

I/BCO (E-i) (Revised)

2007

ENGLISH

(Commerce)

FIRST PAPER

(Under Revised Syllabus)

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 30

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer any one of the following : 10

- (a) How does the poet rebuke the Sun for disturbing him and his mistress in their love-making in *The Sun Rising*?
- (b) Wordsworth refers to Lucy as a 'solitary child'. Do you agree with the view that Lucy was lonely and sad? Give reasons.
- (c) Discuss the theme of the poem *A Prayer for My Daughter* in relation to its title.

2. Answer any *one* of the following : 10

- (a) What is Hawkins' picture of the universe?
- (b) How does Nehru advise his daughter "to bear ourselves in this great movement"? What part must they play in it?
- (c) What was the incident that made the astrologer leave his village?

3. Answer *either* of the following : 15

- (a) Write a letter of recommendation for a former employee who has left your company to work in a bigger and more reputed company.
- (b) Write a letter of application to the General Manager of a Departmental Store for the post of Marketing Assistant giving full particulars of academic achievements, qualifications and any other relevant information.

4. Make a précis of the following passage giving a suitable title to your answer : 15

As most schools are set up today, learning is compulsory. It is an Ought; even worse, a Must, enforced by regular hours and rigid discipline. And the young sneer at the Oughts and resist the Musts with all their energy.

The feeling often lasts through a lifetime. For too many of us, learning appears to be a surrender of our own will to external direction, a sort of enslavement.

This is a mistake. Learning is a natural pleasure, inborn and instinctive, one of the essential pleasures of the human race. Watch a small child, at any age too young to have had any mental habits implanted by training. Some delightful films made by the late Dr. Arnold Gesell of Yale University show little creatures who can barely talk investigating problems with all the zeal and excitement of explorers, making discoveries with the passion and absorption of dedicated scientists. At the end of each successful investigation, there comes over each tiny face an expression of pure heartfelt pleasure.

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1. Change the following sentences into *either* indirect or direct speech : 1×5=5

(a) He said to me, "You are in the wrong."

(2)

(b) The teacher said that honesty is the best policy.

(c) "Will you dine with me today?" said my friend to me.

(d) John asked Peter if it was his pen.

(e) The miser said, "If only I had heaps of gold!"

(3)

2. Rewrite the following using the correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets : 1×5=5

(a) The baby (cry) in hunger for an hour.

(b) If I (be) rich I would travel around the world.

(c) The guard (sleep) when the thieves stole the money.

(d) The sun (shine) bright at noon.

(e) I (go) to school tomorrow.

(4)

3. Rewrite the following sentences after changing the voice : 1×5=5

(a) Who teaches you English?

(b) An ice-cream is being eaten by the child.

(c) Someone has stolen my pen.

(d) Our elders ought to be respected by us.

(e) This news surprised us all.

4. Rewrite the following correctly :

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

(a) The child take after its father.

(b) He is the most populous teacher in our school.

(c) There is strength in union.

(d) Malaria is a killing disease.

(e) John is more fat than Simon.

5. Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}$$

(a) According to Bill Williams, man will get the environment he

(i) deserves ()

(ii) wants ()

(iii) needs ()

(b) One should read the newspaper carefully

(i) to get ideas ()

(ii) as a habit ()

(iii) to improve one's reading ()

(c) Tawang came into the world news as

(i) the place Elwin first visited ()

(ii) the first important place the Dalai Lama visited in India ()

(iii) a paradise in NEFA ()

(7)

(d) — is the positive urge of the English people.

(i) Saving ()

(ii) Investing ()

(iii) Spending ()

(e) People were attracted to the astrologer as bees are to — or dahlia stalks.

(i) cosmos ()

(ii) tulips ()

(iii) honey ()

6. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct word : $\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = 2\frac{1}{2}$

(a) "She's all States, and all I;"

(princess/princes/king)

(b) "This grew; I gave ,
Then all smiles stopped together."

(orders/sentence/commands)

- (c) "Friends,
our dear sister

is for foreign."

(going/departing/leaving)

- (d) "No mate, no Lucy knew;"

(comrade/friend/companion)

- (e) "..... is no plant that grows
on mortal soil."

(Glory/Popularity/Fame)

7. Name the poem and the poet from which the lines are
taken : 1×5=5

- (a) "The nightingales are singing near
The Convent of the Sacred Heart."

Poem :

Poet :

- (b) "Think not of them, thou hast thy
music too,"

Poem :

Poet :

(c) "In courtesy I'd have her chiefly learned"

Poem :

Poet :

(d) "It is the star to every wand'ring bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his
height be taken"

Poem :

Poet :

(e) "The ancient pulse of germ and birth,
Was shrunken hard and dry."

Poem :

Poet :

8. Name the text and the author from which the lines
are taken : 1×5=5

(a) "When I was there the spendthrifts seemed to be
in power as decisively as the so-called Tories."

Text :

Author :

- (b) "Looking at him, the phrase 'the beauty of holiness' came into my mind."

Text :

Author :

- (c) "Never do anything in secret or anything that you would wish to hide."

Text :

Author :

- (d) "How agreeable a partner for life must the man be whose little asperities of character have been so rubbed into smoothness by the continual practice of self-suppression."

Text :

Author :

- (e) "You're very clever, young man, very clever," said the old lady. "But it's turtles all the way down!"

Text :

Author :

9. Give short and direct answers to any *five* of the following : 3×5=15

(a) Explain briefly Shakespeare's idea that true love is not dependent on physical aspects.

- (b) Compare the definitions of fame supplied by the poet and by Phoebus in the poem.

(c) Point out the religious connotations in Hardy's
The Darkling Thrush.

(d) What were the main grievances that the Duke
had against his wife?

(14)

(e) Give a description of a Mishmi house.

- (f) What does Bill Williams say about transport in the future?

- (g) How does the bank clerk become the best citizen in the world?

(17)

(h) What two things surprised Nirad C. Chaudhuri
in the transaction with his friend from the BBC?
