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First B.Sc Optometry Degree Examinations - September 2012

ENGLISH

Time: 3 hrs

Max marks : 80

- **Answer all questions**

COMPREHENSION

(10)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions

Do birds know how to come back home after a long flight? Bird scientists, known as ornithologists, say that birds know exactly where they are and where their nests are. Even the young ones can fly hundreds of nautical miles without losing their way. How do they do it? God has given them tremendous sense of direction; possibly they have a compass of sorts in their brain. Every year, we can see birds from north India fly to the south. In India we have several bird sanctuaries where birds from both parts of the globe come, spend a few months and return when the climatic conditions in their homeland are more favourable. When it is winter in the northern hemisphere, it is summer in southern hemisphere. The birds which cannot stand the cold climate fly to the warmer regions. They are called migratory birds. They can fly non-stop up to twenty hours or so in one stretch and cover a few hundred miles in one stop. The migratory birds always fly in groups.

1. Who is an ornithologist?
2. Why do we call some birds migratory birds?
3. Are the seasons the same in both hemispheres?
4. Do the migratory birds fly single or in groups?
5. How long can migratory birds fly?

5x2=10

GRAMMAR

(30)

6. Complete the following sentences using 'a', 'an', or 'the'
 - We **want**_ help **of**_ few volunteers. **1**
 - **After**_ year or **two**_ question can be reconsidered. **1**
7. Complete the following sentences using appropriate prepositions
 - The land was ploughed_____the farmer_____the help of a tractor. **1**
 - I have been waiting here_____two hours. **½**
 - I have to choose_____the two pictures. **½**
 - I shall be there_____4 PM. **½**
8. Complete the following sentences using the appropriate tense forms of the verbs given in brackets.

My father is an engineer. He _____ (build) houses. He _____ (build) houses for more than 20 years and _____ (build) about 200 houses during this time. But now he _____ (plan) to change his profession. For the last two years his friends _____ (ask) him to take up singing as a career. He _____ (sing) well and _____ (do) several shows.

7x½=3½

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9. Rewrite the following sentences in passive voice.
- Someone has picked my pocket
 - People say that there will be another war in West Asia.
 - We hope that now they will call off the strike.
 - They say that there are living beings on Mars.
 - Prepare yourself for the worst.
- 5x1=5

10. Add the correct question tag.
- John is arriving today _____? 1
 - I am your friend _____? 1

11. Correct the following sentences.
- I have read the book yesterday.
 - The bowl of nuts are on the table
 - Could you return back the library cards to me?
 - Mother will buy me a watch when she will go shopping.
 - I am a student here, isn't it?
- 5X1=5

12. Write short notes on the following.
- Vowels • Consonants • Diphthongs • Phonemic Transcription • Word Stress
- 5x1=5

13. Transcribe the following words
- play • examination • range • iron • short
- 5x1=5

COMPOSITION (40)

14. A company dealing in foreign trade would like to have a lady secretary. Apply within one week to Box No.8671, The Times of India, New Delhi – 110 002. Prepare an application with your bio-data in response to this advertisement. 10

15. Write an essay on the Environmental Pollution 10

16. Prepare a dialogue between two friends on the advantages and disadvantages of TV. 10

17. You are working as an optometrist in an eye-hospital. Prepare a short medical report of a patient suffering from cataract. 10
