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BOARD DIPLOMA EXAMINATION, (C-09)

MARCH/APRIL—2014

DCE—FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION

ENGLISH—I

Time : 3 hours]

[Total Marks : 80

PART—A

3×10=30

Instructions : (1) Answer **all** questions.

(2) Each question carries **three** marks.

1. Give the meaning and an example word for each of the following roots :

(a) script

(b) mater

(c) gyne

2. Fill in the blanks with proper verb forms :

(a) John — (hate) flying.

(b) I — (do) my homework now.

(c) He and his friend — (have) arrived.

3. Change the voice :

(a) He has helped me.

(b) Mohan wrote this letter.

(c) Let the book be bought.

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4. Change the speech of the following :

- (a) Seeta said to me, "I have passed the Polytechnic Diploma Examination in first division."
- (b) She said to him, "I don't believe you."
- (c) He said that he practices yoga daily.

5. Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions :

- (a) Do you believe — God?
- (b) I prefer tea — coffee.
- (c) The Venkatadri Express arrives — 6.30 p.m.

6. Give the directions to a stranger to reach your college library from the main gate of your college.

7. Give synonyms of the following :

- (a) Notorious
- (b) Fable
- (c) Vague

8. You meet your friend's mother at 9 a.m. Write appropriate greeting and response.

9. Write a sentence each in the given sentence patterns :

- (a) S + V + C
- (b) S + V
- (c) S + V + IO + DO

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10. Combine the sentences with proper linkers :

- (a) He came back home, went into his room silently. (use ... and)
- (b) Do you drink tea, coffee? (use ... or)
- (c) It is big, expensive. (use ... and)

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PART—B

10×5=50

- Instructions** : (1) Answer *any five* questions.
(2) Question Nos. **17** and **18** are compulsory.
(3) Each question carries **ten** marks.

- 11.** Write a paragraph about the uses of a dictionary.
- 12.** Write a paragraph about the importance of English in the present world and how you are trying to improve your English.
- 13.** Read the following passage and frame 5 'yes-no' questions and 5 'wh' questions :

Subhas Chandra Bose was born in a Bengali Kayastha family on January 23, 1897 in Cuttuck (Odiya Bazar), Orissa to Janakinath Bose and Prabhavathi Devi. He was the ninth child of the family. He studied in an Anglo School at Cuttack until standard 6. He then shifted to Ravenshaw Collegiate School of Cuttack. From there he went to the prestigious Presidency College where he studied briefly. His nationalistic temperament came to light when he was expelled for assaulting Professor Oaten for his anti-Indian comments.

His high score in the Civil Service Examination meant an almost automatic appointment. He then took his first conscious step as a revolutionary and resigned the appointment on the premise that the best way to end a government is to withdraw from it. At the time, Indian nationalists were shocked and outraged because of the Amritsar Massacre and the repressive Rowlatt Legislation of 1919. Returning to India, Bose wrote for the newspaper Swaraj and took charge of publicity for the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee. His mentor was Chittaranjan Das, spokesman for aggressive nationalism in Bengal. Bose worked for Das when the latter was elected Mayor of Calcutta in 1924. In a roundup of nationalists in 1925, Bose was arrested and sent to prison in Mandalay, where he contracted tuberculosis.

- 14.** Write a paragraph about the advantages and disadvantages of watching television.

- * **15.** Read the following text and rewrite it correcting the errors :

I have lived in France most of my life, and there is a places that I remembers very well. It is a short, dark streets with buildings are very tall—at least four floor. There are an entrance, but no exit from there street. The windows looks dirty, but it is only shadow and window covering that makes them look dark. Most people keep them clean and nice. I thinks about these place often because I spent most of my lives there with many food friend.

- 16.** On the first day of the college two students introduce themselves. They talk about their college and home town. Write a suitable dialogue between them.

- 17.** Describe your college annual day celebrations.

- 18.** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

English became the medium of instruction in most of the subjects from the fourth standard. I found myself completely at sea. Geometry was a new subject in which I was not particularly strong and the English medium was still more difficult for me. The teacher taught the subject very well but I could not follow him, when, however, with much effort I reached the thirteenth position of Euclid. The utter simplicity of the subject was suddenly revealed to me. A subject which only required a pure and simple use of one's reasoning powers could not be difficult. Ever since that time Geometry has been both easy and interesting for me.

Sanskrit, however, proved a harder task. In geometry there is nothing to memorize wherein Sanskrit, I thought everything had to be learnt by heart.

- (a) Which was the new subject to the writer?
(b) What was the medium of instruction?
(c) In which subject was the author poor?
(d) What was suddenly revealed to the writer?
(e) 'At sea' means
(i) floating in the sea
(ii) feeling lost and confused
(iii) to be in total command
