

BS/2111
ENGLISH
(Semester-III)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 75

Note : Attempt all questions.

I. (a) Discuss the main point of the chapter :

‘The Scientific Point of View’.

OR

Write a note on the theme of ‘On Not being a
Philosopher’. 10

(b) Answer in about 30-40 words any *five* of the
following :

- (i) Why does Foster believe in the press ?
- (ii) What is the humour in the idea ‘On Not being a
Philosopher’ ?
- (iii) Explain the characteristics of ‘University Days’.
- (iv) How does India occupy a key position in the
world ?
- (v) Explain the relationship between Science and
Sensibility.

- (vi) What are Epictetus's views about material possessions ?
- (vii) What is the main idea of the chapter 'What I Believe' ? (5×2=10)

II. (a) Discuss the subject matter of 'The Garden Party'.

OR

Explain 'The Golden Apples of the Sun' as science fiction. 10

(b) Answer any *two* of the following in 30-40 words :

(i) What was Stasis ?

(ii) Discuss the title of the story 'The Golden Apples of the Sun'.

(iii) Write a character-sketch of Laura ? (2½×2=5)

III. (a) Discuss the contribution of 'The Blazers of a New Trail'.

OR

What do you know about Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar's life and his achievements ? 10

(b) Answer any *two* of the following in 30-40 words :

(i) Why is Bose called 'Galileo of Our Country' ?

(ii) Why is Meghnad Saha called an 'Institution Builder' ?

(iii) What was Sahni's method of Research ?

(2½×2=5)

- IV. (a) Write a letter to your brother who lives in a foreign country, telling him an interesting incident that has taken place in your house ?

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the non availability of essential commodities at the fair price shop of your locality. 10

- (b) Use any five of the following words in sentences of your own :

(i) Acute.

(ii) Bang.

(iii) Clone.

(iv) Dilemma.

(v) Enzyme.

(vi) Helix.

(vii) Innate.

(viii) Obscure. (1×5=5)

- (c) Give a summary of the following passage in one-third of the total number of words in the passage :

Habits of idleness once firmly fixed cannot be suddenly thrown off. The man who has wasted the precious hours of life's seed-time finds that he cannot really harvest in life's autumn. Lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance or medicine but lost time is gone for ever. In the long list of excuses for the neglect of duty there

is none which drops oftener from men's lips and which is founded more on self-delusion than the want of leisure. People are always cheating themselves with idea that they would do this or that desirable thing if only they had time. It is thus that the lazy and the selfish excuse themselves from the thousands of things which conscience dictates to be done. Remember that the men who have done the most for their own and for the general good are not the wealthy, leisurely people who have abundance of time to themselves and nothing to do. They are the men who are in ceaseless activity from January to December – men, however, pressed with business are always found capable of doing a little more. You may rely on them in their fullest season with ten times more assurance than an idle man. 5

- (d) Imagine you are Aizel Sharma. Write an E-mail to the Editor of a daily newspaper expressing your views on how the Standard of Sports can be improved in India.

OR

Video games are doing an incalculable harm to our youngsters. Write an E-mail to the Editor of a newspaper, expressing your views about 'Video Games and Violence'. You are Naurane. 5
