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B.A./B.Sc. (General) Sixth Semester
English (Compulsory)
(For B.A. and Shastri 6th Semester Candidates only)

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 45

NOTE: Attempt all questions. Attempt all the parts of each question together. Write legibly.

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SECTION – A

(Poetry and Prose)

I. Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to the context:-

a) They'll wonder what they'd ever seen

In that ridiculous machine,
That nauseating, foul, unclean,
Repulsive television screen!
And later, each and every kid
Will love you more for what you did.

b) But now my long vigil is ending-

The spinners are up to their tricks
And any loose balls I'm intending
Dispatching for four or for six!
This off-spining ball I am sweeping,
Away it balloons into space
Square leg has the ball in safe keeping-
I'd much rather bat against pace!

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II. Answer any five of the following questions in about 60-80 words each:-

- a) When Miep sends the currant cake, why does Anne think she is ridiculing them?
- b) What is the daily routine of the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity?
- c) How does Rajam describe the Junior Willard bats?
- d) How does the speaker describe the experience of facing different kinds of balls in 'See Off the Shine'?

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- e) What according to the writer are the two most important criteria the director must keep in the mind while finding a story?
- f) How does the poet describe children watching television?
- g) What does the writer illustrate through the example of a photocopier company?
- h) What makes the writer come to the conclusion that "serious sport has nothing to do with fair play"? (5x2)

III. Answer any two of the following questions in about 150-180 words each:-

- a) Do you think F.G. Herod has been able to portray effectively Mother Teresa's dedication towards the poor. Give reasons for your answer.
- b) How far do you subscribe to the views of Orwell on the sporting spirit? Justify your standpoint.
- c) Do you agree with the poet that watching television deadens all creativity and ability to think?
- d) Comment on the title 'See Off the Shine'? (2x5)

SECTION - B

(Composition and Grammar)

IV. Write a precis of the following passage and give a suitable title:

It is physically impossible for a well-educated, intellectual, or brave man to make money the chief object of his thoughts just as it is for him to make his dinner the principal object of them. All healthy people like their dinners, but their dinner is not the main object of their lives. So all healthy minded people like making money ought to like it and enjoy the sensation of winning it; it is something better than money.

A good soldier, for instance, mainly wishes to do his fighting well. He is glad of his pay—very properly so and justly grumbles when you keep him ten years without it—till, his main mission of life is to win battles, not to be paid for winning them. So of clergymen. The clergyman's object is essentially baptize and preach not to be paid

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for preaching. So of doctors. They like fees no doubt—ought to like them; yet if they are brave and well-educated the entire object to their lives is not fees. They on the whole, desire to cure the sick; and if they are good doctors and the choice were fairly to them, would rather cure their patient and lose their fee than kill him and get it. And so with all the other brave and rightly trained men: their work is first, their fee second—very important always; but still second. (10)

V. A) Use any ten of the following idioms and phrases in sentences of your own:-

- a) All and Sundry
- b) A bone of contention
- c) Chip of the same block
- d) To do away with
- e) To fan the flame
- f) To gird up one's loins
- g) To keep at bay
- h) Laughing stock
- i) To mind one's P's and Q's
- j) Nail in the coffin
- k) On tenter hooks
- l) Penelope's web
- m) A rolling stone
- n) Upset the apple cart
- o) To wet blanket

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B) Give one word for any ten of the following:

- a) A list of books in a library
- b) Soldiers who fight on horseback
- c) An instrument for measuring the speed of a motor-car
- d) That which can't be corrected
- e) Fit to be eaten

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- f) An inscription on tomb
- g) A cure for all diseases
- h) A sacred book of religion
- i) A number of people listening together
- j) A place where two rivers meet
- k) One who takes care of the building
- l) One who walks in his sleep
- m) The art of effective speaking
- n) To go from bad to worse
- o) Pertaining to cooking or kitchen

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