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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2011–2012 and thereafter)
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B.A./ B.Sc./ B.S.W./B.V.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2013
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)

AJIT. Will you two please be quiet? (*Preeti and Sonal stop talking.*) Now we can't do anything about daddy's will. He's made it and he's gone.

PREETI. Can't we contest it? After all, it's only natural that you should be his heir.

AJIT. No, we can't contest the will. It was all his money and his property. He could do whatever he liked with it.

SONAL. But why did he do this to us? He must have been mad!

PREETI. Mad! That's it! We can say that he wasn't in the right frame of mind when he made the will. We'll get certificates to prove he was senile!

HASMUKH. I wish my son had half her brains.

AJIT. No, we can't do that.

PREETI. How do you know we can't? I bet you didn't even think of it until I mentioned it just now. You don't have half my brains.

SONAL. There! I told you she's no good. Now that this has happened, she hates me. She hates you.

PREETI. I'll see to it that it's done. Oh! Everything will be all right. All we have to do is get a doctor to say that he wasn't all there during the last few months. (*Moves to the phone.*) I'll phone Dr Jhunjhunwalla right away.

AJIT. You're wasting your time. It's no use.

PREETI (*dialling*). Why not, you silly oaf!

AJIT. Because Daddy had a qualified physician as witness number one to his will! (*Preeti, who has finished dialling, turns and looks at Ajit.*) Also attached to the will was a certificate stating that the signatory was of sound mind and . . .

PREETI. Rubbish! Anyway, only our family doctor would really know . . .

AJIT. And it was signed 'Dr Jhunjhunwalla'.

Pause. Preeti digests this news and then reacts as someone answers the phone.

PREETI (*on the phone, calmly*). Hello. Dr Jhunjhunwalla? (*Then angrily.*) How could you? You horrible creature! How could you do this to us?

AJIT. Preeti! (*Grabs the phone from her.*)

Preeti runs up to her room, sobbing.

(*On the phone*). Wrong number. (*Puts the phone back on the cradle.*) Preeti!

- 1) What does Preeti decide to do on hearing about Hasmukh's will? (3 marks)
- 2) "I wish my son had half her brains." Explain. (2 marks)
- 3) Why does Ajit state that Preeti's plan will not work? (3 marks)
- 4) Describe Preeti's change in behaviour based on the extract given above. (4 marks)
- 5) Make sentences of your own using any **three** of the words given below bringing out their meaning in the passage: (3 marks)
qualified, witness, property, senile, attached, horrible

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

Write as if you'd never talked to yourself
And always kept yourself at arm's length.

Pass over in silence your dogs, cats, birds,
Dusty keepsakes, friends, and dreams.

Price, not worth, and title, not what's inside.
His shoe size, not where he's off to,
that one you pass off as yourself.
In addition, a photograph with one ear showing.
What matters is its shape, not what it hears.
What is there to hear, anyway?
The clatter of paper shredders.

- 1) Mention any three aspects of a person's life that are omitted in a resume. (3 marks)
- 2) Explain the phrase "that one you pass off as yourself". (4 marks)
- 3) What are Szymborska's views on the photograph required in a resume? (3 marks)
- 4) What happens to a resume eventually, according to Szymborska? (2 marks)
- 5) Make sentences of your own using any **three** of the words/phrases given below bringing out their meaning in the passage: (3 marks)
at arm's length, clatter, pass over, worth, keepsakes, price

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

- 1) Why is Hasmukh's family shocked after reading the will?
- 2) What are Szymborska's views on writing a resume?
- 3) What does the poem 'New Delhi, 1985' describe?
- 4) How does Hasmukh Mehta treat his son, Ajit, 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) Discovery of Preeti's deceitful act using sleeping pills
Kiran's discovery – Preeti's's reaction – their confrontation – Preeti's apology
- 2) Kiran Jhaveri's past
Her parents and brothers – relationship with Hasmukh – her marriage

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

On August 8 this year, the eve of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, Ruby Hembrom _____ (decide) to institute Adivasi Pickle, a "prize for indigenous ideology, thought and knowledge". In the announcement, she _____ (call on) the Adivasis to share unpublished stories of their lives, struggles and triumphs. From the submissions, a jury _____ (select) "the most relevant entry". This _____ (publish) in August 2014, by Adivaani, a publishing house "by and for" Adivasis, _____ (start) last year by Ruby.

A lawyer by training, Ruby was born and _____ (bring up) in Kolkata. While _____ (attend) a publishing course, which _____ (introduce) her to the whole spectrum of the Indian publishing business, Ruby _____ (notice) that Adivasis were conspicuous by their absence. Along with Joy Tudu and Luis A. Gomes, who _____ (now handle) Adivaani's marketing and design aspects respectively, she set out to redress this lack.

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

- 1) The student pleaded with her mother to let her go out with her friends.
- 2) "You cannot disturb others by talking loudly," the teacher says.
- 3) "How green the fields look immediately after the rains!!" said Aditya.
- 4) Sharon said to her husband, "When can we go for our walk?"
- 5) Meera's mother reminded her to come home early the next day.

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

The concept of a Hollywood film -- Hotel for Dogs - is being replicated at a farmhouse in the Capital to provide luxury for canines in real life. 'Pet Lovers Hut' is a farmhouse, which doubles up as a one stop shop for pet owners in regard to dogs – boarding, training, and grooming.

Amidst loud and booming barks, Kuldeep Chauhan, head trainer and owner of Pet Lovers Hut, is visibly the happiest when surrounded by his furry friends. He trains dogs, takes them in when their owners go away on trips, arranges birthday parties for man's best friend, and provides grooming for the beautiful canines. He says, "I love seeing dogs lounging around in kennels, happily barking, chasing their tails, and just basically being the happy, cheerful beings they are."

Dog training is not something that one generally leans towards, when choosing a profession. But he has made it his calling. He is saddened by how humans treat dogs these days and how people join this profession for money. "I joined this profession because of my interest and love for dogs, and not because of money. I had seen my elder

brother train dogs, and the moment I got done with my class 12 exams, I knew that this was what I wanted to do. Dog training has proved to be a profitable business and it is easy to find people willing to be trainers for you. Most of them come only for the money; but we insist on taking those who care about the dogs.” Owners have to spend Rs 500 per day for an air-conditioned room and Rs 400 for a room with a cooler as boarding charges for their pets.

Dog training comes with its set of occupational hazards, with a risk of danger as well. But Kuldeep has learnt to pre-empt a dog’s reaction now. “A dog that bites can be recognised – it will always be alert and stiff, its hair will stand on end, and its tail will be erect. When we visit any house for training, we always ask the dog’s name first, as it gives him the feeling that we know him. We don’t approach them without taking their names. Dogs attack in their own territories and are scared in others’. On principle, we do not train dogs that aren’t vaccinated,” says Kuldeep, explaining that his job may seem scary but is not a problem if proper precautions are taken.

Villagers who live around the farmhouse-cum-kennel, are amused by the job he does, as they think dogs can only belong to the streets, and nowhere else. Sometimes, they also mock and taunt him for the same. “They keep asking me ‘*Yeh kaam socha kaise bhai*’? (How did you come to think of this profession?) My friends and family were shocked and mocking of my decision initially, but now they support me through and through.”

But dog training is hard work and trainers are required to work at all times of the day. “Every dog has a different drive. You can train some with food, while others are more driven by toys. After the dogs are trained at our centre, trainers go to the houses to check if the owners are following the post-training instructions properly,” says Kuldeep.

Dogs and trainers often get attached to each other during the training period. After the training is over, sometimes for days the dogs continue to wait for the trainers to come at the same time of the day that they used to. “Now we don’t get time to meet them. Dogs are lovable creatures and it’s obvious that trainers get attached to them too. And we never forget them.” says Kuldeep. “There are trainers who train by beating the dogs right from the beginning. That scares the dog into submission, but doesn’t make him listen to his owners. One needs to have a connection with the dog.”

With a soulful smile, Kuldeep says, “Training dogs is the best decision I’ve ever made.” His furry friends seem to be thinking the same.

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- 1) Describe Kuldeep Chauhan’s profession. (5 marks)
- 2) How can one recognize a dog that bites? (5 marks)
- 3) Match the following words with their appropriate meaning: (5 marks)

furry	make fun of
mock	fond of
lounging	copied
attached	hairy
replicated	relaxing
- 4) Write a summary of the passage in a paragraph of about 150 words. (5 marks)

