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Name of the Course:

B.Sc (Gen.) / (Hons.)

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Qualifying: English A – Paper I (Text, Composition, Grammar, etc.)

[Meant for Students who have passed English Core in Class XII]

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Part I

Duration:

3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

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Answer **all** the questions.

1. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

(a) Because they perform a valuable public service in eliminating the jaskasses who go around saying that health and happiness are everything and money is not essential.

Because as soon as they have to borrow some unimportant money to maintain their health and happiness they starve to death so they can't go around any more sneering at good old money, which is nothing short of providential.

(Bankers are Just Like Anybody Else Except Richer: Ogden Nash)

(i) Which 'valuable service' do the bankers perform? Do you think the poet is sarcastic? If so, why? 5 Marks

(ii) How do they perform 'this' service? 5 Marks

(b) I am not yet born; O hear me.

Let not the bloodsucking bat or the rat or the
stoat or the club-footed ghou! come near me.

I am not yet born, console me.

I fear that the human race with tall walls wall me,

On black racks rack me, in blood-baths roll me.

(Prayer Before Birth: Louis Macneice)

(i) Explain the paradox described in these lines. 5 Marks

(ii) What are the fears expressed by the unborn? 5 Marks

2. Answer **any three** of the following questions:

(a) Mention any five fields where computers play a significant role.

(b) Describe some of the effects of an air burst of a nuclear explosion.

(c) What, according to Huxley, is the Hindu explanation for a solar eclipse?

- (d) Describe in your own words the poignant struggle of the poet in 'A Ballad of Heaven'.
5 X 3 = 15 Marks

3. Answer the following questions in about 200 words:

Differentiate clearly between experimenting and experiencing after reading Niblett's *Experiment and Experience*.

Or

"All the passengers who hire Iona's cat treat him like a cab-driver and not like a fellow human being." Comment.
15 Marks

4. Write an essay, in about 200 words, on one of the following topics:

- (a) IPL
- (b) Privatization of Radio Channels
- (c) A Visit to a Mall
- (d) Nepal Earthquake

15 Marks

Or

Answer **both** the questions:

- (a) Write a letter to your friend in Kolkata about a Superhero whom you met.
7 Marks
- (b) Prepare a report on the state of Security in the campuses of different colleges to be sent to the University of Delhi.
8 Marks

5. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Literature from the beginning of the twentieth century has emphasized on the psychological concerns and spiritual void of man and the consequent problems that man faced in such circumstances. Loss of faith, excessive industrialization and rise of the European colonial powers in the nineteenth Century led to a situation when the European man's mechanized life made him cut off the traditional values of Christianity with which the civilization had progressed till the nineteenth century. The spiritual values were questioned from within by the scientific discoveries of the age – whether by Charles Darwin and his theory of evolution or by Charles Lyell, who proved that geologically earth is much older than the Bible proclaims it to be. Such questioning of religious faith by different branches of science, as well as the sociological and economic theories created a sensitivity in the man which literature of the period manifests itself in linguistic parameters. The Utilitarians, Jeremy Bentham and John Stuart Mill propounded the theory that man's objective of life is to seek pleasure. Thus the Christian world which thought of suffering as the way of life towards the path of salvation (for the original Sin) was replaced by the path of seeking as much of pleasure as possible. Though the Utilitarian Theory propounded the idea of "seeking pleasure in the pleasure of others" and "greatest good for the greatest number of people"; but in reality what happened was that people sought after their own personal pleasures.

- (i) What are the significant reasons of literature of the early twentieth century dealing with the spiritual void?
(ii) What was Charles Lyell and Darwin's contribution?
(iii) What is the view of the Utilitarians? 15 Marks

Or

Write a précis of the above passage in 1/3rd length of the original passage.
Provide a suitable title. 15 marks

6 (a). Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

- (i) He spoke to me Urdu.
(ii) I am fond movies.
(iii) The river flows, the bridge.
(iv) What is that me?
(v) I am tired walking. 5 Marks

6 (b) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.

- (i) day's rest is all that is needed.
(ii) Bangalore is most polluted city in India.
(iii) The rose is sweetest of all flowers.
(iv) He is university employee.
(v) Man is animal that uses fire. 5 marks.

7 (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets:

- (i) The wind furiously. (blow)
(ii) Some women into conventional small businesses such as running beauty parlours, cookery classes, sewing classes at home, etc. (venture)
(iii) He many experiments to establish the fact. (perform).
(iv) They all me the same story. (tell)
(v) The books in a heap on the floor. (lie) 5 marks.

7.(b) Change the voice of the following sentences.

- (i) Maya was served cold food in her hostel.
(ii) Pritha knew him.
(iii) Close the door.
(iv) Who composed this music?
(v) They were playing cards on a rainy day. 5 marks