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BA/BMC 1st Semester Exam., 2017

GENERAL ENGLISH

[BEG 01]

(General English—I)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Answer the following questions (each within *1* or *2* sentences) : 1×8=8

(a) What inspired William Wordsworth to write the poem, *Simon Lee* ?

(b) What is a dramatic monologue?

(c) In which collection of poetry does the poem, *An Irish Airman Foresees His Death* appear?

(d) What is a 'problem play'? Give an example.

(e) Mention the names of any two plays by John Galsworthy.

(f) Define the term 'précis'.

(g) Why is it necessary to read the passage time and again while answering an unseen passage?

(h) How can clarity be maintained in report writing?

2. Answer the following questions (each within *50* words) : 2×8=16

(a) Why was John Galsworthy criticized by Virginia Woolf and D. H. Lawrence?

(b) Write very briefly about William Wordsworth's view of Nature.

(c) Point out the differences between précis writing and paraphrasing.

(d) Name the major influences on the early part of W. B. Yeats as a poet.

(e) Which period in Alfred Tennyson's career is called the 'ten years silence'?

(f) Mention the format used to present long reports.

(g) Is John Galsworthy's *Justice* a problem play? Explain briefly.

(h) What is the central idea of the poem, *Simon Lee* by William Wordsworth?

3. Answer any *five* from the following questions (each within *100* words) : 4×5=20

(a) Give a summary of the poem, *Tears, Idle Tears* by Lord Alfred Tennyson.

(b) Write a note on the context of the poem, *An Irish Airman Foresees His Death* by W. B. Yeats.

(c) What is the offence committed by Falder? Why did he commit the offence?

(d) Give the précis of the following passage :

Nowadays many an educated youth of the middle class in our country is out of employment for want of service. The principal reason for this employment problem is the fact that the number of educated men is gradually increasing and yet all the educated men hanker after service. Many, again, bearing some prejudice, are unwilling to do such deeds. But what is more humiliating than being idle? In fact, if this false idea of social labour is not rejected and a conviction of the dignity of labour is not established, there can be no solution of the unemployment problem. There is indeed no humiliation in any work whatsoever. Humiliation lies in idleness and hanging on others.

(e) "Oh! the heavy change"

What is the heavy change mentioned above by the poet?

(f) Discuss the importance of précis writing as a good exercise in reading and writing a composition.

4. Answer any *two* from the following questions (each within *300* words) : 8×2=16

(a) Imagine that you are an inspector at the municipal corporation. You have been asked to conduct a surprise check on two hospitals in your city. Write a report to your director about the conditions of the hospitals you have visited.

Or

Write a report on a recent bus accident specifying the date, time and place of the occurrence, how it has occurred and what steps have been taken by the authorities for the rescue and treatment of the accident victims.

(b) What is meant by the term 'comprehension'? Discuss the steps to be followed while writing answers to the questions on an unseen passage.

(c) Narrate in your own words the incidents that led to the death of Falder.

5. Answer any *two* from the following questions (each within *400* words) : 10×2=20

(a) Discuss *Simon Lee* with reference to Wordsworth's use of language.

(b) Justify the title of the play, *Justice* by John Galsworthy.

Or

Write a summary of the poem, *An Irish Airman Foresees His Death* by Yeats.

(c) Explain with reference to the context the following :

"And sweet as those by hopeless fancy feign'd
On lips that are for others : deep as love,
Deep as first love and wild with all regret;
O Death in Life, the days that are no more.

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