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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2011–2012)

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B.A./ B.Sc./ B.S.W./B.V.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2012
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : FOUNDATION CORE
PAPER : ENGLISH CORE – III
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

I. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:
(15 marks)

KIRAN: Poor Hasmukh. At times I really pitied him.

HASMUKH: Pity? Who do you think you are to pity me?

KIRAN: He depended on me for everything. He thought he was the decision maker. But I was. He wanted me to run his life. Like his father had. (*Pause.*) Hasmukh didn't really want a mistress. He wanted a father. He saw in me a woman who would father him! (*Laughs. Hasmukh cringes at her laughter.*) Men never really grow up!

SONAL: (*laughing*) Do they want to?

KIRAN: I should have hated him. Like I should have hated my father, my brothers and my husband. But all I felt for him was pity.

HASMUKH: Enough! I say, enough! I paid you to do my work. Not ridicule me!

KIRAN: Even his attempts at ruling over you after his death, through his will, are pathetic. (*Hasmukh sticks his fingers into his ears and shuts his eyes.*) The only reason he wanted to do that is because his father had ruled over his family. All his life he was merely being a good boy to his father.

SONAL: How little I knew him. If I had understood him when he was alive, I would have died laughing.

HASMUKH: (*slapping his ears and shutting his eyes even tighter.*) I can still hear them! I can still hear and see these women!

KIRAN: Thank God, Ajit has escaped.

SONAL: Escaped?

KIRAN: He may not be the greatest rebel on earth, but at least he is free of his father's beliefs. He resists. In a small way, but at least it's a start. That is enough to prove that Ajit has won and Hasmukh has lost.

HASMUKH: And who made you the judge? My own mistress saying that I have lost and my son has won.

- 1) What does Kiran mean when she states that Hasmukh wanted her to "father him"? (2 marks)
- 2) Why did Kiran pity Hasmukh? (5 marks)
- 3) In what way, according to Kiran, does Ajit emerge the winner and Hasmukh the loser? (5 marks)
- 4) Make sentences of your own using any **three** of the words given below bringing out their meaning in the passage: (3 marks)
attempt, rebel, depend, ridicule, escape, belief

II. Read the following excerpt and answer the questions given below: (15 marks)

What needs to be done?
Fill out the application
and enclose the resumé.

Regardless of the length of life,
a resume is best kept short.

Concise, well-chosen facts are de rigueur.
Landscapes are replaced by addresses,
shaky memories give way to unshakeable dates.

Of all your loves, mention only the marriage;
of all your children, only those who were born.

Who knows you matters more than whom you know.
Trips only if taken abroad.
Memberships in what but without why.
Honors, but not how they were earned.

- 1) What does the poet mean when she states "Who knows you matters more than whom you know"? (2 marks)
- 2) What are some of the "well-chosen facts" found in a resumé? (5 marks)
- 3) Why does Szymborska feel that the resumé is not a complete record of a person's life? (5 marks)
- 4) Make sentences of your own using any **three** of the words/phrases given below bringing out their meaning in the passage: (3 marks)
replaced by, mention, enclose, earn, memories, trip

III. Answer any TWO of the following in about two paragraphs(125-150 words):
(2 x 10 = 20 marks)

- 1) How does Namdeo Dhasal portray New Delhi in his poem “New Delhi, 1985” ?
- 2) Write about Kiran Jhaveri’s relationships with members of the Mehta family after the death of Hasmukh.
- 3) How does Szymborska portray modern life in “Writing a Resumé” ?
- 4) Describe the character of the daughter-in-law, Preeti, in the play *Where There’s a Will*.

IV. Narrate in four paragraphs any ONE of the following using the hints given below:
(1 x 15 = 15 marks)

- 1) The entry of Kiran Jhaveri into the Mehta house
Kiran’s entry – Sonal’s reaction – Preeti’s attitude – Kiran’s past – Sonal’s welcome
- 2) Hasmukh’s childhood and his father’s training
Hasmukh’s brother’s escapades – Hasmukh’s father’s reaction – loss of freedom and end of school – interest in money and business – shaping of Hasmukh’s character

V. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense forms of the verbs given in brackets:
(10 marks)

A bat _____ (fly) past my ear softly, and vanishes into an Ashoka tree. I _____ (walk) slowly, _____(admire) the lovely garden, the dark greens of early morning and yellow-brown huddle of bamboo. As I _____(step) around carpets of Gulmohar blossoms, the first jogger _____(arrive) and _____(run) past me in a blur. At 5.23 a.m, I _____(try) to keep up with my friend Murali. He _____ (tell) me about free yoga classes in the park and _____(introduce) me to another regular in the park. In the 1960s, the park _____(be) just half this size, they both tell me.

VI. Change the following sentences into direct/indirect speech: (5 marks)

- 1) “What a lovely day it is!” said Reema.
- 2) The usher requested the people to form a queue and show him their tickets.
- 3) The little girl said to her mother, “When does the sun go to sleep?”
- 4) “You cannot use your cell phones on campus,” the teacher said.
- 5) Sita reminded her sister to meet her the following week.

VII. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions:(20 marks)

A team of naturalists from Bellary, including Santosh Martin, honorary wildlife warden of Bellary district; K.S. Abdul Samad of the Society for Wildlife and Nature (SWaN); and Anand Kundargi, naturalist from Siruguppa, have discovered the long-billed vulture (*Gyps indicus*), a critically endangered species.

Sixteen of these vultures, along with four Egyptian vultures, were sighted in a remote village bordering Bellary and Raichur districts of Karnataka.

“Our umpteen expeditions to discover the vultures for the past several years have at last yielded fruit. Every time we get a report of sighting of the vulture by the locals, with whom we are in regular touch, we used to rush and scan the entire area, only to be disappointed. But on Sunday we were lucky. Based on the information given by the locals, that they had seen a group of vultures feeding on a sheep carcass in a field, we reached the spot and were awestruck to see as many as 16 vultures sitting on a hill, an ideal habitat,” Mr. Martin told *The Hindu*.

The long billed vulture, closely related to the Griffon Vulture (*G. fulvus*), breeds mainly on hilly crags in central and peninsular India. Like other vultures, it is a scavenger, feeding mostly on carcasses. It often moves in flocks.

Mr. Martin, while expecting a healthy population of around 25 vultures in the vicinity, did not wish to disclose the actual location, apprehending a threat to the birds at this stage.

The vulture population has been on the decline and the reason is said to be poisoning caused by Diclofenac, a veterinary drug. The non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug is given to animals to reduce joint pain and poses a threat to the lives of vultures consuming the carcass of the animal administered with the drug.

“The discovery of a flourishing population of vultures in north Karnataka throws a ray of hope for the conservation of the critically endangered vultures. Now it is our responsibility to conserve the bird and its habitat,” Mr. Samad said, adding that SWaN and Wildlife SOS, New Delhi, were planning to take up a research project on the distribution and ecology of vultures in north Karnataka.

-The Hindu, 29 August 2012

- 1) What are some of the characteristic features of the long billed vulture? (5 marks)
- 2) Why does Mr. Martin say “But on Sunday we were lucky”? (5 marks)
- 3) Match the following words with their appropriate meaning: (5 marks)

habitat	danger
carcass	protect
remote	home
threat	distant
conserve	remains
- 4) Write a summary of the passage in a paragraph of about 150 words. (5 marks)
