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**ANNUAL EXAMINATION SYSTEM**  
**GENERAL ENGLISH**  
**(Common for All Groups and Vocational Stream)**  
**(Evening Session)**

Time allowed : Three hours

Maximum marks : 65

- Note :** (i) You must write the subject-code/paper-code **001/C** 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 serialied 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 be 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–A (Objective type questions)**

1. Answer the following questions :

- (i) Who propogated the art of lateral thinking ? (Thinking out of the Box : Lateral Thinking)
- (ii) How do we infect the world ? (On Saying Please)
- (iii) What had Lucia been suffering from ? (Two Gentlemen of Verona)
- (iv) Who did Miss Beam lead the author to ? (The School for Sympathy)
- (v) Why did the Tehsildar come to the village ? (Bholi)
- (vi) How far was Taran Taran from Karam Singh's village ? (The Bull beneath the Earth)
- (vii) Fill in the blank with suitable Determiner :  
He gave away ..... money he had in charity.
- (viii) Choose the correct passive voice of the following sentence from the answer given below :  
Who abused you ?
- (a) Whom were you abused by ?                      (b) By whom will you be abused ?
- (c) By whom were you abused ?                      (d) By whom were you abused by ?

8×1=8

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**Part-B (Reading)**

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

More and more, as I near the end of career as a heart surgeon, my thoughts have turned to the consideration of why people should suffer. Suffering seems so cruelly prevalent in the world today. Do you know that of the 125 million children born this year, 12 million are unlikely to reach the age of one and another six million will die before the age of five ? And, of the rest, many will end up as mental or physical cripples.

My gloomy thoughts probably stem from an accident I had a few years ago. One minute I was crossing the street with my wife after a lovely meal together, and the next minute a car had hit me and knocked me into my wife. She was thrown into the other lane and struck by a car coming from the opposite direction.

- (i) Write the name of the chapter and of its author.
- (ii) Where have the narrator's thoughts turned to ?
- (iii) What is the profession of the narrator ?
- (iv) In which incident were Barnard's gloomy thoughts rooted ?
- (v) Give the meanings of any *two* of the following in simple English :  
gloomy; prevalent; cripples.

2+1+1+1+1=6

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

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveller, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;  
Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim

- (a) Name the poem and its poet.
- (b) What does the poet see in front of him ?
- (c) What is the poet sorry about ?
- (d) What is the symbolic meaning of two different paths in the woods ?

OR

The Sun does arise  
And make happy the skies,  
The merry bells ring  
To welcome the Spring,

The skylark and thrush,  
 The birds of the bush,  
 Sing louder around  
 To the bells' cheerful sound,  
 While our sports shall be seen  
 On the Echoing Green.

- Name the poem and its poet.
- Name the birds which sing to welcome the spring.
- What purpose does the ringing of the merry bells serve in the poem ?
- How can you say that the mood in the poem is happy and carefree, celebrating a close bond between man and nature ? 4×1=4

### Part-C (Writing)

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

The great value of travel as a means of mental development, is that it stimulates the brain and adds much to a man's receptiveness and power of observation. Not many men are so inert and apathetic that they can travel with dull eyes. They are practically forced to take notice of the many things that are different in foreign countries. It is quite true that a man does not really see his own country until he has travelled it. Very few Englishmen appreciate England until they have lived for a time in foreign countries. Travel pours a flood of data into brain and compels brain to notice and compare. It starts up a thinking process. It rids the brain of little local, dwarfing prejudices. Of all educational influences it is one of the most effective. 5

5. Imagine you are Nidhi Sharma and living in Sector-23 C, Chandigarh. Write a letter to a book-seller ordering some books.

OR

Imagine you are Sonali Sharma and you are resident of Officer's Colony, Ludhiana. Write a letter to the Mayor, Municipal Corporation of your city drawing his attention to the problem of stray dogs in your locality. 6

6. Explain the newspaper headline 'Vehicles thieves held' in 15-20 words.

OR

Write an E-mail to a friend thanking him for the birthday gift sent to you by him. 3

### Part-D (Grammar)

7. Do as directed :

(a) Fill in the blanks with suitable Determiners :

- I had put in ..... hard work.
- ..... umbrella is ..... useful thing.

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- (b) (i) ..... (Run) water is not always fit for drinking. (Fill up the blank with a Participle)  
 (ii) I saw him ..... (cross) the road. (Fill up the blank with a Gerund)
- (c) (i) If she does not weep, she will die. (Transform into a Compound-Sentence).  
 (ii) The news was too good to be true. (Remove 'too')
- (d) (i) We elected Thomas captain. (Change the Voice)  
 (ii) My uncle said that he had bought that house in 2005. (Change the Narration)

4×2=8

**Part-E (Literature)**

8. Write down the central idea of any *one* of the poems given below :

(i) Once Upon A Time

(ii) On His Blindness

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9. Answer any *three* questions in 40-50 words each :

(i) Describe Philip's experience at the bakery.

(The March King)

(ii) How did 'lateral thinking' help the millionaire ?

(Thinking out of the Box : Lateral Thinking)

(iii) Write about Dr. Barnard's brother's suffering ?

(In Celebration of Being Alive)

(iv) Write, in brief, what you know about the Ghadar Party.

(Ghadari Babas in Kalapani Jail) 3×2=6

10. Answer any *two* questions in 40-50 words each :

(i) What is the educative value of a blind, deaf or a lame day ? (The School for Sympathy)

(ii) Ram Lal was not worried about his children except Bholi .Why ?

(Bholi)

(iii) Datta found a solution to the problem. Did it really work for him ? Justify your answer.

(The Gold Frame) 2×2=4

11. What is theme of the chapter – "On Giving Advice" in about 100-120 words.

or

Draw a brief character sketch of the two boys in the story "Two Gentlemen of Verona" in about 100-120 words.

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12. What impression do you gather about Datta, the frame maker ? (The Gold Frame) in about 100-120 words.

or

Write, in brief, the character sketch of Bholi's teacher in about 100-120 words. (Bholi) 6

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