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First Year B.Sc Optometry Degree Examinations - September 2014

ENGLISH

Time : 3 hrs

Max marks : 80

- **Answer all questions**

COMPREHENSION

(10)

Read through the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

People moan about poverty as a great evil, and it seems to be an accepted belief that if people had plenty of money, they would be happy and useful and get more out of life. As a rule, there is more genuine satisfaction in life and more obtained from life in the humble cottages of the poor men than in the palaces of the rich. I always pity the sons and daughters of rich men, who are attended by servants and governesses at later stages; at the same time I am glad to think that they do not know what they have missed.

It is because I know how sweet and happy and pure the home of honest poverty is, how free from perplexing care and social evils and jealousies – how loving and united the members are in the common interests of supporting the family - that I sympathise with the rich man's boy and congratulate the poor man's son. It is for these reasons that from the ranks of poor so many strong eminent, self-reliant men have always sprung and must always spring.

1. What is the view of the people regarding poverty?
2. Why does the writer congratulate the poor?
3. Why does the writer pity the sons of the rich? 1 ½ x 3 = 4 ½
4. Give synonyms for the following • Rise • Great • Independent • Modest • Problem **5**
5. Suggest an appropriate title for the passage. ½

GRAMMAR

(30)

6. Insert 'a' 'an' or 'the'
He works in --- bank as ---- accountant and also helping ---- staff. 1½
7. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with suitable prepositions.
 - I will come ---- office ---- Monday -----10 am. 1½
 - The meeting ---discuss the syllabus ---- exams has been going on --- 2 hours. 1½
8. Fill in the blanks with correct tense form of the verbs given in brackets.
I ---- (start) reading "The Hindu" when I ----(study) in college. In the beginning I ---- (find) its language difficult to understand. Slowly I ---- (get) interested and ---- (make) it a habit.
This ----(show) that patience----- (pay) ½ x 7 = 3½

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9. Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice 5
- They are visiting our place tomorrow.
 - I have eaten the fruits.
 - Do the work on time.
 - How does he lead the workers?
 - The workers were repairing the road.
10. Add correct question tag. 4
- We will do the work,.....?
 - The function has not been cancelled,?
 - She is never late,.....?
 - Give me the keys,.....?
- 11 Correct the following sentences 3
- I ordered for my lunch.
 - Education is important to succeed in the life.
 - He has come at 10 in the morning and now it is 1 pm.
- 12 Write short notes on the following 5
- Diphthongs • Word stress • Sentence stress • Phonetics • Syllable
- 13 Transcribe the following words in International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) 5
- need •faith • class •use •pull

COMPOSITION (40)

14. You are Ranish/Rani, 20-B, Patel Road, Patna. You have come across a news item in "The Times of India" inviting participants to present papers on "Diet and Eye care". Write a letter saying that you wish to be one of the participants giving your detailed CV and other required details. 10
15. Write an essay on "Conservation of Nature" 10
16. You are working as an optometrist in an eye hospital. Write a likely conversation between you and the manager on how to improve the facilities for patients. 10
17. You are working as an optometrist in an eye hospital. One of your patients is suffering from cataract, chronic cough, B.P. etc. Write a short medical report about that patient. 10
