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B.A./B.Sc./B.S.W./B.V.A./B.Com./B.C.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2016
SECOND SEMESTER

COURSE : FOUNDATION CORE
PAPER : ENGLISH CORE - II
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A

I. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow: (2 x 15 = 30 marks)

- A. How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us. If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them?

Every part of the Earth is sacred to my people. Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is holy in the memory and experience of my people. The sap which courses through the trees carries the memories of the red man.

The white man's dead forget the country of their birth when they go to walk among the stars. Our dead never forget this beautiful Earth, for it is the mother of the red man. We are part of the Earth and it is part of us. The perfumed flowers are our sisters, the deer, the horse, the great eagle, these are our brothers. The rocky crests, the juices in the meadows, the body heat of the pony, and the man - all belong to the same family.

So, when the Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land, he asks much of us. The Great Chief sends word he will reserve us a place so that we can live comfortably to ourselves. He will be our father and we will be his children. So we will consider your offer to buy our land. But it will not be easy. For this land is sacred to us.

This shining water that moves in the streams and rivers is not just water but the blood of our ancestors. If we sell you the land, you must remember that it is sacred and you must teach your children that it is sacred and that each ghostly reflection in the clear water of the lakes tells of events and memories in the life of my people. The waters murmur is the voice of my father's father.

The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst. The rivers carry our canoes and feed our children. If we sell you our land, you must remember and teach your children, that the rivers are our brothers and yours, and you must henceforth give the rivers the kindness you would give any brother. We know that the white man does not understand our ways. One portion of land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger who comes in the night and takes from the land whatever he needs. The Earth is not his brother, but his enemy and when he has conquered it, he moves on. He leaves his father's grave behind, and he does not care. He kidnaps the Earth from his children, and he does not care.

1. "...buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land" – Why does it seem a strange idea to Chief Seattle? (3 marks)
2. Why is the earth so sacred to Chief Seattle? (4 marks)
3. How is the white man different from the red man? (4 marks)
4. Frame sentences on your own using any four of the words given below. The sentences should bring out the meaning in the context of the passage. (4 marks)

humming memories sacred reflection murmur quench conquer

- B. Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess with skin white as snow and hair black as night, so she was called Snow Night. Her mother died when she was a baby, and her father remarried. Snow Night's stepmother was a noted sorceress, and also famous for her beauty, of a more mature type than that of the young princess.

Everyone at court watched with interest as Snow Night grew up to be a charming young woman. Particularly interested was her father's Master of the Hunt, who was called Lord Hunter. He aspired to improve his rank by marrying a royal princess. Moreover he found Snow Night exceedingly desirable. Therefore he made every effort to woo her. He sent her the best flowers plucked from the royal gardens and very bad poems plucked from his own mind. He subjected her to long monologues about his hunting successes. He hovered at her elbow in every procession and tried to fill her dance card with his own name at every grand ball.

Snow Night, however, did her best to avoid him. Though he was arrogant and fancied himself a very gallant gentleman, she found his attentions unwelcome. His touch made her shudder. Lord Hunter was heavy, coarse and greasy-haired. His breath stank, his fingernails were dirty, and his speech unrefined. Snow Night thought him repulsive. "If my father tries to make me marry a hideous old toad like Hunter," she confided to her maid, "I'll run away."

1. Describe Snow Night in your own words. (3 marks)
2. How did Lord Hunter try to win the heart of Snow Night? (4 marks)
3. What were Snow Night's feelings towards Lord Hunter? State the reasons. (4 marks)
4. Frame sentences on your own using any four of the words given below. The sentences should bring out the meaning in the context of the passage. (4 marks)

noted mature charming aspire hovered fancied gallant

II. Answer any two of the following in about 150 words each: (2 x 10 = 20 marks)

1. What are the differences between Chinese art and Greek art?
2. What are Roald Dahl's views on television?
3. Describe the daughter's feelings towards her mother in "Dahlia."
4. Why did Mrs. Mallard die "of joy that kills" ?

III. Fill in the blanks choosing words from the list given below:**(1 x 10 = 10 marks)**

There stood facing the open _____, a comfortable, _____ armchair. Into this she sank, pressed down by a physical _____ that haunted her body and seemed to reach into her soul. She could see in the open _____ before her house the tops of trees that were all aquiver with the new spring life. The delicious _____ of rain was in the air. In the street below a _____ was crying his _____. The notes of a distant _____ which some one was singing reached her _____ and countless _____ were twittering in the eaves.

square	roomy	breath	window	wares	sparrows
faintly	exhaustion	peddler	patches	song	

SECTION B**IV. Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject:****(1 x 15 = 15 marks)**

- Rice do / does not grow in cold climates.
- All entry and exit doors was / were closed when the programme began.
- The children in my neighborhood attend / attends a night school.
- Either Joseph or Mary have / has your keys.
- Four kilometers are / is the distance I walk to college everyday.
- The employment of little children is / are a punishable offence.
- Physics is / are one of my favourite subjects.
- Either of the two options is / are feasible.
- The police knew exactly where the dacoits were hidden / hiding.
- Anybody are / is welcome to participate in the Conference.
- Neither Jane nor Jimmy was / were at the party yesterday.
- Dev as well as Tom are / is responsible for the commotion at the stadium.
- The team, including both pitchers, is / are outstanding.
- Mini, as well as Mani, attend / attends piano classes everyday.
- Percy and her sisters are / is travelling to London next week.

V. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets:**(1 x 10 = 10 marks)**

- One morning while she _____(walk) along the river bank, she _____ (see) a deer.
- My hands _____ (be) dirty since I _____ (clean) the house.
- Jack _____ (burn) his hand while he _____ (cook) dinner.
- I _____ (meet) Jill yesterday but I _____ (not, see) him today.
- Jim _____ (write) letters since morning. He _____ (write) eight already.

SECTION C**VI. Write an essay in about 150 words on any one of the following:****(15 marks)**

- The importance of computer literacy
- Your favourite programme in college
- Homes for the aged
