

First Year B.B.M. Degree Examination, August/September 2008  
(Freshers)

Directorate of Correspondence Course  
ENGLISH (Language)

Time : 3 Hours

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 : (2×8=16)

- In "The Flowering Tree" how did the younger sister become 'whole and complete' again ?
- What does Helen say about people with eye sight in "Three Days to See" ?
- Describe briefly the difficulties faced by the owner of the road engine.
- Comment on the changes that took place in the village after the road was sanctioned in "Tar Arrives".

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II. Answer any **TWO** of the following in about a paragraph each : (2×4=8)

- Describe the incident that took place in the Surahonne Orchard in "A Flowering Tree".
- Comment on the friendship between Bob and Jimmy in "After Twenty Years".
- Why did the Patel dislike the four young men in "Tar Arrives" ?
- Describe Gaiety hand in "Engine Trouble".



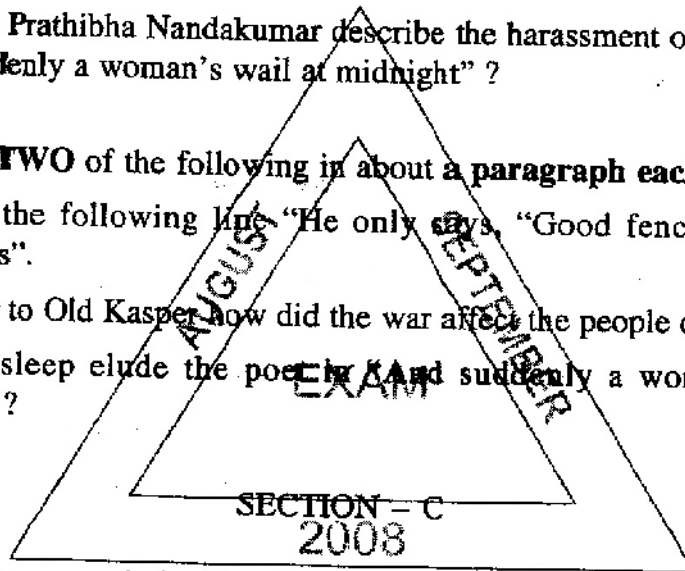
## SECTION - B

III. Answer **any TWO** of the following in NOT more than a page and a half each : (2×8=16)

- a) Do you agree that "Fear No More" is a poem that glorifies death ? Give reasons.
- b) "Mending Wall" is a symbolic poem. Discuss.
- c) How does Wordsworth describe the spiritual decay of man in "The World is too much with us" ?
- d) How does Prathibha Nandakumar describe the harassment of women in "And suddenly a woman's wail at midnight" ?

IV. Answer **any TWO** of the following in about a paragraph each : (2×4=8)

- a) Annotate the following line "He only says, "Good fences make good neighbours".
- b) According to Old Kasper how did the war affect the people of Blenheim ?
- c) Why did sleep elude the poet in "And suddenly a woman's wail at midnight" ?



V. A renowned company is looking for a young and dynamic sales manager for their new branch in Hubli. Apply giving particulars of age, qualification and experience to post box no. 182, C/o "The Hindu", Bangalore. 4

OR

Draft a letter to the KSRTC Depot Manager requesting him to increase the number of counters for issuing bus passes.

VI. Develop the following hints into a meaningful paragraph : 3  
 Farmers commit suicide - unable to repay loans - water problem to grow crops  
 - low prices for their produce - non-availability of good seeds and fertilizers.

VII. a) Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate word given in the brackets : 5

- i) Each of the students \_\_\_\_\_ given a book. (were/was)
- ii) He \_\_\_\_\_ two kilometers everyday. (walks/walk)
- iii) I \_\_\_\_\_ two sisters. (am having/have)
- iv) He jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the river. (in/into)
- v) They \_\_\_\_\_ the match yesterday. (lose/lost)

b) Rewrite as directed : 3

i) This novel has been written by Hardy.

(Change into active voice)

ii) He is teaching Maths.

(Change into passive voice)

iii) I gave her a gift.

(Change into passive voice)

c) Change into indirect speech : 3

The shopkeeper said to the customer, "what do you want ?"

The customer replied, "I want to buy a present".

The shopkeeper said, "I will show you some very good items".

d) Use **TWO** of the following in sentences of your own : 2

i) put up with                      iii) look after

ii) take after                      iv) set off.

e) Give the Synonyms of **any TWO** of the following : 2

i) begin                              iii) speak

ii) pretty

f) Give the Antonyms of **any TWO** of the following : 2

i) Dead                              iii) Hate

ii) Clever



VIII. Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title :

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Sleep is one of the most talked-about topics among parents. We quickly learn just how important sleep is for everyone's wellbeing. Sleep is equally vital for school-aged children. A good night's sleep sets a child up for the day. It helps kids deal with the social stresses and pressures of a busy school environment and also promotes learning. Sleep is essential for growing brains. Children have long rebelled against set bedtimes, but today there are more and more distractions to keep them awake and alert and out of bed for longer. Television, the internet, talking on the phone and playing video games all compete for their bedtime attention.

