

**First Year BBM., Degree Examination**  
**August/September 2010**

(Directorate of Correspondence Course)

(Freshers')

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Time: 3 hrs]

[Max.Marks: 80

Note: Answer all questions.

**SECTION - A**

**I. Answer any TWO of the following in not more than a page and a half each.**

2 X 8 = 16

- a) How does the younger sister suffer because of her special talent in the folktale 'A Flowering Tree'?
- b) Describe how the construction of a road changes the life of the villagers in the story 'Tar Arrives'.
- c) What would Helen Keller like to see if she gets her eyesight?
- d) Write about the problems the narrator faces after winning the road engine in the story 'Engine Trouble'.

**II. Answer any TWO of the following in about a paragraph each:**

2 X 4 = 8

- a) Write about the reunion of the prince and his wife in the folktale. 'A Flowering Tree'.
- b) Comment on Bob and Jimmy's first meeting.
- c) How were the problems of the narrator solved at the end in the story 'Engine Trouble'?
- d) Describe the importance the news from Hosur in 'Tar Arrives'.

**SECTION - B**

**III. Answer any TWO of the following in not more than a page and a half each:**

2 X 8 = 16

- a) Discuss how the ideas of life and death are contrasted in the poem "Fear No More"
- b) How does Pratibha Nandakumar expose the ill-treatment of women by men in our society?
- c) Bring out the significance of the title of the poem "Mending Wall".
- d) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'The World is Too Much with Us'.

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- IV. *Answer any TWO of the following in about a paragraph each:* 2 X 4 = 8
- Sum up the conversation between the old Kasper and his grand children in the poem "After Blenheim".
  - Write briefly on the relevance of Pratibha Nandakumar's poem "And Suddenly Woman's Wail".
  - Annotate the following lines.  
Golden lads and girls all must,  
As Chimney – Sweepers, come to dust.

### SECTION – C

- V. *Reply to the following advertisement:* 4
- "The Reliance Insurance Company is looking for a young and dynamic development officer for a new branch at Shimoga. Apply giving particulars of age, qualification, experience etc to Post Box No. 213, The Deccan Herald, Bengaluru-2.

OR

Write a letter to the Traffic Police Inspector requesting him to strictly maintain the traffic rules in your town.

- VI. *Develop the following hints into a meaningful paragraph.* 3
- Modern life \_\_\_\_ movement from place to place \_\_\_\_ vehicles \_\_\_\_ everyone \_\_\_\_  
separate vehicle \_\_\_\_ many problems \_\_\_\_ traffic jam \_\_\_\_ parking \_\_\_\_ accident \_\_\_\_  
pollution \_\_\_\_ encourage \_\_\_\_ bicycles \_\_\_\_ public transport system.

- VII. A) *Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate form of verbs given in the brackets.* 5 X 1 = 5
- One of the boys \_\_\_\_\_ absent today. (is/are)
  - Our team is \_\_\_\_\_ in the final match. (defeating/defeated)
  - Light and darkness \_\_\_\_\_ not exist in a same place. (do/does)
  - Haldirams \_\_\_\_\_ sweets to the foreign countries. (export/exports)
  - The criminals \_\_\_\_\_ arrested. (have/have been)

- B) *Rewrite as Directed.* 3

- The Tata has manufactured the Nano cars.  
(Change into Passive voice)
- Landmines are exploded by the naxalites.  
(Change into Active voice)
- The Lokayukta had given resignation.  
(Change into Passive Voice)

- C) *Change the following into indirect speech.* 3

"You're lucky but I'm not" said Swathi. Sathwik said, "Don't lose heart. Try again".

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**D) Use any TWO of the following phrases in sentences of your own.** 2

- i) Look after    ii) Carry out    iii) Call off    iv) Make out

**E) Give Synonyms for any TWO of the following.** 2

- i) Build    ii) Speak    iii) Enemy    iv) Select

**F) Give Antonyms for any TWO of the following.** 2

- i) Postpone    ii) Global    iii) Logical    iv) Enter

**VIII. Write a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.** 8

Your skin is peculiarly your own; no other person's is quite like it. One illustration of this uniqueness is your finger print pattern, which never duplicates that of anyone else. Another: skin from one part your body can be successfully transplanted to another part, but will survive only temporarily if transplanted to someone else, unless that person is your identical twin.

If you should suffer a large burn, skin taken from another person can be helpful in the healing process, however. This borrowed skin survives only a few weeks – but that is long enough to protect the underlying tissues from infection and fluid loss during the period of greatest danger. Skin can be frozen and stored, so that any hospital can maintain a skin bank with a modest supply on hand for emergencies.

On the horizon is another exciting possibility. Scientists in America have recently learnt to grow skin cells in test tubes. Though still experimental, this offers hope for the future. Hospitals may some day be able to maintain 'skin farms' where new skin can be harvested when needed for transplantation to accident victims. Then, while the artificially cultivated skin provides temporary covering, snippets of skin taken from the victim himself may be similarly planted in the skin farms and, after sufficient growth, be transplanted to provide a permanent cover.

Marvellous indeed is nature's way of wrapping up our bodies, but marvellous also are the ways in which man has been learning to understand nature's methods – and to make intelligent use of them.

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