

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

Term-End Examination **01055**
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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 follow :

Most people believe that children are the world's most valuable resource and should be loved and cherished. However, because they are dependent on adults for safety and nurturing, and can neither look after themselves nor fight for their rights, they are often treated badly and abused. A report published by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1999 claimed that more than 40 million children around the world suffer from abuse and maltreatment.

But things are beginning to change. Did you know that the United Nations has a special Convention on the Rights of the Child and that Article 19 and Article 34 of this Convention deal specifically with child abuse ?

Child abuse has been defined as 'all forms of physical, and/or emotional treatment or commercial or other exploitation, resulting in actual and potential harm to the child's right to

health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power'. It is being increasingly recognized that even children deserve to be treated with dignity and that their freedom should be respected. From the year 2000, 20 November is celebrated as the International Day for the Rights of the child and 19 November is World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Since India is a poor country and we can barely guarantee our children basic health, nutrition and shelter, there is little time and opportunity to think about the rights of children or of their abuse. Also, because of our tradition of giving unquestioning respect to elders, the convention of not letting outsiders know of problems within the family and viewing children as the property of parents a great deal of child abuse is tolerated in our society. People are neither willing to talk about it nor report it to the police or other authorities. Since awareness is the only effective response to silence and denial, talking about this issue and making as many people as possible aware of it is the only way to deal with this violation of children's rights.

Answer the questions given below : **5x2=10**

- (a) What is the definition of child abuse ?
- (b) Name two causes of child abuse.
- (c) Why is child abuse tolerated in Indian society ?
- (d) Name two rights that every child must enjoy.
- (e) Give two possible solutions to the problem of child abuse.

2. Write a paragraph on *any one* of the following 10 topics (150 words).
- Saving our environment.
 - The use of science and technology in our daily life.
 - Global warming.
3. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper 10 complaining about the bad sanitary conditions in your area.
4. Discuss the different types of reports. 5
5. What is SQ3R ? How is PLAN different from 5 SQ3R ?
6. Change the following into passive voice : 5
- Who taught you English ?
 - His teacher praised him.
 - The entire audience laughed at him
 - One should keep one's promises.
 - They know him very well.
7. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : 5
- Some people talk _____ their work all the time.
 - He spoke to his parents _____ the phone last night.
 - The professor got angry _____ his student's behaviour.
 - Does this book belong _____ you ?
 - The farmers are fed up _____ the bad weather.

8. Match the words in *Column 'A'* with their synonyms in *Column 'B'* ; 5

A	B
Peculiar	Rectify
Convert	Manage
Redress	Strong
Control	Strange
Robust	Change

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

'A'	'B'
Contract	Withdraw
Makeshift	Lose
Propose	Foolish
Obtain	Expand
Sensible	Permanent

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

THE generation gap is another of those characteristic features that set *Homo sapiens* apart from other animals. It is doubtful if ever the most intelligent of apes ever blamed its juniors for their wayward ways! Over the years people have tried to analyse it, explain it, understand it, even ignore it, but it remains, ready to confront each generation as it tries to formulate its own perspectives about life and living.

A dictionary defines 'generation' as "all persons born about the same time" and also as the "average time in which children are ready to replace their parents - about 30 years. " This definition in itself contains the seeds of the rift, chasm, cleft. call it what we will, that translates into the generation gap. Not only does it establish a definite group of contemporaries but it also categorically states that the said group will 'replace' an earlier group - and no one likes to be 'replaced' ! Hence the ensuing 'gap'!
