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**B.A./B.Sc. (General) 2nd Semester
(2042)**

ENGLISH (Compulsory)

(For B.A. only & Shastri 2nd Semester)

Time Allowed : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 45

SECTION—A

1. Explain with reference to the context, *one* each from poetry and prose :

- (a) Sophocles long ago

Heard it on the Ægean, and it brought
Into his mind the turbid ebb and flow
Of human misery;

OR

He was married and added five children to the population,
Which our Eugenist says was the right number for a
parent of his generation.

And our teachers report that he never interfered with
their education.

Was he free ? Was he happy ? The question is absurd :
Had anything been wrong, we should certainly have heard.

- (b) You won't remember me or my name. You have failed
so many of us.

On the other hand I have often had thoughts about you,
and the other teachers, and about that Institution which
you call "school" and about the boys that you fail.

You fail us right out into the fields and factories and
then you forget us.

OR

Even if we have been choosing rulers who have brought the very concept of democratic government into contempt, do we now want to be ruled by a set of unelected judges ? And then who will judge their decisions ?

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2. Answer any *two* of the following questions in **50-60** words each :

- (1) Who “die as cattle” in the poem ‘Anthem for Doomed Youth’ ?
- (2) What is the poem ‘Telephone Conversation’ about ?
- (3) Comment on Soyinka’s use of satire in the poem ‘Telephone Conversation’.
- (4) Explain why “the unknown citizen” remains unnamed in the poem.
- (5) What is the poet’s main concern in the poem ‘Dover Beach’ ?

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3. Answer any *two* questions in **100-120** words each :

- (1) What are the shortcomings of school education according to ‘Letter to a Teacher’ ?
- (2) What is the author’s investment in the short story ‘The Best Investment I Ever Made’ ?
- (3) How can mankind ensure the conservation and utilization of water ?

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SECTION—B

4. Write a letter to your friend telling him/her about your experiences in college campus.

OR

Write a letter to your friend telling him/her about the ways of living an eco-friendly life.

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5. Do as directed :

(a) Change the Narration :

(1) The teacher said, "There is a test tomorrow."

(2) He said to me, "What is your name ?"

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

(1) The book is _____ the table.

(2) I am _____ the room.

(3) The train runs _____ Chandigarh _____ Delhi.

(c) Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions :

(1) I am a student _____ my sister is a teacher.

(2) _____ Rama _____ Reema can play cards.

(3) The man is tired _____ he is working.

(d) Give synonyms of the following words :

(1) Happiness

(2) Mercy.

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6. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end :

I do not even hate the Talib who shot me. Even if there is a gun in my hand and he stands in front of me. I would not shoot him. This is the compassion that I have learnt from Muhammad-the prophet of mercy, Jesus Christ and Lord Buddha. This is the legacy of change that I have inherited from Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and Muhammad Ali Jinnah. This is what my soul is telling me, be peaceful and love everyone.

The wise saying, "The pen is mightier than sword" was true. The extremists are afraid of books and pens. The power of education frightens them. They are afraid of women.

- (1) What are the writer's feelings towards the Talib who shot her ?
- (2) From whom has the writer learnt compassion ?
- (3) What is the legacy the writer has inherited from Martin Luther King ?
- (4) What frightens the extremists ?
- (5) Give a suitable title to the passage. 5

7. Translate any **four** sentences into English :

- (1) सच्चाई कड़वी होती है।
ਸੱਚਾਈ ਕੌੜੀ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ।
- (2) झूठ के पांव नहीं होते हैं।
ਝੂਠ ਦੇ ਪੈਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦੇ।
- (3) यह सुनी-सुनाई बात है।
ਇਹ ਸੁਣੀ-ਸੁਣਾਈ ਗੱਲ ਹੈ।
- (4) जो चढ़ेगा, सो गिरेगा।
ਜਿਹੜਾ ਚੜੇਗਾ, ਸੋ ਗਿਰੇਗਾ।
- (5) अन्त भला सो भला।
ਅੰਤ ਭਲਾ ਸੋ ਭਲਾ।
- (6) मित्र वह जो आपत्ति में काम आए।
ਮਿੱਤਰ ਉਹ ਜਿਹੜਾ ਮੁਸੀਬਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੰਮ ਆਏ।
- (7) बोलने से पहले सोचो।
ਬੋਲਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸੋਚੋ।
- (8) ईमानदारी सबसे अच्छी नीति है।
ਈਮਾਨਦਾਰੀ ਸੱਭ ਤੋਂ ਚੰਗੀ ਨੀਤੀ ਹੈ।

OR

(For foreign students only) Write a paragraph in 100 words on 'All that Glitters is not Gold'. 4