

NRT/KS/19/2001

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Semester-I Examination

ENGLISH

Paper-1

Compulsory Language

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 60

N.B. :— All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

1. Answer the following questions in about **150** words each :

(A) Describe the situation in the bank after the spread of the rumour.

OR

How does Parveen describe her experience of the first few days of marriage ? 6

(B) What are the different beautiful sights described by the poet, Vasudev Nirmal when he enables others to see after donating his eyes ?

OR

Write a summary of Gray's 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard'. 6

2. (A) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :

(i) How would Mahadevan's wife treat him when he returned late from his office ?

OR

What kind of things did people begin to talk about Seth Govind Ram ? 3

(ii) Narrate Parveen's feelings when her husband introduced his two fat wives.

OR

Why did the spring come all over the country and not in the garden of the Giant ? 3

- (B) Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :

(i) How does the poet prepare himself to make his eyes immortal ?

OR

How does Gray create a sad atmosphere in the beginning of the poem ? 3

(ii) Why does Ulysses say that old age hath yet his honour and his toil ?

OR

How did the Champak trees come into existence ? How does it benefit the poet's family ? 3

3. (A) Make use of the correct tense in each of the following sentences :

(i) That evening he _____ an irrepressible urge to see his old house. (feel)

(ii) His creditors _____ in droves, each asking for his pound of flesh. (come)

(iii) Sitaram _____ the lady of the house mention that she was in need of a sweeper. (hear)

(iv) He was really very sorry for what he _____. (do)

(v) When the people _____ to market at twelve o'clock they found the Giant playing with the children. (go)

(vi) Parveen _____ as modestly as she thought she would be able to drive her concern home to the Director. (reply) 6

- (B) Change the voice of the following sentences :

(i) The weddings of his three daughters had flattened him financially.

(ii) People were turned back from the counters.

(iii) He used the small broom to sweep the steps.

(iv) He took a little liberty.

(v) He cannot allow you to live with your child in the hostel.

(vi) He built a high wall. 6

4. (A) You borrowed a book from your friend. You lost it. Write a letter to him apologizing for the loss and offering to pay for it.

OR

Write a letter to the Principal of your college requesting him to grant you leave of absence owing to illness. 6

- (B) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Trees give shade for the benefit of others, and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure the heat, they produce the fruit from which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this body if no use of it is made for the benefit of mankind ? Sandalwood the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield. Sugarcane the more it is peeled, and cut into pieces, the more juice does it produce.

Wood, the more it is burnt the more brightly does it shine. The men who are noble at heart do not lose these qualities even by losing their lives. They dwell forever in a world of bliss because their noble qualities do not die with them. What matters is whether we praise them or not. Good men are indifferent to praise because their goodness does not depend upon man's empty praise. To live for the sake of mere living till the end of life is to live the life of dogs and crows.

Questions :

- (i) What do the trees give to mankind ?
- (ii) Why are good men indifferent to praise ?
- (iii) What are the qualities which trees have in common with good men ?
- (iv) How should the life of a man be superior to the life of dogs or crows ?
- (v) Why will those who sacrifice their lives dwell forever in a world of bliss ?
- (vi) "To live the life of dogs and crows"— Explain. 6

5. (A) Answer the following questions in **one or two** sentences each :

- (i) Why did the constable catch hold of Mahadevan ?
- (ii) Who owned the Pipalnagar Bank ?
- (iii) When did the Giant's heart melt ? 3

- (B) Answer the following questions in **one or two** sentences each :

- (i) What happened to the untravelled world when Ulysses moved ?
- (ii) Who sleeps beneath the rugged elms ?
- (iii) How will the poet's donation of eyes help somebody ? 3

- (C) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

- (i) It has been raining _____ last night.
- (ii) Children are fond _____ sweets.
- (iii) The teachers were _____ strike. 3

- (D) Do as directed :

- (i) Bias (Give Synonym)
- (ii) Error (Give Synonym)
- (iii) Tragedy (Give Antonym) 3