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THIRD SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018

ENGLISH (Basic)

(New)

(Text : "Chitra")

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer the following questions in a word phrase or sentence as required:

(10 × 1 = 10)

- 1) Who is the god of love?
- 2) Who is called 'Eternal Youth'?
- 3) What did Lord Shiva promise Chitra's grandsire?
- 4) Who is Chitra's father?
- 5) Where did Chitra first meet Arjuna?
- 6) On what pretext did Arjuna refuse Chitra's love?
- 7) What boon did Chitra get from the gods?
- 8) Which of the four varnas/castes does Arjuna belong to?
- 9) Who was supposed to protect the villagers from the robbers?
- 10) What is Chitra's prayer on the last night of the spring season?

II. Explain with reference to context any two of the following:

(2 × 5 = 10)

- 1) "Yes, that is why I am dressed in man's attire and have left the seclusion of a woman's chamber".
- 2) "Not for the short span of a day, but for one whole year the charm of Spring blossoms shall nestle round thy limbs".
- 3) "O child, go back to thy mad festival!"
- 4) "Beloved, my life is full!"

III. The play, "Chitra" depicts sensual love transforming into spiritual love. – Discuss.

(10)

Or

Consider the play "Chitra" as a powerful plea for a woman's right to be considered a partner to man.

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(2 × 5 = 10)

IV. Write short notes on any two of the following :

- 1) Madana and Vasanta
- 2) The first meeting of Chitra and Arjuna
- 3) The Villagers
- 4) The last scene of the play, "Chitra".

V. Complete the following paragraph by choosing appropriate words from the list given below: (15)

It was past midnight. We were walking along the beach enjoying the cool sea \_\_\_\_\_. Then one of us spotted \_\_\_\_\_ we had come to look for. \_\_\_\_\_ of the sea came a giant turtle, crawling slowly onto the beach. It had a great hard shell upon its \_\_\_\_\_ and used its huge flippers to \_\_\_\_\_ about effortlessly. The turtle \_\_\_\_\_ the middle of the beach and began digging away at the sand. Large scoops of \_\_\_\_\_ were flung everywhere as the turtle worked in deep concentration, oblivious \_\_\_\_\_ our prying eyes. When a deep \_\_\_\_\_ had been dug, the turtle settled over it for ten minutes. As it got up, it began \_\_\_\_\_ the hole with sand again.

(covering, reached, sand, move, to, hole, breeze, back, what, out, in)

VI. Distinguish the meaning of the following pairs of words by using them in sentences: (5 × 2 = 10)

- 1) ascent – assent
- 2) eminent – imminent
- 3) precedent – president
- 4) course – coarse
- 5) root – route.

VII. 1) Write a letter to the Executive Engineer of Public Works Department (PWD) drawing his attention to the bad roads in your taluk. (5)

2) Interpret any one of the following public notices:

- a) NO SMOKING
- b) ONE WAY.

VIII. Write a precis of the following passage and give a suitable title: (10)

Today there are 3000 million people in the world. Fifty years ago only about 2000 million people lived in it. If earth's population were evenly distributed over its land surface, there would be about 550 persons to a square mile. But earth has vast areas of forest, mountains and desert which are almost totally inhabited. On the other hand, it has great cities each with million of people living in a few square miles. To feed the fast growing population of the earth, scientists and planners have to discover new ways to produce more food. One possible way is to bring more land under cultivation. This can be done only in places where there is a lot of land not used for productive purposes. In many places this is no longer possible as all the arable lands are already used for cultivation. A second way is to make use of new types of seeds. It is true that already a number of new strains of paddy and wheat have been developed in many parts of the world. India is one of the countries where a lot of useful work has been done in the field of agriculture research.