

Roll No.

91501

**B. Sc. 2nd Semester (New Scheme)
(Pass Course)**

Examination – May, 2016

ENGLISH

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 40

Before answering the questions, candidates should ensure that they have been supplied the correct and complete question paper. No complaint in this regard, will be entertained after examination.

Note : Attempt *all* questions.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 4

Thirdly, our civilization is more secure than any that have gone before it. This is because it is much more widely spread. Most of the previous civilizations known to history came to an end because vigorous but uncivilized people broke in upon them and destroyed them. This was the fate of Babylon and Assyria, it happened over and over again in India and China; it brought about the end of Greece and the fall of Rome.

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Questions :

- (i) Name the essay and the essayist.
- (ii) Who destroyed most of the previous civilizations ?
- (iii) What was the fate of Babylon and Assyria ?
- (iv) Which word in the passage means 'powerful' ?

OR

War seems now a video game, where 'victory' produces a good feeling as computer-generated destruction is revealed on a video screen. The heroism, the bravery, the risk of combat : all the things which have for so long been a part of military endeavours seem no longer a part of warfare. More ominously, war seems to have become an activity without consequences.

Questions :

- (i) According to the author, what does war seem now ?
- (ii) How can the war now be fought ?

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- (iii) What used to be a part and parcel of old-time wars ?
- (iv) What does the author want to convey through this passage ?

2. Explain with reference to context : 4

How do I answer the question when they ask me, 'Dr. Bernard, you have people at home who work for you and they are usually black people. When your child is sick, they look after your child, they feel the child, they bathe the child. But when that child goes to Hospital and that maid is a nurse, she can not look after the child!'

OR

In terms of employment as well as promotion in work and occupation, women of ten face greater handicap than men. A country like Japan may be quite egalitarian in matters of demography or basic facilities, and even, to a great extent, in higher education, and yet progress to elevated levels of employment and occupation seems to be much more problematic for women than for men.

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3. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about 30 words each : 6

- (i) Why is modern civilization more secure than the Past civilization ?
- (ii) What were the Laws of apparthaid ?
- (iii) Name the three barriers in the matter of social intercourse which the ordinary uneducated Hindu must observe ?
- (iv) Name the two great war-poets of USA and the major difference between them.

4. Which innovation did Narlikar introduce for autograph seekers and why ? Did his plan succeed ? 8

OR

What, according to Amartya Sen are the seven types of gender inequality ? Explain briefly in your own words.

5. Translation into Hindi : 5

It is strange that if you learn anything when you are young you remember it for ever. Now that I am old I forget everything in a few seconds, and everybody in

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five minutes after they have been introduced to me. That is great happiness, as I don't want to be bothered with new things and new people. But I still cannot get on without remembering what my governess taught me. So cram in all you can while you are young.

OR

(For Non-Hindi speaking/Foreign candidates only)

Read the Passage and answer the questions that follow :

A strong reason for students becoming unruly is parental neglect. In olden days, children lived in joint families in which many members of the family gave them time and attention. But now in nuclear families the mothers are rushing to full time jobs. They don't have time for their children. In school, the classes are very large with 50 to 70 students. Thus the attention of the teachers is not directed towards single students.

Questions :

- (i) Why are the students becoming unruly ?
- (ii) What happened in olden days ?

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(iii) What is the opposite of a 'Joint family'?

(iv) What problems do students face in school?

(v) Use in your own words:

(i) family (ii) Job.

6. Make a precis of the following passage and give it a suitable title. 6

Procrastination is a common problem with everyone. The habit of delaying things to future is a general tendency. This happens because of many reasons. Either the person is not prepared for a work or he is unsure of success. Another reason is fear of the unknown as well as a sense of comfort with things as they are. So man tends to put things off. What we fail to realise is that one can not delay a piece of work forever. There are deadlines to be met and results to be delivered. Some times the work is of so important nature that delay causes more problems. Therefore, one must learn to make priorities. A few things are urgent, others are important. One must learn to do urgent things according to a regulated schedule.

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7. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner complaining about the number of thefts in your area. 7

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a news paper suggesting how the problem of begging can be stopped.

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