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

Term-End Examination

December, 2010

BNS-104 : COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Note : Answer all questions.

1. *Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given after the passage:*

The chemicals in our bodies are built by the cells (the living units) of which we are made. Each cell contains a set of chemical instructions as to how to do this. Each instruction is named a gene. The genes are stored in special packages named chromosomes. Science has begun to 'read' instructions in all kinds of plants and animals, including people. This will help us to find out about the genes which fight diseases. When we understand how the genes work, we can design more effective medicines.

The total of all the genes in any plant or animal is called genome. In 1989, a huge world wide project was launched to study all the genes in the human genome. As the genome contains

millions of bits of information, the project will probably go on well into the 21st century. The project was completed on 26 June 2000. Some genes have already been identified. For instance, in 1989, the single gene for a disease named cystic fibrosis was identified in the instructions. Children who are born with this disease produce too much of mucus in their lungs. The condition is very difficult to treat and the children usually die young. Now that we know where the gene for the disease is in the genome, we can begin to work out how to correct it.

- (a) What is a gene ? 2
- (b) What are chromosomes ? 2
- (c) What is the effect of 'cystic fibrosis' on children ? 2
- (d) Bring out the meaning of the following words in the given context. 2
1. Design
 2. Launched
- (e) Give an appropriate title for the passage. 2

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : 4
- (a) In this block, we concentrate _____ writing skills. We begin _____ the most basic level, i.e. Writing _____ paragraphs, where we have exemplified different types _____ paragraph writing.
- (b) Complete the following passage using the appropriate articles, 'a/an', 'the' _ effective paragraph requires more than _____ topic sentence and supporting details; it must also be coherent. In _____ coherent paragraph, _____ writer takes _____ reader logically and smoothly from one idea to the next. 5
- (c) In the following sentences, use the right form of the verbs which are given in the brackets. 6
- (i) Hard work and honesty always _____ (pay)
- (ii) When the visitor _____ (come) the patient had already been _____ (discharge).
- (iii) It has been _____ (rain) for the past two hours.
- (iv) Each one of the doctors _____ (be) present.
- (v) The operation was _____ (carry) out successfully.

(d) Make 'wh' questions to the following answers: 5

(i) It was Dr. Christian Bernard who performed the first heart transplant operation.

(ii) The nursing profession is considered to be one of the noblest.

(iii) The primary duty of a doctor is to have concern for his patient.

Frame questions for which 'Yes / No' are the answers :

(iv) Yes, I will never compromise on my principles.

(v) No, he is not the doctor whom I want to consult.

3. Imagine yourself to be a psychiatrist. A girl student who is terribly distressed over her poor marks comes to you for counselling. Construct a conversation on the above context. Invent the necessary details. (in 200-250 words) 10

OR

Imagine yourself to be the Health Inspector of the corporation. Construct a conversation with the Medical Superintendent of a reputed private hospital over the necessity of keeping the hospital environment neat and clean. (in 200-250 words)

4. Write an essay on the importance of communication skills in the modern context. 10
5. Make notes of the passage in QUESTION No. 1, following the principles of note making. 10
6. Write a letter of complaint, in your capacity as the Purchase Manager of a reputed hospital, to the dealer of a company which deals with medical instruments for supplying low-quality equipments to your hospital. Invent the necessary details. 10

OR

Write a letter of application for the post of staff Nurse in a reputed private hospital, with a detailed bio-data.
