

Roll No. ....

Session- 2023-24

B.A. B.Ed. Entrance Examination

Subjects: English Language and Literature, Paper- 1<sup>st</sup>

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Time: 01.30 hours

Total Marks: 50

- *All questions are compulsory*
- *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions*
- *All answers must be carefully numbered so that they match with the relevant questions.*

**1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in your own words. Do not copy the sentences from the passage:**

**5x2=10 marks**

People came to him when the patient was on his last legs. Dr Raman often burst out, ‘Why couldn’t you have come a day earlier?’ The reason was obvious—visiting fee twenty-five rupees, and more than that, people liked to shirk the fact that the time had come to call in Dr Raman; for them there was something ominous in the very association. As a result, when the big man came on the scene it was always a quick decision one way or another. There was no scope or time for any kind of wavering or whitewashing. Long years of practice of this kind had bred in the doctor a certain curt truthfulness; for that very reason his opinion was valued; he was not a mere doctor expressing an opinion but a judge pronouncing a verdict. The patient’s life hung on his words. This never unduly worried Dr Raman. He never believed that agreeable words ever saved lives. He did not think it was any of his business to provide comforting lies when as a matter of course nature would tell them the truth in a few hours. However, when he glimpsed the faintest sign of hope, he rolled up his sleeve and stepped into the arena: it might be hours or days, but he never withdrew till he wrested the prize from Yama’s hands. Today, standing over a bed, the doctor felt that he himself needed someone to tell him soothing lies. He mopped his brow with his kerchief and sat down in the chair beside the bed. On the bed lay his dearest friend in the world: Gopal. They had known each other for forty years now, starting with

their kindergarten days. They could not, of course, meet as much as they wanted, each being wrapped in his own family and profession. Occasionally, on a Sunday, Gopal would walk into the consulting room and wait patiently in a corner till the doctor was free. And then they would dine together, see a picture and talk of each other's life and activities. It was a classic friendship, which endured untouched by changing times, circumstances and activities. In his busy round of work, Dr Raman had not noticed that Gopal had not called in for over three months now. He only remembered it when he saw Gopal's son sitting on a bench in the consulting hall one crowded morning.

- a) Why did the people of the village not visit the doctor during the initial days of their illnesses?
- b) What is the meaning of "curt truthfulness" in the above passage?
- c) Draw a character sketch of Dr. Raman in your own words.
- d) What has brought this sudden change in the nature of Dr. Raman?
- e) What is the meaning of the phrase "comforting lies"?

**2. Write a brief summary of the above passage in 60 words. 5 marks**

- 3.** You are Tenzin/Dolma of Class XII. You are interested in pursuing the four integrated B.A.B.Ed. course. You have recently seen an advertisement issued by the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi offering such course. Write a letter to the Director of the institute seeking information about their courses, fee structure, placement opportunities, etc. **10 marks**

**4. Write an essay in about 150-200 words on any one of the following topics: 10 marks**

- a) My ambition in life
- b) When there's a will, there's a way
- c) My favourite book

**5. Write the synonyms of the following words:**

**5 marks**

- a) Hollow
- b) Combat
- c) Feeble
- d) Determined
- e) Decay

**6. Write the antonyms of the following words:**

**5 marks**

- a) Plenty
- b) Establish
- c) Capable
- d) Giant
- e) Just

**7. Fill in the blanks with the right form of the superlative degree of comparison in the following sentences by using the adjectives given in brackets.**

**5 marks**

- a) Who is \_\_\_\_\_ (influential) politician?
- b) It is not that easy to climb \_\_\_\_\_ (high) peak in the world.
- c) **He is ..... (short) of all the students.**
- d) From all the girls of the team, she has the ..... (long) hair.
- e) Helping the needy and injured animals is the ..... (noble) act.

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