

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

Term-End Examination

December, 2018

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BNS-104 : COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Note : *This question paper has seven questions. All questions are compulsory.*

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

My father was a civil engineer in the Indian railways, and as a girl I imagined that he was a very important man indeed, for every time a new railway line was being planned, he had to visit the site, check if the terrain was all right, and decide if it was worth spending money on bridges and tunnels or whether there was a less expensive route that could be taken. Dadda was always being transferred to new sites. In fact, we moved so frequently that my memories have blurred and melded together, a bit like the

landscape viewed through the windows of a speeding train. Then, occasionally, the picture becomes sharp and focussed. For instance, I can recall in exquisite detail the summer months when Dadda's sisters visited us, for those months were always filled with the drama of unexpected events. I remember my mother's constant unhappiness, which ran like a dark thread right through our lives. And I remember Ratnapura Junction, where we were transferred when I was about nine years old.

It was a large, busy station, and when we alighted with our suitcases and bags, I was overwhelmed by the solid wave of sound and smell that hit my senses. Coolies in bright red uniforms gathered around us and fought over the luggage, striding away with boxes and suitcases piled on their heads and slung across their shoulders.

- (a) Why is the author's memory blurred? 3
- (b) When does the picture become sharp and focussed? 3
- (c) Describe Ratnapura Junction. 2
- (d) Describe the behaviour of the coolies. 2

2. (a) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

5×1=5

(i) He put the books _____ the table drawer.

(ii) The cat sat _____ the mat.

(iii) Would you like to go _____ the cinema tonight ?

(iv) _____ the wall, there are many photographs.

(v) We are going _____ holiday next week.

(b) Use the appropriate articles in the following sentences (a, an, the) :

5×1=5

(i) He is _____ honourable man.

(ii) _____ peacock is a beautiful bird.

(iii) She is _____ young girl.

(iv) _____ train will leave at 5 p.m.

(v) She found _____ egg under the hen.

3. Do as instructed :

(a) Fill in the blanks with the right form of the verbs in the brackets : *5×1=5*

(i) The pencil _____ in the bag yesterday. (find)

(ii) The dress cannot _____ in hot water. (wash)

(iii) The message _____ tomorrow. (send)

(iv) The room _____ in the morning. (clean)

(v) The plan _____ in two days. (announce)

(b) Fill in the blanks with the right form of the verbs in the brackets. *5×1=5*

(i) My sister _____ as a teacher. (work/works)

(ii) I _____ to FM radio channels every day. (listen/listened)

(iii) She _____ living here for two years. (has/has been)

(iv) I don't _____ her any more.
(see/seeing)

(v) I _____ cricket every day.
(play/had played)

4. Write the question tags for the following
answers : 10×1=10

(a) He is from India, _____ ?

(b) You like ice-cream, _____ ?

(c) They are sad because their dog died,
_____ ?

(d) Ram is the brightest boy, _____ ?

(e) I can eat sweets, _____ ?

(f) She is sweet, _____ ?

(g) This happened just now, _____ ?

(h) We came by train, _____ ?

(i) I am clever, _____ ?

(j) You are happy, _____ ?

5. Write a letter to your boss asking for one day's leave. 10

OR

Write a letter applying for the post of Hospital Administrator in a Civil Hospital.

6. Write a note on the technique of summarising. 10
7. Write a conversation between a patient and a doctor in which the patient wants his mother attended to first. 10
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