

F.Y.B.COM. SEM – II (2014 COURSE) : WINTER- 2017

SUBJECT : COMPULSORY ENGLISH-II

Day : Monday

Time : 03.00 PM TO 05.00 PM

Date : 23/10/2017

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Max. Marks : 40.

N.B.:

- 1) All questions are **COMPULSORY**.
- 2) Figures to the **RIGHT** indicate full marks.

Q.1 Write answers to the following questions (**ANY TWO**) (10)

- a) Discuss Gandhiji's views on Equal Distribution
- b) Comment on the Vinoba Bhave's ideas regarding the purpose and aim of education.
- c) Discuss the Nature of complaints made by Hazlitt's son.

Q.2 Critically appreciate **ANY TWO** of the following poems. (10)

- a) Polonius to Laertes
- b) The Golden Pitcher
- c) No Men are Foreign
- d) Stopping by Woods on Snowy Evening

Q.3 A) Give the **synonyms** of the following words (**ANY FIVE**) (05)

(i) Bliss (ii) Bonus (iii) Immense (iv) Harsh (v) Necessary (vi) Observe

B) Give the **antonyms** of the following words (**ANY FIVE**) (05)

(i) Arrival (ii) advantage (iii) careful (iv) significant (v) ancient (vi) simple

Q.4 Attempt the following:

a) Write a paragraph on 'International Brotherhood'. (05)

b) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below: (05)

The New Year is the time for resolution. Mentally, at least most of us could compile formidable lists of 'do's and 'don'ts'. The same old favorites recur year in and year out with the children, do a thousand and one job about the house, be nice to people we don't like, drive carefully, and take the dog for a walk every day. Past experience has taught us that certain accomplishments are beyond attainment. If we remain deep rooted liars, it is only because we have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure.

Most of us fail in our efforts at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and we never have time to carry them out. We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolution to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways. Aware of these pitfalls, this year I attempted to keep my resolution to myself. I limited myself to two modest ambitions, to do physical exercise every morning and to read more in the evening. An overnight party on New Year's Eve provided me with a good excuse for not carrying out either of these new resolution on the first day of the year, but on the second, I applied myself assiduously to the task.

The daily exercise lasted only eleven minutes and I proposed to do them early in the morning before anyone had got up. The self-discipline required to drag myself out of bed eleven minutes earlier than usual was considerable. Nevertheless, I managed to creep down into the living room for two days before anyone found me out. After jumping about in the carpet and twisted the human frame into uncomfortable positions. I sat down at the breakfast table in an exhausted condition. It was this that betrayed me. The next morning the whole family trooped into watch the performance.

i) Why most of us fail in our efforts for self-improvement?

ii) Why is it a basic mistake to announce our resolution to everybody?

iii) Find out the words in the above passage which convey the similar meaning to the word 'Overwhelming'.

iv) Which two resolution's decided by speaker?

v) Give suitable title for above passage.

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