

**POST BASIC
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (NURSING)**

B.Sc. (N) (PR)

02960

**Term-End Examination
June, 2013**

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 :**

When people become dependent on drugs to solve their problems, they lose the capacity to deal with life's situations through perseverance, self-discipline, and mental effort. It is now often considered naive to expend energy on solving a problem when there is an easy way out. It is a simple step from 'look what drugs do for me when I feel depressed' to 'imagine what drug can do for me when I feel good already'.

A distinction must be made, however, between medicine and the sensual drugs; we must not disdain the real and important advances science has made. The history of the medical use of drugs goes back twenty-three centuries to Hippocrates, the Greek physician who is regarded as the father of medicine. He was the first to

recognize that a remedy must take into account, not only the symptoms of the disease, but also the constitution and habits of the patient.

His principles have come down to us as the dictum that the medicine must specifically suit the disease and the patient. That is, when there is a disorder, only a drug that specifically mitigates that disorder should be used. The drug should also have restorative effects, or it will unbalance healthy functions of the brain and body. The correlative of this principle is that a healthy person cannot benefit from taking a drug. This, too, comes from Hippocrates, who said, 'persons in good health quickly lose their strength by taking purgative medicines'.

- (a) What are the right ways suggested by the writer to solve life's problems ? 2
- (b) What is Hippocrate's contribution to the medical use of drugs ? 2
- (c) What will happen if a medicine that does not suit the disease and the patient is prescribed ? 2
- (d) What do the quoted words of Hippocrates convey ? 2
- (e) Give the meaning of the following words according to the context of the passage. $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$
 - (i) perseverance (ii) dictum
 - (iii) mitigate (iv) purgative

2. Do as instructed : 5x1=5

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

_____ hero's welcome awaited Gandhi when he landed on January 9, 1915 at _____ Appollo Bunder in Bombay, and _____ Government of India joined with _____ people in showering _____ honours on him.

- (b) Fill in the blanks with the correct determiners. (some, any, many, a few, each)

(i) _____ seats are available in B.A. Economics course. 5x1=5

(ii) _____ of the nurses may be rude and impolite, but _____ are kind and loving.

(iii) _____ one of the outgoing students was honoured.

(iv) _____ one found to be careless will be punished severely.

3. (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions. 5x1=5

_____ one sense, water is the commonest _____ liquids.

_____ another sense, it is the most uncommon _____ liquids

_____ amazing properties.

(b) Change the sentences into either active voice or passive voice. **4x1=4**

- (i) The whole world salutes India for its rich culture.
- (ii) The batsman was not considered for selection by the board.
- (iii) Gandhiji is considered to be the Apostle of Non Violence by all.
- (iv) Positive thinking will make one's life happy.

4. (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. **5x1=5**

- (i) Where _____ you _____ (buy) this watch ? I _____ (want) one like this.
- (ii) When you see him tomorrow, he _____ (sleep).
- (iii) My birthday _____ (fall) on a Sunday.

(b) Make questions for the following answers :

- (i) I am working in Isabella hospital. **4x1=4**
- (ii) No, the surgeon is not available till Monday.
- (iii) The child will definitely get cured.
- (iv) I do not accept any gifts.

(c) Add question tags to the following sentences : 2x1=2

- (i) All the nurses are sure to come.
- (ii) She is sure of getting the first rank.

5. Write a conversation between two students who are discussing the pros and cons of joining the nursing profession. (250 words). 10
6. (a) Write a short note on the basic skills involved in reading comprehension. (100-150 words) 5
- (b) What are the elements that go into the making of a good paragraph ? Discuss (100-150 words). 5
7. You are the Head nurse of the labour ward of a reputed hospital. One lady who was under your care wrote a letter of thanks and appreciation to you for your kind and affectionate care. Write a letter of reply to the lady, inventing the necessary details. 10
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