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**B. Sc. EXAMINATION**

(Second Semester)

ENGLISH

*Time : Three Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 40*

**Note :** Attempt all questions.

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :  $1 \times 5 = 5$
- Curiosity killed the cat. What killed curiosity ? The answer is CAT, meaning conformism and teaching. I am talking of curiosity in the context of school education, of course. In his autobiography the famous astrophysicist Fred Hoyle recounts an episode from his primary school days. His school teacher had told the class that a certain type of flower had five

petals. Young Fred was curious and wanted to check the facts by looking for these flowers. While most did have five petals, he came across one that had six. He brought it to the attention of the teacher. Had there been only four petals, one could explain the fact by arguing that one had fallen off. But how do you explain the extra petal ? Was the rule of five petals wrong, after all, he asked. The teacher was not used to being so questioned and he responded by boxing the boy's ears. Fred, however, did not take it lying down. This is not the way of answering a legitimate question, he argued and managed to convince his mother that she should change his school.

**Questions :**

- (i) Does Fred Hoyle recount a happy incident from his primary school days ?
- (ii) What would have been the excuse if there would have been four petals ?

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- (iii) For what change Fred Hoyle convinced his mother ?
- (iv) Why did the teacher box the boy's ears ?
- (v) What is meaning of the word 'Legitimate' ?

*Or*

A man fights another : one wins, one loses. It is the same with armies. Both men and armies gain victory by risking. Each soldier knows it could be him lying on the ground, that the cost of trying to kill another is that one might, oneself, be killed. No more. American warplanes and missiles have allowed one nation to bring grievous destruction to another—at no cost, actual or potential. The intervention of machines has made it possible to evade reciprocity, to escape the symmetry that has always characterized military engagement.

**Questions :**

- (i) Name the author of the essay from which these lines have been taken.

- (ii) Name the essay from which these lines have been taken.
- (iii) What does a soldier risk in a battle ?
- (iv) How has machines contributed in wars ?
- (v) Give at least one antonym of 'victory'.

2. Explain the meaning of the following lines with reference to the context :

In democratic countries men are equal before the law and have a voice in deciding how and by whom they shall be governed. But the sharing-out of money—which means the sharing-out of food and clothing and houses and books and so on - is still very unfair. While some few people live in luxury, many have not even enough to eat and drink and wear. Even in the finest of the world's cities thousands of people live in dreadful surroundings. There are many families of five or six persons who live in a single room; in this room they sleep and dress and wash and

eat their meals; in the same room they are born, and in this same room they die. And they live like this not for fun but because they are too poor to afford another room.

*Or*

Among the Hindu social reformers there is a moderate section. This section holds that untouchability is separate from the caste system. Following this ideology, they hold that it is possible to remove untouchability without attacking the caste system. The religious minded Hindu is as opposed to the removal of untouchability as he is to the removal of the caste system. He is as opposed to dealing with social reform in two stages as he is in dealing with it in one stage.

3. Answer any *three* questions in about **30** words each :

- (i) Why safety is so important for our civilization ?
- (ii) What is rote learning ?

(iii) What steps does Dr. Narlikar suggest to encourage curiosity, creativity and originality in our education system ?

(iv) What is apartheid ? Narrate in your own words some of the expectations Dr. Christian Barnard had during the apartheid days.

(v) Explain the separate "provinces" for men and women' theory.

(vi) What is one major defect of our civilization ? 2×3=6

4. Which aspects of our civilization does C.E.M. Joad choose for its praise ? Give a detailed description.

*Or*

Write a note on the seven types of gender inequalities that are discussed in Amartya Sen's

5. Translate the following passage in Hindi :  
India is a land of diverse religions. Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Sikhs live like brothers here. We need to evolve a suitable technique and method for serving the spiritual needs of school children. Thereby, we can promote an atmosphere of mutual respect among different communities in our society. By learning different languages, we also learn to appreciate and respect other religions. On the other hand, imposition of a single way of life or form of worship on children can lead to conflicts later on. Thus, our religious broad-mindedness can help our next generation. Language is a great tool of culture. It can affect people's temperament. Through language we can teach it how to tolerate and thus love others. 5

*Or*

**(Only for non-Hindi speaking/foreign candidates)**

Read this passage carefully and answer the questions given the end :

For a student walking is preferable to all the other exercises. The advantage of this mode

of exercise is that it is simple. The apparatus is all at hand complete. You need not wait for the importation of machinery. It is in the open air that the lungs can at once receive the pure air of heaven and the eyes gaze upon hill and dale, upon trees and flowers, upon the objects animate and inanimate. The very objects of sight and sound cheer the mind and raise the spirit. Another advantage of walking is that you can have a friend to walk with and unbend the mind by pleasant conversation. Once try the method of walking with a friend regularly for a few weeks and you will be surprised at the marvellous results. On those afternoons when study is not required, be sure to take long walks and lay up health for days to come.

**Questions :**

- (i) Why, according to the writer, walking is preferable to various other physical exercises ?
- (ii) How can you say that the writer is a lover of Nature ?

(iii) Do you agree with the writer's opinion ?  
Why ?

(iv) Give a suitable title to the above passage.

(v) From the above passage bring out the words synonymous with the following words : benefit or needed

6. Make a precis of the following passage and also give a suitable title to it : 6+1=7

The effect of books is two-fold: to preserve knowledge in time and spread it in space. Suppose, for example, that you think of an important idea or a beautiful poem. Unless you can write it down, your idea or poem will probably die. Even if you do write it down, it perishes as soon as the mice eat the paper or it gets decayed. But once printing had been discovered the idea or the poem could be made to last as long as one liked. And so, it could live long after you had died. Not only could it live in time but also in space. By making enough copies of it you could bring it to the notice of hundreds, and thousands of people.

P.T.O.

Write an application for the post of a Science teacher in a school which has been advertised in *The Hindustan Times* recently. 8

Or

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