

**B.Sc. (Hons.) IN OPTOMETRY AND  
OPHTHALMIC TECHNIQUES (BSCHOT)**

**Term-End Examination**

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**BOS-001 : COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 70*

*Note : All questions are compulsory.*

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows :

**THE GOLDEN GIRL**

Ever since she burst into the scene by making it to the 1980 Moscow Olympics as a 16- year old, P.T. Usha's tall deeds have exemplified Indian sporting excellence. The spirit queen was so consistent for well over a decade that she was truly the flag bearer who helped countrymen live the dream of rare sporting excellence in the international arena.

Hailing from a remote village called Payyoli, Usha became an icon for sport lovers. She made the nation swell with pride, every time she stepped on to the track. She gave unalloyed joy to her fans when she became the first Indian woman to make an Olympic final.

Usha's greatest moment was also the most shattering in her life as she was pushed to the fourth place in the 400 meters hurdles final at the

1984 Los Angeles Olympics. The Romanian Christina Cojocaru won the bronze medal. Usha lost by an agonizing 1/100th of a second. But every Indian household acknowledge the sense of achievement, though it fell short of India's first Olympic medal from the track. Several girls born during the 1980s were named after the golden girl. It serves as an eloquent testimony to the love and affection many people had for Usha.

Usha's reign as the Asian sprint queen was highlighted by her snapping up five gold medals and a bronze at the 1985 Jakarta Asian track and field meet followed by a sensational four gold medals and one silver haul at the Seoul Asian Games the following year.

Well, champions are forever and Usha will always be the yardstick by which any woman athlete will be measured in this country.

**2x5=10**

- I. Answer the following in your own words :
  - (a) When did Usha capture the imagination of the entire nation ?
  - (b) How did she help her country men live the dream of rare sporting excellence ?
  - (c) Why were many girls in the mid 80s named after Usha ?
  - (d) What was the most shattering moment in the life of Usha ?
- II. Write the main events that happened in Usha's life in the following years.
  - (a) 1980 -
  - (b) 1984 -
  - (c) 1985 -
  - (d) 1986 -

2. Write a paragraph on any one of the following in 200 words : 10
- (a) Eye Donation
  - (b) Students' involvement in politics
  - (c) Slow and steady wins the race
  - (d) Physical fitness
3. One of your cousins has been selected for an international summit on leadership organized by the Hindustan Times. Write a letter of congratulations to him/her. 10
4. What are the points to keep in mind while writing an eye testing report ? 5
5. Write a note on note - taking. 5
6. Change the following sentences from direct to indirect speech : 5
- (a) I shall say, "I have been honest all along".
  - (b) Ali said to Mira, "You are a wicked girl".
  - (c) "I have not done my home work", she says.
  - (d) I said to the servant, "I do not believe you".
  - (e) Mita said to me, "Thank you!".
7. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions (about, to, on, among, with, of, for) 5
- (a) He distributed books \_\_\_\_\_ the poor school children.
  - (b) She cut the bread \_\_\_\_\_ a knife.
  - (c) He spoke \_\_\_\_\_ terrorism.
  - (d) He looked \_\_\_\_\_ his spectacles everywhere.
  - (e) The patient died \_\_\_\_\_ cholera.

8. Match the words in column 'A' with their synonyms in column 'B' : 5

A	B
(a) gristed	(i) reply
(b) allow	(ii) correct
(c) respond	(iii) wrong
(d) rectify	(iv) permit
(e) right	(v) wandered

9. Match the words in column 'A' with their antonyms in column 'B' : 5

A	B
(a) Light	(i) different
(b) Noisy	(ii) smooth
(c) Modern	(iii) old-fashioned
(d) Rough	(iv) quiet
(e) Same	(v) heavy

10. Make a summary of the following passage and supply an appropriate title. 10

People depend on plants for their existence. Plants in the form of seeds, especially grains, are important to people because, they are the principal ingredients in most people's diets. Yet most of the plants that are important to people were domesticated or tamed, in prehistoric times. For example, before history was written, corn and wheat became part of people's diets. People have grown these grains as crops in small fields for thousands of years.

Scientists have only recently begun to keep records of the domestication of plants. Because of their records, scientists can predict some of the problems

in domestication of a plant. On the other hand, there are three reasons why scientists cannot guess all of the problems or all of the solutions. The first reason is that they have never been successful in taming a wild plant. The second reason is that they have kept records for a relatively short time. The third reason is that each plant species is unique, different from all other plants. The jojoba is an example, of a plant that scientists are trying to domesticate.

The jojoba is a desert plant that grows wild in the dry regions of the southwestern United States and northern Mexico. It is a bush that grows to be about two metres high. On its many moody branches, the jojoba produces a fruit that is 40 percent to 64 percent liquid wax. This liquid substance, called jojoba oil, is valuable. It can be used as a base for all kinds of cosmetics. It works well as an ingredient in high quality machine oils. By domesticating the jojoba, scientists hope to change unproductive desert land into productive agricultural land.

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