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B.A./B.Sc. (General) Fifth Semester
English (Elective)

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 90

NOTE: Attempt all questions.

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Section -I

1. Write short notes on any **five** of the following- 3x5= 15
 - (i) Gender
 - (ii) Nation
 - (iii) Hybridity
 - (iv) Importance of Translation in India
 - (v) Colonialism
 - (vi) Methods of Translation
 - (vii) Orientalism

2. Answer any **five** of the following questions in about 60-80 words. 3x5 =15
 - (i) Bring out the humour in the poem Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T. S.
 - (ii) What is the relationship between Zainaba and Mandan Muthapa?
 - (iii) Describe the reaction of the MCC team on the arrival of the letter from Binns.
 - (iv) What is the theme of Jibananda Das's poem 'Before Dying'?
 - (v) What is the significance of the line 'that window faces north' in Ambai's short story 'Squirrel'?
 - (vi) Why did Algu cry at the end of the story The Holy Panchayat?
 - (vii) Discuss the theme of pain and anguish in Mahapatra's poem 'Hunger'?

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 180-200 words. 2x7.5=15
 - (i) Discuss Premchand's criticism of greed with reference to 'The Holy Panchayat'.
 - (ii) Analyse the importance of the child narrator in Ismat Chughtai's short story 'The Quilt'.
 - (iii) Examine Sri Sri's themes and style of poetry with reference to the poems prescribed in your syllabus.

Section -II

4. Make notes on the following passage with suitable abbreviations:

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Some of the major environmental concerns confronting India include: Air pollution from industrial effluents and vehicle emissions; Energy-related environmental problems such as, chemical & oil pollution and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions ; Water pollution from raw sewage, the lack of adequate sanitation, and nonpotable water throughout the country; Municipal solid waste management (MSWM) remains a challenge for India due to the rising population and the resultant infrastructural needs ;Over-population and its strain on natural resources; and Agricultural factors such as, runoff of agricultural pesticides, overgrazing, short cultivation cycles, slash and burn practices, destructive logging practices, and deforestation of timber reserves for fuel, all contribute conjointly to the decimation of the subcontinent's environmental system .

In particular, municipal solid waste (MSW) collection and disposal is a major urban environmental problem facing India. India is not the only country with this problem, it appears many of the developing countries and a few of the developed countries are also confronted with MSW as an environmental concern.

But, in India the critical concern is in the way MSW is disposed of. The waste that is collected by municipalities in India is simply dumped on the outskirts of the urban centers . In addition, the MSW releases methane and carbon dioxide that increase the effects of greenhouse gases.

On environmental issues and concerns, India carries a heavier burden because it is generally accepted that pollutant concentrations are exceedingly high in many developing countries imposing substantial health costs and shortened lives . Since most of the growth in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions is projected to occur in developing countries such as China and India, these two countries are probably responsible for the future of this world.

In the most recent data available, ambient particulate matter concentrations in India are five times the level of concentrations in the United States and China's are seven times the U.S. level .

Interestingly, in anticipation of the Paris Conference on climate change that is scheduled to start on November 30th, countries have been issuing pledges about how much emission they are willing to cut in coming decades.

India and Brazil, probably the two of the most air polluting countries in the world, have yet to make commitments to take to the Paris Conference .

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Many of the current environmental concerns in India such as the air pollution, GHG emissions, chemical and oil pollution, etc., have many far reaching consequences for its people. The two major areas of concern for policy makers are high infant mortality rates and low life expectancy.

For the year 2013, out of 1,000 live births in India about 41 will die before they reach the age of 5. By comparison, in China only 11 die and in Japan and Singapore only 2 will not survive beyond the age of 5. Similarly, India is ranked 139th among 194 countries in life expectancy with people living up to 66 years of age. By comparison, people in Japan on an average live up to 84, in Singapore up to 83, and in China they live up to 75.

The link between environmental concerns, its effects on people, and the resulting consequences on human life and the economy are easily traceable. Higher the environmental destruction greater the health problems faced by the people resulting in both human and economic costs.

5. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions :

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Entrepreneurs can be found everywhere - from fellows with outdoor lunch wagons to people within the corporate mainstream. Their common bond is that they are risk takers, willing to roll the dice with their money or stake their reputations in support of an idea or a project. They're following their own visions, and have decided to make the sacrifices necessary to achieve success.

In 1968, after 18 years at Lever Brothers and Playtex, I left my job. I had long thought of doing something on my own, but it was talking with friends and attending a seminar on entrepreneurship that gave me the push I needed. I bought into the watch manufacturer Benrus Corporation. Then in 1979 I acquired the Remington Company. Thirty-five years of experience has given me a good idea of the entrepreneur's profile. To find out if you have what it takes, ask yourself:

1. Do I have enough self-confidence? You must believe in yourself. In a company, you want the people working for you to follow your lead; you want your superiors to respect your judgment. If you're running your own business, you want investors to place their money and trust behind you. You want your clients to catch your enthusiasm and to believe in your product or service.

How can you inspire them if you don't believe in yourself? If you lack self-confidence, find some. Lack of confidence isn't a disease, it's a symptom. Self-perceived negatives can rob you of a healthy ego. Every six months, I do a personal balance sheet. I make a

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list of my pluses and minuses. For example, I was once a procrastinator. Confronting this helped me to overcome it.

I started making it a point to tackle distasteful jobs first. In a short time, procrastination disappeared from my list of minuses. There is nothing on my list I can't overcome if I make the effort. Try a balance sheet of your own.

2. Do I have confidence in my venture? I've been asked, 'When you make an investment, are you backing the idea or the people behind it?' Both. No entrepreneur is a miracle Worker. You can work 16 hours a day, seven days a week, but if your product is lousy, you've wasted your time. A friend of mine is a terrific shoe salesman. When management of the business changed, the quality of the stock dropped off. A customer complained that the expensive shoe she was about to buy was too tight. He offered to stretch it. 'I gripped the shoe and pulled, he told me. It tore in half. What had been a finely crafted shoe was now a piece of junk. I told the customer the truth, then I resigned. The lesson is simple: you can't sell anything you wouldn't buy.

3. Am I willing to make sacrifices? Body-builders have a saying, No pain, no gain. It should be the credo of every entrepreneur. Forget the clock. Nine-to-five doesn't exist. Saturday became part of my regular work schedule as a young salesman. And when a snowstorm hit my region, it was an opportunity, not an obstacle. The idea that my rivals would be hiding from the elements gave me the impetus to push my product. It's amazing how receptive a buyer could be when the snow was waist-deep and I was the only friendly face he'd seen all day. If you're opening your own business, you'll lose the security of a regular salary and the company benefits you take for granted.

And there will be other changes. You might not get home for dinner; relaxing week-ends may be few and far between. I've even seen entrepreneurs whose marriages fell apart because they forgot about their spouses. That's one sacrifice I don't recommend!

4. Do I recognize opportunity? This is essential. Get used to examining all angles of a proposition. Ask, 'How can this work for me?' I learnt this the hard way. When I was with Playtex I met an inventor who showed me two pieces of nylon fabric and demonstrated how they adhered without hooks, zips or buttons. All I could think about was the lack of applicability for our brassiere business. That product was Velcro. And not a day goes by when I don't see it used somewhere.

5. Am I decisive? You'd better be. As an entrepreneur, you're on your own. And you're going to encounter situations where time isn't on your side. At Lever Brothers we were launching a new product, an improved wrinkle cream. We planned a major promotion in Ohio stores, with a famous make-up man flying in from New York to apply the stuff. But he suddenly became ill and couldn't come. What do I do now? I thought. So I spent the

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next 24 hours in a crash course in make-up, using a secretary as a guinea pig. Poor woman. I practised until her face was raw.

My moment of truth came with my first customer, the wife of a store president. applied the product and she left without comment. Two days later she came back. Her husband had liked the results so much that she wanted more. Developing a quick positive response to adversity had saved an important promotion campaign.

- (i) What is the common bond of entrepreneurs?
 - (a) They are risk takers and can gamble their money for an idea
 - (b) They have creative mindset
 - (c) They have common experience
 - (d) They are very cautious
- (ii) The writer left his job in
 - (a) 1969
 - (b) 1968
 - (c) 1979
 - (d) 1975
- (iii) What did the 35 years of experience give the writer?
 - (a) Financial Freedom
 - (b) A big House
 - (c) a good idea of the entrepreneur's profile
 - (d) the corporate mainstream
- (iv) What can rob you of a healthy ego?
 - (a) Risk Taking
 - (b) Confidence
 - (c) Self-perceived negatives
 - (d) Enthusiasm
- (v) What gave the writer the impetus to push his product ?
 - (a) His friends
 - (b) His confidence
 - (c) The idea that he will gain profit
 - (d) The idea that his rivals would be hiding from the elements
- (vi) What is the one sacrifice that the writer doesn't recommend
 - (a) Becoming his own friend
 - (b) Not getting 9-5 job
 - (c) Marriages falling apart
 - (d) Security
- (vii) As an entrepreneur
 - (a) You're on your own
 - (b) You have support

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- (c) You have money
- (d) You have Security
- (viii) What was the product that the writer launched at Lever Brothers ?
 - (a) Fairness Cream
 - (b) An improved wrinkle cream
 - (c) An improved fairness cream
 - (d) Ice Cream
- (ix) What saved an important promotion campaign ?
 - (a) Developing good sales
 - (b) Good product
 - (c) Advertising
 - (d) Developing a quick positive response to adversity
- (x) How did the writer overcome procrastination?
 - (a) Confronting it
 - (b) Ignoring it
 - (c) Avoiding it
 - (d) Forgetting about it

6. (i) Use any **five** of the following pairs of words in your sentences : 5x3=15
- (a) Course : Coarse
 - (b) Dyeing : Dying
 - (c) Pale : Pail
 - (d) Stair : Stare
 - (e) Principal : Principle
 - (f) Effect : Affect
 - (g) Cache : Cash
- (ii) Give one word substitution of any **five** of the following and use them in sentences:
- (a) Lists of the books referred to in a scholarly work, typically printed as an appendix
 - (b) Large open-air fire used for burning rubbish or as part of a celebration
 - (c) People who are extremely poor
 - (d) A person who sells and arranges cut flowers
 - (e) Quiet and peaceful
 - (f) Complete Disorder and confusion
 - (g) A person who presents a radio/television programme
- (iii) Change the form of word as indicated in brackets and use them in sentences (any **five**)
- (a) Train (verb)
 - (b) Scratch (noun)
 - (c) Dance (adjective)
 - (d) Fast (adverb)
 - (e) Play (noun)
 - (f) Picture (verb)
 - (g) Study (adjective)