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S.Y. B. A. EXAMINATION (External)

Date: 15-07-2021, Thursday Sub.: General English (SYBAENG200) Time: 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Note: Figures to the right indicate full marks.

Total marks: 70

Q.1. Write character sketch of Harvey Maxwell. (17)

OR

Q.1 Write character sketch of Thord.

Q.2 (A) Write short notes on any two of the following: (18)

(A) Tom Ramsay

(B) Sambu

(C) The title, 'Too Dear'

(D) Things that fascinated the child on his way to the fair. (17)

Q.3 Write a short paragraph on any one of the following.

(a) My ideal person

(b) Education at home is as valuable as formal education

(c) Necessity of environmental awareness

(d) The book I liked the most

Q.4 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. (18)

There was a farmer once who was a very disagreeable man. Everyone who knew him disliked him. He was sure to make the most of whatever went wrong about him and the poor offender always met with severe punishment. There was not a boy in all the neighbourhood who did not feel uncomfortable as he passed his gate; and the poor dog that barked at his geese, or the neighbour's rooster that crowed on his wall, was speedily visited either with the lash of his whip, or the shot from his gun. The very cat knew his footsteps, and slunk away from him in terror. He was a complete pest, as much so to himself as to those about him. Everyday brought him some fresh trouble, and found him in continual 'hot water'; indeed, good Farmer Green came to live near him; and, as you may suppose he was soon told the character of his not over-pleasant neighbour. 'well', said he, 'if he treats me badly, I'll very soon kill him.'

Questions:

- 1) Who disliked the disagreeable man? (4)
- 2) Who felt uncomfortable as the farmer passed the gate? (4)
- 3) Who came to live nearby the farmer? (4)
- 4) Which animal slunk away from in terror? (4)
- 5) Find out the synonyms for the following words; (a) Penalty (b) Quickly (2)

OR

Q.4 Make précis of the following passage.

(18)

Charlie Chaplin once said, "In this age of scientific invention, we think too much, we feel too little." Science boosts up the modern craze for material prosperity. It has revolutionized our lives. It has made life more comfortable with various amenities. It is undoubtedly the driving force behind any human excellence. But many say it kills the soul of man. Our skills and habits are changed by science. Excessive mechanization brings unhappiness because human faculties are slighted. A person starts believing that machines will do all for him, and this tendency becomes fatal in this high-tech world. But none can doubt that science has helped us to discover the hidden truth in nature. Can we ever imagine the modern age without computers, lasers, antibiotics, biotechnology or different electronic gadgets? That is why it is said that science gives knowledge and power but no wisdom.

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