

**POST BASIC BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING  
DEGREE EXAMINATION**  
**FIRST YEAR – NON SEMESTER**  
**PAPER IX – ENGLISH**

*Q.P. Code: 684890***Time : Three Hours****Maximum : 75 Marks****Answer All Questions:**

**I. Rewrite the following sentences as directed: (20 x 1 = 20)  
Change the sentences into active or passive voice:**

1. They are collecting flowers.
2. The government awarded him a prize.
3. We should help the poor.
4. Let your mouth be shut.

**Fill in the blanks with verbs using the correct tense:**

5. The full moon \_\_\_\_\_ (appear) once in a month.
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in a joint family.
7. Tamil \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) in Tamil Nadu.

**Change into indirect Speech:**

8. The boy replied that he had come to ask him for a scholarship.
9. Ram wondered if he could climb that hill.
10. She said to Tom, “I met your father yesterday.”
11. Anu said, “Mother, I cannot go to the market now.”

**Fill in the blanks with correct word:**

12. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ (were/was) a bird.
13. John \_\_\_\_\_ (has/have) a laptop.
14. One of the boys \_\_\_\_\_(is/ are) responsible.

**Do as directed:**

15. Very few fruits are as nutritious as apple. (into superlative degree).
16. We have been living in this house \_\_\_\_\_ 2008. (use a preposition).
17. Besides being an actor, he is a singer. (into compound sentence).

**Correct the mistakes in the following sentences:**

18. This is a hardly nut to crack.
19. My uncle is richest man in the village.
20. If you eat more, you would become ill.

**II. Give meanings of the words:****(5 x 1 = 5)**

1. Generosity.
2. Novelty.
3. Deficiency.
4. Mitigate.
5. Distraught.

**Frame sentences using words/phrases given below:**

**(5 x 1 = 5)**

1. Hand in.
2. Set forth.
3. Watch for.
4. Look around.
5. Bear with.

**III. Write short notes to any Five questions based on prescribed text:**

**(5 x 2 = 10)**

1. What was Helen's main problem when she grew older?
2. How did Jimmy's way of working, help him escape punishment?
3. What were the emergency measures taken by the hospital team when they found Megan unresponsive?
4. What is meant by Haemophilia?
5. What made Agatha's mother scream?
6. What was Jimmy's life in Elmore like?

**IV. Summarise the given passage to one third of its length: Give a suitable title:**

**(1 x 10 = 10)**

In the 16th century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favor. After he was dismissed from service by the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today it is known as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Later, Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and 17 sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge.

**V. Letter Writing:**

**(1 x 10 = 10)**

1. Write a letter to your brother advising him to attend the competitive exams.

**(OR)**

Write a letter to the commissioner of Police, complaining about the frequent thefts in your locality.

**VI. Write an essay in about 350 words on any ONE of the topics given below: (1 x 15 = 15)**

1. Merits and demerits of mobile phone.
2. Cruise journey.

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