

Bc/Eng (BCM)-104

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(1st Semester)

GENERAL ENGLISH

(**Commerce**)

Paper No. : ENG (BCM)-104

(**Prose, Composition and Grammar**)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(*Marks : 44*)

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

SECTION—I

(**Prose**)

Answer the following questions :

10×3=30

1. (a) Who is a good leader according to Randall? What are the qualities required of a good leader?

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(Turn Over)

(2)

Or

(b) Describe the personal and professional life of a banker.

2. (a) Discuss the various social roles that business can play for the development of society.

Or

(b) Who is a good editor? Discuss the role of an editor.

3. (a) Write a detailed account of Robinson Crusoe's stay on the island.

Or

(b) How has the world changed according to Harold Nicolson?

SECTION--II

(Composition)

4. Did you know that two Hollywood blockbusters *Water World* and *Day after Tomorrow* were based on aspects of climate change (with a little dramatic exaggeration, of course)? They portrayed how reckless industrial activity causes global warming which in turn has disastrous consequences.

Climate change is very real. Houses have been destroyed by typhoons and freak storms. Thousands of Europeans died in a heat wave two years ago. Melting ice caps, dying coral reefs and permanent flooding of several coastal zones are imminent. People in the Arctic regions have seen unusual birds and animals in their locality that are normally found only in warmer climates.

When fossil fuels like oil, coal and natural gas are burnt, the carbon dioxide generated envelops the earth and traps heat inside the planet's atmosphere just like a greenhouse traps heat inside itself. Coal-based thermal power plants are the largest source of carbon dioxide emissions. Petrol, diesel and natural gas-based transport, CFC gases, coolants in air conditioners, fridges and air freshener sprays also contribute to the greenhouse effect.

Today, scientists warn that if average temperature of the planet rise by 2 degree Celsius terrible things could happen. The ice sheet over Greenland could melt entirely. The Amazon rain forest ecosystem could get completely destroyed. Tens of millions of people could be deprived of even the most basic food, millions could have their homes flooded and many more will face water shortages. Governments of several industrialized countries have signed the

Kyoto protocol, an agreement to reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases in the coming years.

Governments need to stop giving easy loans and benefits to fossil fuel industries and start funding technologies that don't cause global warming.

Safer and cleaner sources of energy like windmills, energy from windmills, energy from biomass, wave energy from seashores and of course solar energy are becoming increasingly popular.

It is up to the governments to acknowledge that these are viable profitable sources of energy, and increase investments in clean energy.

Answer the following questions :

- (a) How does climate change affect humans? 2
- (b) Why is climate change called 'real' here? 2
- (c) What is the greenhouse effect? 2
- (d) What initiatives have the governments of some industrialized nations taken to check global warming? 2
- (e) What other measures can the governments take to save the environment? 2

(5)

(f) Write a short note on how you can contribute in the controlling of adverse climate change.

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(g) Choose the words from the passage which means the same as the following :

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(i) Careless

(ii) Enclose

(iii) Scarcity

(iv) Emits
