

B.A./ B.Sc./ B.S.W./B.V.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2014  
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. Why did you throw them out of the window?

PREETI. I-I didn't need them anymore.

KIRAN. So these are your vitamins, are they?

PREETI. (*weakly*). Yes.

KIRAN. No, they are not. These are your father-in-law's tablets. They controlled his blood pressure. They kept him alive. (*Shows her the tablets in her other hand.*) These are your vitamins. Now I'll mix them up. (*Mixes them and throws them on the bed.*) Can you tell the difference? No, you can't. Unless you look very close. The companies' names are embossed on the tablets. But a person who is used to taking them every day will not look so close. (*Studies Preeti, who is trembling now.*) The tablets you threw out of the window were the ones for high blood pressure. The tablets I found on his dressing table were your . . . vitamins. (*Preeti starts sobbing.*) When did you exchange them? Oh, you could have done it any time. You had plenty of opportunity. He was right – you are very clever. Of course you didn't kill him. You just let nature do the work for you. Were you so impatient? Couldn't you wait a few more years? Oh, I'm glad he made this will! You don't deserve any of his money.

PREETI. You have no proof!

KIRAN. I don't need any. Just knowing is enough.

PREETI. What exactly do you intend doing now?

KIRAN. As you say, I have no proof. I can't go to the police. I don't want to. For Hasmukh's sake. For his grandchild's sake. Your mother-in-law was right. I compared myself to you. We both desire money. She said, don't lower yourself by comparing yourself to her. You are low. I don't know what to do with you. I have the power to disinherit you. But that would affect Ajit too. No. I think the best thing would be to tell Ajit. Let him deal with you. He will hate you for the rest of his life!

PREETI. No! Don't tell him. Please!

- 1) Why, according to Kiran, did Preeti keep her father-in-law's tablets in her room? (4 marks)
- 2) What does Kiran mean when she says "Your mother-in-law was right." (4 marks)
- 3) Describe Preeti's reactions to Kiran's accusations. (4 marks)
- 4) Make sentences of your own using any **three** of the words given below bringing out their meaning in the passage: (3 marks)  
disinherit, opportunity, compare, deserve, controlled, desire

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

Your town is cursed with power;  
Roses flow in this stream of blood;  
The waters of your Yamuna stand exposed.

India Gate:  
Over there, the Rashtrapathi Bhavan.  
How ruthlessly has this city been combed and groomed!  
White elephants sway at the gate of the past.  
Goldsmiths mould replicas of peacocks.  
Your well-carpentered glory.  
Long Kashmiri carpets are rolled out in your streets.  
Armed regiments on alert;  
The showy itch of culture;

- 1) Explain the line "Roses flow in this stream of blood;" (4 marks)
- 2) Describe New Delhi "combed and groomed" on Republic Day. (4 marks)
- 3) What is the speaker's opinion about the celebrations? (4 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)  
rolled out, flow, armed, past, exposed, glory

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

- 1) Describe the reactions of the Mehta family when Kiran Jhaveri enters the house.
- 2) Which aspects of life are not included in a resume, according to the speaker in the poem 'Writing a Resume'?
- 3) Why does Hasmukh decide to leave the house and rest permanently on the tamarind tree?
- 4) What is the speaker's opinion of those in power in the poem 'New Delhi, 1985'?

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

- 1) Kiran's marriage  
Hamukh's decision – marriage to an excise inspector – Mr. Jhaveri's love for imported whisky – his side business of selling empty liquor bottles – getting fired.
- 2) Hasmukh's past  
His family – his brother's actions – his father's decision – success in business – relationship with his father.

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

Richard Attenborough's death reminds us that we, as a nation, and the Indian Government, \_\_\_\_\_ (fail) to appreciate him for making a movie on Gandhi.

This Englishman \_\_\_\_\_ (dare) to portray in his film the atrocities \_\_\_\_\_ (commit) by the British on the Indians. In the process, he \_\_\_\_\_ (highlight) the power of non-violence and \_\_\_\_\_ (show) the world a sustainable way of building peace across borders.

The movie, in this manner, \_\_\_\_\_ (convey) the values that we \_\_\_\_\_ (read about) in the holy books of all religions.

Many people \_\_\_\_\_ (claim) that their lives have changed after watching the movie. Shouldn't the Government then \_\_\_\_\_ (institute) an award in the name of Attenborough to filmmakers who \_\_\_\_\_ (promote) peaceful solutions to problems existing in the world?

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

- 1) The gardener said to Meena, "Don't pluck the flowers."
- 2) The salesman asked Natasha whether she wanted a smart phone.
- 3) "What an interesting story!" said Karan.
- 4) The class representative said, "The teacher has asked us to complete the work today."
- 5) The Principal announced that exams would be conducted as scheduled.

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

"Kashmiris are the most wonderful people on earth. Were it not for the kindness, generosity and humanity they displayed in the worst of times, I would, perhaps, not have survived to tell our tale," says Vibhor Keny, safely back at his Ravanfond-Margao residence from flood-ravaged Kashmir. "Our hosts were Muslims and they swore by Islam. And through their noble deeds they taught us the values Islam stands for."

The 27-year-old was part of a 21-member trekking expedition to Srinagar. Navroj Almani, also from Margao, was another Goan in the group that had members, including 10 women, from across the country.

Sonmarg was their base camp, and the trek that got delayed by a day, had to be called off midway on account of bad weather. After spending a night at Nichnay Pass where night temperatures had dropped to zero degrees Celsius, they returned to Sonmarg, only to find that their base camp had been washed away.

"We took shelter in the house of our kitchen staff (of the trekking group), Pervez and Rafiq. The family actually took care of all our needs without any expectation for almost two days. Once the Sonmarg-Srinagar highway was opened, we headed to Srinagar by cabs," recalls Keny.

At Srinagar, the group put up at a guesthouse located nearly 500m from Dal lake. It was then that things started to turn for the worse. "From our guesthouse we could see the overflowing lake. Every two hours floodwaters would come closer to us by over five feet. Our survival was now at stake. We came out in search of food and the locals did everything they could to help us. We were literally floored by all their acts of kindness," says Keny.

He recounts an anecdote to drive home his point. "There was this owner of a bakery at Srinagar. As we were famished, we made our way to this shop, the only one that we found open in the area. Asked about the price of a loaf of (Indian) bread, he said, 'yeh to paanchrupayekaekhai. Paisa hai to de dena, nahi to lekejana'. (It is Rs. 5 each. You may pay if you have cash, else, just take it). We were moved by his selfless attitude. The owner of our guesthouse, Zahoor Ahmed and his son Omar, went out of their way to ensure we were out of harm's way," Keny says with gratitude.

On learning about a rescue camp some five kilometres away from the guesthouse, the group left their belongings (their huge trekking bags, etc.) at the guesthouse (Ahmed has promised them to send back their bags once the situation returns to normal) and made it to the relief shelter at Raj Bhavan, Srinagar.

Here, thousands of people had already queued up ahead of them to make it to the helipad so that Army choppers could airlift them to be dropped at the Srinagar military base. Here, food was being rationed. People were jostling to get a packet of biscuit and a pouch of juice. Keny spent two days at the helipad until his turn came. Women and the elderly were given preference.

From Srinagar airport, an Army cargo aircraft flew Keny to Delhi. He finally reached home on September 12, to the cozy embrace of his parents who until then were having sleepless nights. So will he ever return to Kashmir? "Just to pay my respects to the locals. Anytime," he quips. "Kashmir is heaven, not because of the place and its environs, but because of the lovely people who live there."

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- 1) Why did Vibhor Keny visit Kashmir? (2 marks)
- 2) "We were literally floored by all their acts of kindness," says Keny. Write about any two incidents which Keny mentions. (4 marks)
- 3) Describe the scene at the relief camp at Raj Bhavan, Srinagar. (4 marks)
- 4) Match the following words with their appropriate meaning: (5 marks)
 

environs	story
anecdote	hug
ravaged	surroundings
pouch	damaged
embrace	bag
- 5) Write a summary of the passage in a paragraph of about 150 words. (5 marks)

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