

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

Term-End Examination

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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 :

It is easy to see the possible benefits of genetic engineering. However, such knowledge also presents us with very dangerous choices. At present genetic engineering consists of splitting the chemicals containing the instructions and inserting new ones. The long-term aim is to alter the chemical instructions themselves. When scientists are able to do this, then a genetic time bomb will go off.

You probably know people who are particularly good at maths or music or sport or who learn things easily. We are all good at doing

certain things. Our talents are partly a result of our genes. If we knew how to change these genes, we could 'design' people with particular talents. Would this be a good thing ? This is probably the most important choice which human beings will ever have faced. It goes well beyond simply wanting to make people healthier. The science of genetics is developing so fast that this choice may not be far away.

- (a) Genetic engineering does not present us with any dangerous choices. Is this statement *True* or *False* ? Say why. 2
- (b) Our talents are not completely a result of our genes. Is this statement *True* or *False* ? Say why. 2
- (c) What is the long-term goal of genetic engineering ? 2
- (d) What 'choice' is the author referring to in the last line of the passage ? 2
- (e) Give the meaning of the following words according to the context of the passage : $2 \times 1 = 2$
- (i) alter
- (ii) design

2. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct articles (a, an, the), wherever necessary. Put a cross mark (×) if no article is needed in the blank space. 5×1=5

Florence Nightingale was _____ English woman who founded _____ profession of modern nursing for women. Though she was _____ English, Florence Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy (in 1920). Her parents were rich and expected her to be _____ society woman only, but from the time she was _____ little girl, Florence wanted only to help people who were sick.

- (b) Fill in the blanks with the correct determiners.

(Each, Any, Anyone, Most, A little) 5×1=5

- (i) _____ with a kind heart is the right person for the nursing profession.
- (ii) _____ of the women from Kerala opt for the nursing profession.
- (iii) _____ learning is a dangerous thing.
- (iv) _____ one found to be honest will be rewarded.
- (v) _____ patient has to be given the utmost care.

3. (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions : 5×1=5

Many students have a habit _____ trying _____ take down every word _____ a lecture. They generally end up _____ a lot _____ rather messy information.

- (b) Change the following sentences into either active voice or passive voice : 4×1=4

- (i) The patient thanked the nurse for her dedicated service.
- (ii) Everyone dreams a dream wherein India becomes corruption-free.
- (iii) He was awarded Bharat Ratna by the Government of India for his supreme sacrifice.
- (iv) Let the door be opened.

4. (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. 5×1=5

- (i) All that _____ (glitter) is not gold.
- (ii) It has been _____ (rain) for the past one hour.
- (iii) He is one of the tennis players, who _____ (have) won Wimbledon twice.
- (iv) I _____ (meet) my brother yesterday and _____ (invite) him for my birthday.

(b) Make questions for the following answers : 4×1=4

- (i) No, I won't be available tomorrow.
- (ii) The child and the mother are doing fine.
- (iii) No, you have to pay the medical bill today itself.
- (iv) Thanks. I don't accept any gift. I have only done my duty.

(c) Add question tags to the following sentences : 2×1=2

- (i) The operation was successful.
- (ii) All the nurses are kind-hearted.

5. Write a conversation between a patient and a nurse on care after a cardiac bypass surgery. (250 words) 10

6. (a) Write short notes on the ways of preparing a clinical case study. (100 – 150 words) 5

(b) Write short notes on report writing bringing out its importance in the nursing profession. (100 – 150 words) 5

7. You are working as a nurse in the intensive care unit of a reputed children's hospital. A mother has lost her one-year-old child in spite of the best efforts of the medical team. The mother is inconsolable. How will you go about consoling her using all your speaking skills ? (250 words) 10
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