

B.A./ B.Sc./ B.S.W./B.V.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2017
THIRD SEMESTER

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

MAX. MARKS: 100

SECTION A

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

Herambha Hegde was a peculiar man; he was not at all avaricious. Though he had previously planned to stay on throughout the rainy season and harvest his produce for the year, he was willing to leave everything and move on once the compensation was sanctioned. He felt there was no need to stick on to his old way of life. He liked the new place allotted to him near Ananthapura. He was attracted to the city and so he decided to loosen the bonds that bound him to Hosemanehalli. Who knew what tomorrow would bring? He had a houseful of children, his wife was pregnant again. What if he needed help when the Sharavathi surrounded the village? What if they were marooned? What if the engineers had miscalculated and the village drowned that very monsoon? They had stayed there long enough. It was time to move on....

Herambha was ready to leave. The government lorries were packed with all his belongings, even the wooden beams, tiles, hay for thatched roof, everything.

‘Herambha...,’ said Ganapayya.

‘Aa, Ganapayya, I myself wanted to talk to you about that,’ replied Herambha. ‘Since you’re going to stay on, you can harvest my field and farm. After all, it’s not as if they are *mine*. I just happened to own them, that’s all. You don’t have to give me a single areca nut. I’ve planted the rice saplings, yes. Whether you feel like giving me a share or not, it is up to you. You know why I say this? Because you’ll have to work a lot more on the paddy field than I did before you can harvest it.’...

Ganapayya, Duggaja, and Nagaveni felt depressed to see the lorries receding. They were filled with a vague dread too as if the isolation was ominous. They felt a sudden urge to up and go. But these feelings were temporary. Ganapayya slung his axe over his shoulder and set out to chop firewood to be stocked for the monsoon.

1. Why did Herambha Hegde decide to leave Hosemanehalli? (4)
2. Why does Herambha give Ganapayya permission to harvest his paddy fields? (4)
3. Why do Ganapayya, Duggaja and Nagaveni feel depressed? (4)
4. Form sentences of your own using any three of the following words: (3)

peculiar belongings share drown avaricious single

II. Answer any two of the following in about 200 words: (2 x 10=20 marks)

1. Why does Hasmukh appoint Kiran his trustee?
2. Describe Hasmukh’s relationship with his son.
3. Describe Ganappaya.
4. How does the building of the dam on the Sharavathi affect the lives of the people?

III. Fill in the blanks choosing a suitable word from the list given below.**(1 x 10= 10 marks)**

live	grip	tamarind	nasty	dangle	demonstrates
head	peculiar	look	family	relax	

HASMUKH (to the audience). Have you ever swung on a ----- tree? Upside down? You should try it sometime. You can see the world the way it really is. It's important to get a good ----- on the branch with your legs. Then you can relax your hands and ----- . Like this. (----- by lying on his back and letting his head and hands ----- over the side of the table.) How do I----- ? I don't know about me, but you all definitely look----- . (Points at someone) Your shoes need polishing. (Straightens up) That's the way I see my----- now. Their lives have been turned upside down since Kiran entered this house. I suppose it was a ----- thing to do. Making Kiran come and ----- here.

SECTION B**IVa. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (10 marks)****The Octopus and its Survival Strategies**

Some people say that the best defence is a good offence; an octopus, however, would disagree. In addition to being one of the strangest and most beautiful creatures in nature, the octopus has some of the most inventive and effective defence mechanisms imaginable. While other animals have teeth, horns, or claws to help defend them from predators, the octopus concentrates its energy on hiding from and confusing its attackers. When it wants to get away, the octopus has an impressive arsenal of tricks at its disposal.

The most well-known of the octopus's defence mechanisms is its ability to squirt clouds of ink into the water. Some octopi use this cloud of ink as camouflage; after squirting the ink, the octopus retreats into the ink cloud where the predator cannot see it. Other octopi use the ink cloud as a decoy. If a large, intelligent predator such as a shark knows that octopi use ink clouds for camouflage, it might simply attack the ink cloud blindly, hoping to make contact with the octopus inside. However, some sneaky octopi will release the ink cloud in one direction and scurry away in another direction, leaving the predator with nothing but a mouthful of ink. In addition to confusing predators' sense of sight, these ink clouds also confuse their sense of smell. The ink is composed primarily of melanin (the same chemical that gives human skin its color), which can shut down a predator's sense of smell. If an octopus cannot be seen or smelled, it has a much higher chance of escaping an attack.

Another defence mechanism possessed by many octopi is the ability to change color, much like a chameleon. Most animals get their skin color from chemicals in the skin called chromatophores (melanin is one of these chromatophores). Chromatophores might contain yellow, orange, red, brown, or black pigments, and the amount of each pigment present in the skin determines an animal's color. While most animals are always the same color, some species of octopi can control the amount of each color pigment in their skin cells, allowing them to change color. Some poisonous octopi, when provoked, will change their skin to a bright, eye-catching color to warn predators that they are dangerous and ready to strike. Other octopi use this ability to change their skin to the color and texture of seaweed or coral, allowing them to blend in with their environment. Finally, some octopi—such as the mimic octopus—use this color-changing ability to masquerade as another type of animal. The body of an octopus is highly

flexible, and some species can combine this flexibility with their color-changing skills to make themselves resemble more dangerous animals such as sea snakes or eels. While the octopus may not be the most vicious creature in the ocean, its numerous and clever defence mechanisms help it to survive in the dangerous undersea world.

1. Which is the most well-known defence mechanism that the octopus uses? Describe it. 3 marks
2. How does the octopus' flexibility help it survive? 3 marks
3. How does the ability to change colour help an octopus? 3 marks
4. Name the octopus that has the ability to act like another animal. 1 mark

IV b. Attempt a summary of the passage given above.

5 marks

SECTION C

Va. Change the following sentences to reported speech.

(1x10=10 marks)

1. Anne said, "The needle in a compass always points to the North."
2. "I never understand you," she told me.
3. Susannah said tearfully, "I am sorry."
4. Michael said, "Who is your friend?"
5. My father always says, "Honesty is the best policy."
6. Martha said, "If I tidy my room, my dad will be happy."
7. Mary said, "Greg came yesterday."
8. "Would you mind closing the window please?" she said.
9. My teacher says, "The sky is blue."
10. "He is thinking of buying a new car," she said.

V b. Fill in the blanks below with the appropriate form of the verb.

(1x15=15 marks)

I ---- (learn) English for seven years now. But last year I did not work hard enough for English, that's why my marks were really not that good. As I ----- (want) to pass my English exam successfully next year, I ---- (study) harder this term. During my last summer holidays, my parents ---- (send) me on a language course to London. It ---- (be) great and I ---- (learn) a lot. Before I ---- (go) to London, I ---- (not / enjoy) learning English. But while I ---- (do) the language course, I ---- (meet) lots of young people from all over the world. There I ---- (notice) how important it ---- (be) to speak foreign languages nowadays. Now I ---- (have) much more fun learning English than I ---- (have) before the course. At the moment I ---- (revise) English grammar.

VI. Write a narrative essay of about 200 words using the hints provided below. (15 marks)

Kiran asks Preeti about the tablets – difference between the tablets –realises the change in the tablets – confronts Preeti – Preeti begs Kiran not to tell Ajit.
