

**First Year B.Sc Optometry Degree Supplementary Examinations - June 2015**

**ENGLISH**

**Time : 3 hrs**

**Max marks : 80**

- **Answer all questions**

**COMPREHENSION**

**(10)**

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

Education is not an end, but a means to an end. In other words, we do not educate children only for the purpose of educating them; the purpose is to fit them for life. As soon as we realize this fact, we will understand that it very important to chose a system of education which will really prepare children for life.

In many modern countries it has for some time been fashionable to think that, by free education for all – whether rich or poor, clever or stupid – one can solve all the problems of society and build a prefect nation. But we can already see that free education for all is not enough: we find in such countries a far larger number of people with university degrees than there are jobs for them to fill. Because of their degrees, they refuse to do what they think "low" work; and in fact work with the hands is thought to be dirty and shameful in such countries.

But we have only to think a moment to understand that the work of a completely uneducated farmer is far more important that that of a professor: we can live without education, but we die if have no food. If no one cleaned our streets and took the rubbish away from our houses, we should get terrible diseases in our towns.

1. What is the purpose of education?
2. Who dislike manual work?
3. How is the work of farmer more important? 1 1/2 x3 = 4 1/2
4. Give antonyms for the following: • Poor • Clever • Agree • Educated • High 5
5. Suggest an appropriate title for the passage. 1/2

**GRAMMAR**

**(30)**

6. Insert 'a' 'an' or 'the'  
We can have ----- english teacher and --- maths teacher for our new college in ---city. 1 1/2
7. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with suitable prepositions.
  - I stay ----my uncle ----Cochin ----M G Road. 1 1/2
  - He has been working here -----2 years----an accountant –utmost sincerity. 1 1/2
8. Fill in the blanks with correct tense form of the verbs given in brackets.  
When I --- (study) in 10<sup>th</sup> class, I --- (get) an opportunity to visit New Delhi. I --- (go) there for the first time and --- (feel) very excited. The journey --- (be) by train and we --- (are) 10 students and 2 teachers. I haven't ---- (forget) even the small details of that visit. 1/2 x7=3 1/2

**P.T.O**

9. Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice 5
- My mother is cooking the dinner in the kitchen.
  - I have done the work in time.
  - Collect the notebooks immediately.
  - When does Ramesh play cricket on Sundays?
  - The doctor was reading the medical reports carefully.

10. Add correct question tag. 4
- They will come with us,.....?
  - Both of them are present today,.....?
  - Raj never came late,.....?
  - Give me the book,.....?

- 11 Correct the following sentences 3
- Where he is going?
  - I prefer tea than coffee.
  - He as well as you are responsible.

- 12 Write short notes on the following 5
- Stress
  - Strong and weak forms
  - Sounds of English
  - Pure vowels
  - Rising Tone

- 13 Transcribe the following words in International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) 5
- play
  - iron
  - job
  - arm
  - bridge

**COMPOSITION (40)**

14. You are Thomas/Teena, 40-C, Subash Road, Delhi. You have come across a news item in "The Hindu" calling applications for presenting papers at a seminar on "Eye care". Write a letter saying that you wish to be one of the speakers giving your detailed CV and other required details. 10
15. Write an essay on "students and internet". 10
16. You are working as an optometrist in an eye hospital. Write a likely conversation between you and the Ophthalmologist on how to give a better treatment to 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

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