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## ANNUAL EXAMINATION SYSTEM

## GENERAL ENGLISH

(Common for the All Groups and Vocational Stream)

Time allowed : Three hours

Maximum marks : 65

- Note :** (i) You must write the subject-code/paper-code **001** in the box provided on the title page of your answer-book.
- (ii) Make sure that the answer-book contains 30 pages (including title page) and are properly serialed as soon as you receive it.
- (iii) Question/s attempted after leaving blank page/s in the answer-book would not be evaluated.
- (iv) No extra sheet will provided. Answer the questions to the point and avoid cancelling the answered questions.
- (v) Draw a line as soon as you have answered a question.
- (vi) Write on all pages except the back side of the title.
- (vii) While writing answers, the question number should be written correctly.
- (viii) All questions are compulsory.

**Part-I (Objective Type Questions)**

8 marks

1. (a) Answer the following questions as briefly as possible.
- (i) What are the simple routine jobs that humans generally take up ?
- (ii) Why are the people so eager to advise others ?
- (iii) How did Philip manage to get a clean dress ?
- (b) (iv) What type of frames, did Datta show to the customers ?
- (v) What was the effect of small-pox on Bholi ?
- (vi) What was Hryukin wearing ?
- (c) (vii) He objected to \_\_\_ money on cosmetics (spend)

(Fill up the blank with a Gerund)

(viii) He is too poor to offer you any financial help.

(Remove 'too')

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## Part-II (Reading)

10 marks

2. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

I left the well-house eager to learn. Everything had a name, and each name gave birth to a new thought. As we returned to the house, every object which I touched seemed to quiver with life. That is why I saw everything with the strange, new sight that had come to me. On entering the door I remembered the doll I had broken. I felt my way to the hearth and picked up the pieces. I tried vainly to put them together. Then my eyes filled with tears; for I realized what I had done and for the first time I felt repentance and sorrow.

I learned a great many new words that day. I do not remember what they all were; but I do know that mother, father, sister, teacher were among them—words that were to make the world blossom for me, “like Aaron’s rod, with flowers”. It would have been difficult to find a happier child than I was as I lay in my crib at the close of the eventful day and lived over the joys it had brought me, and for the first time longed for a new day to come.

**Questions :-**

- (i) Name the author and the chapter.
- (ii) Why did Helen leave the well house ?
- (iii) What did Helen do near the hearth ?
- (iv) Why did Helen feel a sense of repentance.
- (v) Give in simple English the meanings of two of the words :  
Quiver; hearth; blossom.

3. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow :

When I consider how my light is spent,  
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,  
And that one talent which is death to hide  
Lodged with me useless .....

**Questions :**

- (i) Name the poet and the poem.
- (ii) The word ‘Spent’ means .....
- (iii) In the first line light is a ..... for vision (alliteration/metaphor)
- (iv) What is the meaning of the word ‘talent’ in the line.

“..... and that one talent.....”?

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(3)

But believe me, son,  
 I want to be what I used to be.  
 When I was like you. I want  
 to unlearn all these muting things.  
 Most of all, I want to relearn  
 how to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror  
 shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs.

*Questions :*

- (i) Name the poet and the poem.
- (ii) Whom is the poet talking to
- (iii) What are the things that the poet wants to unlearn ?
- (iv) What does the poet compare his teeth to ?

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**Part-III (Writing)**

14 marks

4. Make a precis of the following passage and give it a suitable heading.

Moral Science not only helps us in imbibing good moral values, but also enables us to differentiate between good and evil. It moulds our character, personality and equips us with good etiquettes and manners making our lives happy and wholesome. Education and advancement in any field without good moral values and character brings about chaos and ruin. There are innumerable examples from history that bear testimony to this fact. Germany under Adolf Hitler advanced and progressed considerably. However his misplaced notion of the superiority of the German race and the profound hatred for the Jews brought his country to ruins. Moral Science is the basic building block of our character and hence its importance over other subjects taught in school. It not only benefits the individual, but also the society at large, making the world a better place to live in.

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5. Write an application for the job of a clerk in a private company selling electrical appliances. Give details of your qualifications and experience. You are Sandeep, living at Patel Nagar, New Delhi.

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper complaining against reckless driving.

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6. Explain the following newspaper headline in 15-20 words 13 teachers lost their lives in road accident.

OR

Write an e-mail to your friend who is abroad congratulating him on his success in medical exam there.

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(4)

8 marks

**Part-IV (Grammar)**

7. Do as directed :

- (a) Fill in the blank with suitable determiners
- (i) He did not make ..... mistakes in his essay. 2
- (ii) Kindly show me ..... pens.
- (b) Fill up the blanks with one of these (Infinitive, Gerund, Participle):
- (i) I have come ..... (see) you 2
- (ii) He labours hard. He wants to succeed (Use infinitive to combine).
- (c) (i) We go to college to receive education. (Change into complex sentence) 2
- (ii) Girish found a bag and a pen (Change into compound sentence). 1
- (d) Where did you see him (Change the Voice.) 1
- (e) "Sit down boys," said the teacher (Change the Narration) 1

25 marks

**Part-V (Literature)**

8. Give a central idea of 'The Echoing Green' or 'On Friendship'. 3
9. Answer *three* of the following questions in 40 to 50 words each :
- (i) Describe the value of polite behaviour as expressed in A.G. Gardiner's essay 'On Saying Please.' 3
- (ii) How would Hassan apologise for his absence in the class? 3
- (iii) Explain the writers views about advising others. 3
- (iv) How did Mrs. Esputa help Philip? 3
10. Answer *two* of the following questions in 40 to 50 words each :
- (i) Ram Lal was not worried about his children except Bholi. Why? 3
- (ii) Why did the village elders threaten Chandu? 3
- (iii) How did the girl with the bandaged eyes feel on her blind day? 3
11. Give a brief character sketch of the narrator (Helen Keller) 6
- or
- Write a note on the theme of the chapter 'In celebration of Being Alive.'
12. Datta found a solution to his problem. Did it really work for him? Justify your answer. 6
- or
- Give a brief character sketch of Miss Beam. 6