

**POST BASIC BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
(NURSING) B.Sc. (N) (PB)**

Term-End Examination

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BNS-104 : COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Note : Answer all questions.

1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow :

Population ageing has become one of the most important global trends in the twenty-first century. The revolution in longevity and the steady declining fertility rates dramatically raised the number and proportion of elderly (60+) all over the world. Since 1950, the proportion of elderly has been rising steadily, passing from 8 percent in 1950 to 11 percent in 2009, and is expected to reach 22 percent in 2050 (World Population Ageing, 2009).

Labelled as *Graying Nation*, with over seven percent of its population above sixty plus segment, India will carry the bulk of burden of caring for the elderly population. The elderly population in India has already crossed 100 million in 2010 and is projected to rise to 198 million in 2030 and 326 million in 2050 (Krishnamoorthy, 2010). The life expectancy at birth for both males and females has doubled from 32 years in 1951 to 65 years in 2002 (Singh A.P., 2010).

The breakdown of traditional joint family system, massive employment of women, rapid rates of rural-urban migration and a decline in the pool of youth resources has posed new challenges in the care of the elderly population.

- (a) What is meant by the term “revolution in longevity” in the context of the passage ? 2
- (b) Why is the elderly population rapidly increasing all over the world ? 2
- (c) What is meant by the phrase “Graying Nation” ? 2
- (d) What are the new challenges in the care for the elderly ? 3
- (e) Give an appropriate title to the passage. 1

2. Answer the following :

- (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct articles (a, an, the), wherever necessary. Put a cross mark (×) if no article is needed in the blank space. 5×1=5

(i) _____ honest man is _____ noblest work of God.

(ii) _____ Ganges is considered to be _____ sacred river.

(iii) He is late by _____ hour.

- (b) Fill in the blanks with the correct determiners. 5×1=5

(all, any, much, neither ... nor, many)

(i) _____ Rama _____ Krishna is responsible for this accident.

(ii) _____ of what he said was lost in the noise.

(iii) Can _____ one of you come to his rescue ?

(iv) _____ said and done, this is the only solution for the problem.

(v) _____ a time, I have been warned but I never cared.

3. (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions : 5×1=5

When people become dependent _____ drugs _____ solve their problems, they lose the capacity _____ deal _____ life's situations _____ perseverance, self-discipline and mental effort.

- (b) Change the following sentences into either active voice or passive voice : 4×1=4

(i) Florence Nightingale is considered to be the guardian angel of the sick by the whole world.

(ii) People with never-say-die spirit win all the battles of life.

(iii) Sing the song.

(iv) All were praising her for her selfless service.

4. (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. 5×1=5

(i) Fortune _____ (favour) the brave.

(ii) Here _____ (come) the doctor !

(iii) The nurse _____ (have) just _____ (arrive).

(iv) Don't disturb me. I _____ (do) my homework.

(b) Make questions for the following answers : 4×1=4

(i) I am coming from London.

(ii) I have been in this profession for the past three years.

(iii) This is not a children's hospital.

(iv) You can approach the receptionist for help.

(c) Add question tags to the following sentences : 2×1=2

(i) Indians are known for their hard work.

(ii) We are all proud to be Indians.

5. Write a conversation between a doctor and a nurse-in-charge of the operation theatre, on the procedure to be followed for the preparation of the theatre for a heart operation. (250 words) 10

6. (a) Write a short note on the importance of note making for the nursing profession. 5
(100 – 150 words)

(b) Bring out the significance of report writing in the nursing profession. (100 – 150 words) 5

7. You are the head nurse-in-charge of the post-delivery ward of a reputed hospital. A lady who was anxious about her delivery, wrote a letter of appreciation and thanks for your sincere and loving care, after her problem-free delivery. Write a letter in response to the above-mentioned letter. Invent the necessary details.

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