

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

**Term-End Examination  
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**BNS-104 : COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH**

*Time : 3 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 70*

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**Note :** *Answer all questions.*

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1. Read the given passage and answer the questions :

John worries about his teeth, hair, lungs, heart ; he is hardly aware of my existence. I am John's liver. When he thinks of me at all, he has no trouble visualising me. I look like what I am supposed to look like - liver. The largest organ in his body, I weigh three pounds. Protected by ribs, I pretty well fill the upper right part of John's abdomen. Despite my unimpressive appearance, I am the most skilled among his organs. In complexity, I shame those headline robbers, the heart and the lungs. I do upwards of five hundred jobs and if I fail in any of the major ones, John had better start making funeral arrangements. I participate in virtually everything that John does. I provide muscle fuel for his game of golf, digest his rich breakfast and manufacture the vitamin that helps his night vision.

- (a) Who is the person referred to here as 'I' ? 1
- (b) 'He is hardly aware of my existence'. What does the sentence mean ? 2
- (c) Where does the liver find a place in the human body ? 1
- (d) 'In complexity, I shame those headline robbers, the heart and the lungs'. What does the sentence mean ? 2
- (e) 'John had better start making funeral arrangements'. What does the sentence imply ? 2
- (f) Mention a few functions of John's liver. 2
2. (a) Fill in the blanks with the right form of the verbs given in the brackets : 5
- (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the doctor work in the hospital ? (do)
- (ii) I \_\_\_\_\_ the pain courageously. (bear)
- (iii) It \_\_\_\_\_ continuously for the last two hours. (rain)
- (iv) You \_\_\_\_\_ the results tomorrow. (know)
- (v) Time and tide \_\_\_\_\_ for none (wait)
- (b) Make questions for the following answers. 6
- (i) The doctor was honoured with the Padmashri.
- (ii) No, it's wrong to condemn the whole nursing profession for the mistakes committed by a few.

- (iii) The Lady with the Lamp is the title given to Florence Nightingale.
- (iv) Yes, I am ready to donate my eyes.
- (v) That was a good film.
- (vi) No, I can't do this.

(c) Fill in the blanks with articles (a, an, the) and determiners (few, little). 5

- (i) The doctor has gone out on \_\_\_\_\_ emergency.
- (ii) The nurse looks after \_\_\_\_\_ sick people
- (iii) He comes home twice \_\_\_\_\_ week
- (iv) There are a \_\_\_\_\_ seats available in the college.
- (v) There is \_\_\_\_\_ water in the well.

(d) Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition : 4

- (i) Read the passage silently \_\_\_\_\_ understanding. If you do not know the meaning \_\_\_\_\_ any word, try and understand it \_\_\_\_\_ the 'context' itself before turning \_\_\_\_\_ a dictionary.

3. Write a letter to the Editor of an English news paper complaining about the noise pollution caused by the loudspeakers in your locality, disturbing the students at the time of their examinations. 10

4. Write a summary of the given passage. -it should be about one - third of the words of the original passage and should have the important points. 10

One of our most difficult problems is what we call discipline, and it is really very complex. You see, society feels that it must control or discipline the citizen, shape his mind according to certain religious, social, moral and economic patterns.

Now, is discipline necessary at all ? Please listen carefully, don't immediately say 'Yes' or 'No'. Most of us feel, especially while we are young, that there should be no discipline, that we should be allowed to do whatever we like and we think that is freedom. But merely to say that we should be free has very little meaning without understanding the whole problem of discipline.

The keen athlete is disciplining himself all the time, is he not ? His joy in playing games and the very necessity to keep fit makes him go to bed early, refrain from smoking, eat the right food and generally observe the rules of good health. His discipline is not an imposition or a conflict, but a natural outcome of his enjoyment of athletics.

Now, does discipline increases or decreases human energy' ? Human beings throughout the world, in every religion, in every school of

philosophy, impose discipline on the mind, which implies control, resistance, adjustment, suppression. 'But is all this necessary' ? If discipline brings about a greater out put of human energy, then it is worth while, then it has meaning ; but if it merely suppresses human energy, it is very harmful, destructive. All of us have energy and the question is whether that energy through discipline can be made vital, rich and abundant or whether discipline destroys whatever energy we have.

5. Write a conversation between a neuro surgeon and the mother of a child who is to undergo a brain surgery. The doctor explains everything about the surgery and is trying to infuse confidence into the anxious mother. (200 words). 10
6. Make notes after reading the following passage. You can make notes in any of the ways you have learnt in the unit. 10

Heart disease is the enemy number one of the human body in our time. It accounts for the largest number of deaths in all affluent societies, out stripping cancer, accidents and infections as causes of death. In developing countries as well, this trend is apparent, now that fewer people die of infections, and more children survive the diseases of childhood.

There are four important types of heart diseases. Firstly, congenital heart disease, which is present at birth ; an example of this is the so - called 'blue baby'. It accounts for 2 percent of all heart diseases. The second type, rheumatic, is quite common in some 30 to 40 percent of all heart cases. It is caused by an infection of the throat, which, if untreated causes damage to the heart. The symptoms are a chronic sore throat, painful joints and high fever. This diseases is wide spread in many developing countries, due to poor living conditions and overcrowding.

High blood pressure is also an important cause of heart disease of the third type, hypertensive, and accounts for some 15 to 25 percent of all heart cases. It is believed that among other factors such as stress and smoking, a higher salt intake in the diet leads to blood pressure.

Degenerative heart disease commonly known as Ischaemic heart disease is the cause of heart attacks, and is one of the most important health problems among adults throughout the world. It is due to blocking of the two blood vessels which supply blood to the heart muscle.

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