

POST BASIC BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
DEGREE EXAMINATION

FIRST YEAR – NON SEMESTER

PAPER IX – ENGLISH

Q.P. Code: 684890

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

Answer All Questions:

I. Rewrite the following sentences as directed: (20 x 1 = 20)**Change the sentences into active or passive voice:**

1. A new house was bought by Suriya. (into Active)
2. A song was sung by Swetha yesterday. (into Active)
3. We are buying vegetables. (into Passive)
4. The CBI will have solved the problem. (into Passive)

Fill in the blanks with verbs using the correct tense:

5. If I have time, I _____ (meet) you.
6. Rajan _____ (write) a letter yesterday.
7. Geetha _____ (send) me a letter last week.

Change into Direct/indirect Speech:

8. Rani said to Renuka, "How clever you are!".
9. Raga lamented lonely that it was all her fate.
10. Selvan said, "Can I climb the hill?".
11. Sundari asked Priya where she was going then.

Fill in the blanks with correct word:

12. The train arrived ten minutes _____ (late/lately).
13. I will see a little _____ (later/latter).
14. Mr. Shyam is an expert in (dying/dyeing).

Do as directed

15. On seeing the policeman, the pickpocket ran away. (Change into compound)
16. The reason for his absence is not clear. (Change into Complex)
17. They sell pure milk. (Change into Complex)

Correct the mistakes in the following sentences:

18. Physics are my favourite subject.
19. Jim is one of the best student in the class.
20. Neither Rani nor her sisters likes cakes.

II. Give meanings of the words:

(5 x 1 = 5)

1. Bear up
2. Carry out
3. Go through
4. Take off
5. Put down

Frame sentences using words/phrases given below**(5 x 1 = 5)**

1. Get rid of
2. Drop in
3. Come across
4. Look into
5. Keep up

III. Write short notes to any Five questions based on prescribed text:**(5 x 2 = 10)**

1. Why was Mr.Connor's speech unclear?
2. Why didn't Matt have fever in spite of his peritonitis?
3. Detail the laboratory tests required for assessment of the condition of a burn victim.
4. What made Agatha's mother scream?
5. How did Miss.Sullivan teach Helen the first word?
6. What are the signs and symptoms of intestinal obstruction?

IV. Summarise the given passage to one third of its length: Give a suitable title:**(1 x 10 = 10)**

The latest buzz word in the continuing debate about the environment is '*sustainable management*' – that means using plants and animals for our own benefit, but ensuring that enough are left alive to guarantee the survival of the species. This sounds good, but is it practical in reality? In spite of years of scientific research, no-one really knows how much damage human beings are doing to their environment. We know that they are responsible for many problems ranging from global warming to ozone depletion, and there is no doubt that they have a devastating effect on animal and plant life on Earth.

About 50,000 animal and plant species are becoming extinct every year. All species are becoming extinct every year. All species depend in some way on one another for survival. If you remove one species from this complex web of inter-relationships, we have little idea of the repercussions on the ecosystem in general.

What makes things more complicated is the fact that unlike global warming – which if the political will was there, could be reduced by cutting gas emissions – preserving bio-diversity remains a difficult dilemma.

There are also questions about whether sustainable management is practical as far as protecting areas of great bio-diversity such as the world's tropical forests are concerned. In theory, the principle should be the same as with elephants; i.e. to cut a number of trees, but not so many as to completely destroy the forest.

Sustainable management of trees requires controls on the number of trees which are cut down as well as investment in replacing them. Most tropical forests exist in poor countries which depend on logging to make money. For most loggers in these countries, making money means cutting down as many trees as possible in the shortest time. The prices of trees remains stable, varying by 4-5% annually, whereas interest rates in most developing countries can create 15% or more in returns. It therefore makes little sense, and certainly no economic sense, to delay tree-felling.

One solution could be to insist that wood comes from sustainably managed forests. In theory consumers would buy only this wood and force logging companies to go "green" or else out of business. Unfortunately, unrestricted logging is more profitable than wood from sustainably managed forests which would cost up to 5 times more to control. Consumers would not be prepared to pay the extra sum just to protect the environment.

The sad fact is that there is no practical solution to protecting vegetation and wildlife of tropical forests in the future. It is estimated that these forests contain anything from 50 to 90 per cent of all animals and plant species on Earth. In one study of a 5km square area of rain forest in Peru, for example, scientists counted 1,300 species of butterfly and 600 species of bird. In the entire USA only 400 species of butterfly and 700 species of bird have been recorded. Sustainable management represents a gigantic experiment. If this doesn't work. We can't move to another planet to escape. It's a case of one planet, one experiment!.

V. Letter Writing:

(1 x 10 = 10)

Write a letter to the Nursing Superintendent requesting leave for five days to attend your sister's wedding. (or)

Write a letter applying for the Post of a Teacher in response to an advertisement in the "THE HINDU".

VI. Write an essay in about 350 words on any ONE of the topics given below: (1 x 15 = 15)

1. A sound mind in a sound body.
2. Unity is strength.
