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BOARD DIPLOMA EXAMINATION, (C-09)

MARCH/APRIL—2014

DME—THIRD SEMESTER EXAMINATION

ENGLISH—II

Time : 3 hours]

[Total Marks : 80

PART—A

3×10=30

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

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

1. You are on a holiday visit to your friend's house. Write your routine from 5 pm to the time you go to bed.
2. You have visited a science exhibition organized by your former school. Write three sentences about what you like there and why.
3. Write a paragraph about the benefits of eating nutritious food.
4. Write a conversation you have with the clerk while making an enquiry about the availability of railway ticket.
5. Write the sentence for each of the following using appropriate expressions :
 - (a) Requesting your father to increase your pocket money
 - (b) Requesting your mother to make your favorite dish
 - (c) Requesting your teacher to repeat a lesson
6. Write a sentence for each of the following using appropriate expressions :
 - (a) Seeking permission to use your friend's phone
 - (b) Giving permission to borrow your book
 - (c) Seeking permission to leave the class as you have an appointment with the doctor
7. Write one sentence of acceptance and one sentence of rejection for the invitation by your friend to accompany him to IPL Cricket Match.

- * 8. Give suggestions to your brother to utilize his time in a useful way.
9. Write three sentences using the following to express past and present possessions :
- (a) One room house
(b) Three-floor building
10. Correct the following sentences by using right words to denote quantity :
- (a) He loves reading much books.
(b) They brought little chairs.
(c) They have too much water to last them for three days.

PART—B

10×5=50

- Instructions** : (1) Answer *any five* questions.
(2) Question No. **18** is compulsory.
(3) Each question carries **ten** marks.

11. Write a paragraph about the routine of your friend's father. Use at least ten different action words.

12. Read the following passage and make notes using cue method :
Human casualty figures in the wake of a tragedy have a numbing effect. How do you react when you hear that over 150000 people were killed by the tsunami? However, the horrific scale of the human tragedy meant that scant attention was paid to another critical aspect, the destruction wrought on marine life and ecosystems.

Even as attention was focussed on the mounting human toll in the days after the tsunami, 19 sperm whales were mysteriously found washed up on several beaches in Australia.

Sea turtles already endangered species were hit too. A single hatchery in Sri Lanka saw seven rare green turtles and 20000 eggs washed away.

While the direct impact of the tsunami was considerable, fish, dolphins, sea turtles and sharks were found on seashores all along the affected area; the damage to fragile marine ecosystems, already wilting under the strain of human activity, could be far more significant.

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Coral reefs, critical components of the marine ecosystem, are diverse complex structures. Apart from the direct impact of the tsunami, large amounts of sediments and debris that were thrown into the ocean created turbidity clouds that could wreck havoc on coral reefs that need sunlight to survive. Some reports say coral reefs could take up to 30 years to recover completely.

There is also considerable concern for green leather back turtles, which used to nest on the beaches of the Great Nicobar Island towards the south of Nicobar archipelago. The beaches have been washed away. The endangered species of Dugong, the grass-eating underwater mammals, also known as the legendary mermaids due to their half-woman, half-fish looks, have lost the grasslands that were their habitat in the Andaman Islands.

Mangroves, tropical intertidal forests, that support a huge variety of marine organisms and are considered vital nursery areas for many species of fish and crustaceans have also been severely inundated by the tsunami. However, amidst all the bad news, there's also been an unexpected stroke of fortune for marine life. Several countries affected by the tsunami have lost large numbers of fishing vessels, which augurs well for their survival. In Tamil Nadu, around 80% of the small-scale fishing fleet is estimated to have been affected. In Sri Lanka too, around 75% of fishing vessels have been either lost or damaged, and similar levels of destruction have taken place in western Indonesia. Ten of Sri Lanka's 12 major fishing ports have been seriously affected, with damage to facilities such as cold storage facilities and slipways.

Figures from other countries are less comprehensive, but surveys suggest that Thailand has lost more than 4000 boats. It is thought that Somalia has lost more than 2000 and the Maldives is without about a third of its fleet, all of which spells good news for marine life in these regions, even if only temporarily.

13. Read the following passage and make a summary of it :

Worry is a slow poison. It is like cancer, AIDS, heart attack, blood pressure, diabetes, etc, is a killer. Keep this originator of many diseases at bay and you will live longer. Now the trend to "cure the mind before curing the body" is gaining momentum all over the world. Hence the modern maxim "a healthy body depends on a healthy mind."

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Emotions like futility, frustration, despair, anxiety, disillusionment, worry, fear, defeat, etc, are negative emotions. These affect our mental as well as physical health adversely but slowly. Specially, worry creates a very high degree of tension. How often we find ourselves worked up over certain trivial issues and lose the rational way of dealing with the problem! Only a cool and unruffled mind functions at its maximum ability and efficiency.

Surprising findings in medical sciences have revealed that arthritis, tooth decay, clenched jaws and screwed-up faces are the natural manifestations of anxiety. A blooming and healthy complexion can be ruined by worries which affect the skin adversely, causing rashes, skin eruptions and pimples.

There are several causes of worries. The fast-paced and complicated life style contributes largely to our anxieties. Shortages, fears, competitions, dissatisfaction, disillusionments, fears failures—everything adds to the burden on our minds. Some of these factors may be uncontrollable but most of them are within our control.

What one needs is an appropriate outlook towards and about life. There is no doubt that there is dualism of everything, day and night, life and death, good and bad. Then one must be realistic about one's viewpoint about life. If one is born one surely will die. Emotions or sentiments are all right but they need the rod of reason and realities at pragmatic level. But this is not as easy as it is said.

Right from the time a child is three years old and is pushed into a nursery, a rat race begins which lasts throughout one's life. Expectations of parents and competition with peer groups to achieve better results chase the child. This results into headaches which abound in children. Irritability, tension, fear of failure, ridicule, self-hatred are some of the hitherto experienced emotions that besiege the younger children of today. There is a steady erosion of the carefree, untiring and happy state of childhood. If this trend continues, the day is not far off when more children will suffer from ailments like heart problems, blood pressure, stomach ulcers, etc.

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Two major causes of worry that can be easily controlled by most of us are the tomorrow and yesterday. So much involvement had gone into worrying about yesterday and tomorrow that the feeling of today has almost vanished. The fear of tomorrow looms large over

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people. They fret about their savings, securities and their future, forgetting the importance of today. Of what use is tomorrow if we do not live to see it?

14. You went to a shop to buy a mobile. Write five questions you would ask. Include both 'Wh' questions and Yes/No questions.
15. Write a paragraph about five things our ancestors possessed and did not possess.
16. Write a paragraph about the changes that have come over in 'Vehicles, communication/housing/agriculture, etc.' Compare the past and present using words like—as good as, better than, etc.
17. Write a paragraph complaining about the irresponsible behaviour of the electricity board.
18. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Stories of dolphins saving human lives have been told throughout history. The latest incident happened in January this year when dolphins saved the life of an Australian surfer attacked by a shark which tore a chunk out of his surfboard. As the shark moved in for the kill it was chased away by a group of dolphins.

Some scientists argue that such behaviour is an instinctive response to distress signals. Others insist that incidents like these are deliberate acts of compassion—adding support to the widespread belief that dolphins are highly intelligent.

Two factors were initially responsible for sparking off the popular idea that dolphins might possess high intelligence. The first was the size of the dolphin brain. In some species, it is about the same weight as our own. The second factor was the work of Dr. John Lilly who, convinced that dolphins must possess a language, set about trying to prove this theory by teaching captive dolphins to speak English. But Lilly's work, though appealing, proved nothing except that dolphins are talented vocal mimics.

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But in seeking to establish whether dolphins share human characteristics, we may be barking up the wrong tree. As dolphins have evolved in an environment completely unlike our own, it is reasonable to expect that their intelligence will be of a different kind too.

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Many researchers believe that the echo-location system which dolphins use to explore their surroundings may be so advanced that dolphins can actually use it to 'see' inside other living things. So, while we've been testing dolphins to see if they can speak English—and concluding, when they've been unable to do so, that they can't be that bright after all—it's just possible that they've been communicating all the time in ways which even now we can barely comprehend.

Questions :

- (a) What are dolphins known for?
- (b) Why are dolphins thought to be intelligent?
- (c) What does the work of Dr. John Lilly deal with?
- (d) Find out the phrase which means imitating voices.
- (e) How do they locate their surroundings?
