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B. A. I Semester Examination

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GENERAL ENGLISH

Course No.: UENTC-101

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

SECTION-A

Write in about 250-300 words:

(3×10=30)

1. Analyse the following lines:

"Crafty men condemn studies, simple men admire them; for they teach not their own use; but that is a wisdom without them and above them, won by observation".

(OR)

Write a note on the mingling of the elements of humour, pathos and humanity in Charles Lamb's essay "Poor Relations"?

2. Write the detail summary of the poem "Leave this Chanting".

(OR)

Evaluate the Central idea of the poem "If".

3. Who is the main character in the story "The Child"? Analyse his/ her role in the plot.

Comment on the relationship shared by the old teacher and his grand daughter Ans4hu.

SECTION-B

Attempt any THREE in about 60-80 words:

(3×6=18)

1. Comment on the title of the essay "Freedom of the Press".

2. Write in brief the message of the essay "Wings on Fire".

3. Analyse the theme of the sonnet "The World is Too Much with Us".

4. Evaluate the gist of the poem "The Adventurer".

5. Comment on the title of the story "The Last Leaf".

## SECTION-C

1- A. Read the following passage to answer the given questions based on it: (5×2=10)

There was a rich couple who was throwing a big New Year party at their house. So they went shopping at the market where everything was of high cost and fixed price. They wanted to maintain their level of standard so didn't mind paying for it. After purchasing all they needed, they called a porter to carry everything and drop it at their home. The porter who came was old aged, not very healthy looking, his clothes were torn, looked as if he wasn't even able to meet his daily needs.

They asked the porter about the charges for delivering their goods at their address. The old porter quoted just Rs. 200, a well below the market rate for delivering goods at couple's home in his cart. Yet, the couple argued and bargained with the porter and family settled for Rs. 150. The porter was struggling to make even one time's meal so he needed anything he could earn.

The couple was very happy thinking how well they bargained with the poor porter and paid him Rs. 150 in advance and left after giving the porter their address for delivery. They reached their home and hour passed, two hours passed, but the porter still hadn't delivered their stuff.

The wife started to get angry at her husband, "I always tell you to not trust such person, but still you never listen to me. Such person who is not even able to earn to feed himself for one time in a day, you handed him everything we purchased for our big party. I am sure instead of delivering at our home; he must have disappeared with everything. We must immediately go back to the market to inquire and then to the police station to file the complaint against him". <https://www.jktopper.com>

They both left towards the market. On their way near the market, they saw another porter. They stopped him to inquire about the old porter and noticed that he was carrying their stuff in his cart! The angry wife asked him, "Where is that old thief? It seems you poor thieves are stealing our stuff and going to sell it".

The porter replied. "Madam, Please calm down. That poor old man was sick since last month. He wasn't able to earn enough to even have a single meal of the day. He was on the way. to deliver your stuff, but he who was hungry and sick, couldn't gather the strength to go any further in this heat of the summer He fell down and while handing me Rs. 150, his last words were "I had taken an advance for this delivery, you take this and please deliver to this address".

"Madam. He was hungry, he was poor, but he is an honest man. I was just on the way to complete old man's last delivery at your home", the porter said. Upon hearing this, the

husband had tears in his eyes, but the wife felt so ashamed, she had no courage to see up in her husband's eyes.

1. Why did the old porter settle for Rs. 150 only as the delivery charges when he had already asked for Rs. 200, a price well below the market rate ?
2. What is the moral of the story narrated in the above passage ?
3. Why did the old porter not deliver the couple's stuff to their address ?
4. Why did the couple buy all the stuff despite the fact that it was of high cost and fixed price ?
5. What could be an appropriate title for the story ?

B. (A). Identify the consonant sound of the underlined letters: (ANY THREE).  $3 \times 1 = 3$ )

Porter

carry

his

charges

wife

(B). Identify the vowel sound of the underlined letters: (ANY THREE).  $(3 \times 1 = 3)$

poor

old

man

was

sick

2. A. Subject and Verb Agreement. (10 × 1 = 10)

Fill in the blanks choosing the correct word: (ANY TEN)

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ (do/does) answer.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) eating the apple.
3. John \_\_\_\_\_ (has played/have played) the football.
4. Seema \_\_\_\_\_ (was suppose/is supposed) to marry Ram.
5. She \_\_\_\_\_ (has finished/is finish) her homework.
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ (are doing/is pursing) B.Sc.

7. They \_\_\_\_\_ (are/is) playing the football.
8. Each \_\_\_\_\_ (does/do) a good deal of work around the office.
9. Both \_\_\_\_\_ (do/does) a good deal of work around the office.
10. A pencil and an eraser \_\_\_\_\_ (make/makes) writing easier.
11. Neither the director nor the actors \_\_\_\_\_ (are/is) following the lines closely.
12. Neither the actors nor the director \_\_\_\_\_ (are/is) following the lines closely.
13. The Grapes of the Wrath \_\_\_\_\_ (take/takes) a long time to read.
14. Your pants \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) dirty.
15. The study \_\_\_\_\_ (show/shows) that 80% of the people of this continent live above poverty line.

B. Antonyms/Synonyms.

- a. Write the antonyms of the following words: (ANY THREE) (3×1=3)  
lazy, strong, brave, girl, faith.
- b. Write the synonyms of the following words : (ANY THREE) (3×1=3)  
merry, beautiful, huge, urgent, fake