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B.H.Sc. (First Year) (4 Y.D.C.) Examination
योग्यता संबर्धन पाठ्यक्रम - Ability Enhancement Course (AEC)
English Language & Culture-II Paper

Time : 2 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 100

Note : Each Section is compulsory. Follow the instructions given in each Section. The marks distribution is same as shown in the question paper. The blind students will be given 60 minutes extra time.
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Section A (Very Short Answer Type Questions)

5×4=20

Note : Attempt the following questions (50 words) (any five).

1. Why does the poet compare reason with a stream in the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' ?
2. What was the significance of Vivekananda's address "Response to Welcome" to the people of the West and for Hinduism ?
3. How does the astrologer impress people even though he is not a real astrologer ?
4. What is the significance of Hanuman burning Lanka ?
5. What is the most significant quality of Indian civilization ?
6. Which quality of Mahatma Gandhi influenced the West most ?
7. What do you understand by scanning and skimming ?

Section B (Short Answer Type Questions)

5×10=50

Note : Answer the following questions in about 200 words. All questions are compulsory.

1. Explain the spiritual significance of Sunderkandam.

Or

Write a short summary of the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'.

2. Explain how to identify the main idea or theme of a passage. Describe the steps involved in finding the main idea of a passage.

Or

Read the following passage and answer the questions based on the passage :

Children's publishing has progressed immensely in recent years . But in our country, folktales and mythological tales, biographies and comics are the usual contents of children's books. While these tales provide entertainment and acquaint a child with the culture and history of the country, their role is very limited one. Such literature drags the children into a world that has nothing to do with their own lives.

With an increasing population and the spread of education, there is a need for thousands of quality books that could entertain children as well as help them gain knowledge and understanding of the world. Our children need stories that deal with present day life and experience of our own country.

Literature should help children become better citizens. It should equip them to struggle for a better world and to achieve something worthwhile in their lives. Authors of children's books should discard all that has proved harmful to our society like the evils of caste, creed, violence and cruelty and encourage them to love all beings and develop values of a high order.

Questions :

- (a) What is the usual content of children's literature in our country ?
- (b) What are the advantages of this content ?
- (c) What are its disadvantages ?
- (d) What is the advice of the author to the writers of children's literature ?
- (e) Why do we need thousands of 'quality books' for children ? What should they aim at ?

3. Define the following with examples :

- (a) Noun with its classifications (Types)
- (b) Adjectives and its degrees.
- (c) Articles
- (d) Homonyms and Homophones

Or

Do as directed (any ten)

- (a) Write the synonym of beautiful.
- (b) Write the antonym of different.
- (c) I have deposited the (Cheque/check) in the bank. (use the correct word)
- (d) I have a good news for you. (Find the noun and its type)
- (e) It's/Its my duty to serve the nation. (use correct pronoun)
- (f) Write the comparative and superlative degrees of 'Good'.
- (g) A person who believes in the existence of 'God'. (Give one word substitution)
- (h) She is honorable leader of locality. (Insert correct articles)
- (i) Camel is ship of desert. (Insert article)
- (j) Jaya (bake) a birthday cake at the moment. (use present continuous verb)
- (k) We (give) her a doll for her birthday. (past simple)
- (l) She (live) in the town for 10 years. (Present Perfect Continuous)

4. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper drawing attention to the unsanitary condition of the city.

Or

Write a letter to your sister wishing her good luck for the exams she is appearing for.

5. Do as directed : (All)

- (a) Write a conversation between you and your neighbour introducing your friend.
- (b) Write a conversation where you apologizing the principal for not attending the classes regularly.
- (c) Greeting to the relatives.
- (d) Asking librarian for help.

Or

Do as directed : (All)

- (a) Requesting your principal to submit the fee late.
- (b) Inquiring about a course in an institution.
- (c) Introduce yourself.
- (d) Show your agreement for a picnic planned by your friends.

Section C (Long Answer Type Questions)

2×15=30

Note : Attempt all the questions in about 400 words.

1. Write the brief summary of the story 'An Astrologer's Day'.

Or

Give a brief Introduction of Valmiki Ramayan. Why "Sunderkand" has given the name sunderkand ? Describe the qualities of Hanuman presented here in this part of Ramayana.

2. Write paragraph on any *one* :

- (a) Importance of Books
- (b) Use of social media
- (c) Place of women in Indian culture

Or

Write a composition (any *one*) :

- (a) Terrorism
- (b) Importance of Education
- (c) Technological Advancement: Boon or curse
- (d) Environmental concern

