing (Underline the word that does not fit in the group)

- 7 (a) Supply plurals : 4
- (i) sentry
 - (ii) half
 - (iii) analysis
 - (iv) locus
- (b) Give feminine forms of the following : 3
- (i) nephew
 - (ii) wizard
 - (iii) fox
- (c) Give verbs of the following : 3
- (i) trust
 - (ii) light
 - (iii) pure.
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