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**SANSKRIT VISHARAD (B.A.)**  
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**Sub. : English - II (22E427)**

**Date:** 12/12/2023

**Total marks:** 100

**Time:** 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

**Instructions:** 1) Figures to the right indicate full marks. 2) All questions are compulsory.

**SECTION A (READING COMPREHENSION)**

**Q. 1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10)**

Johnsy has fallen ill and is dying of pneumonia. She watches the leaves falling from a vine that is growing against the wall outside the window of her room, and decides that when the last leaf drops, she too will die. While her friend Sue tries to tell her to stop thinking like that, but Johnsy is determined to die when the last leaf falls.

An old frustrated artist named Behrman lives in the same apartment, below Johnsy and Sue. He has been claiming that he will paint a masterpiece, even though he has never even attempted to start. Sue goes to him, and tells him that her friend is dying of pneumonia, and that Johnsy claims that when the last leaf falls off the vine outside her window, she will die. Behrman scoffs at this as foolishness, but as he is protective of the two young artists, he decides to see Johnsy and the vine.

In the night, a very bad storm occurs and wind is blowing; rain is splattering against the window. Sue closes the curtains and tells Johnsy to sleep even though there is only one leaf left on the vine. Johnsy protests but Sue insists on doing so because she doesn't want Johnsy to see the last leaf fall. In the morning Johnsy wants to see the vine, to be sure that all the leaves are gone, but to their surprise, there is still one leaf left.

While Johnsy is surprised that it is still there, she insists it will fall that day. But it doesn't; nor does it fall through the night, nor the next day. Johnsy believes that the leaf stayed there to show how wicked she was, and that she sinned in wanting to die. She regains her will to live, and makes a full recovery throughout the day.

In the afternoon, a doctor talks to Sue. The doctor says that Mr. Behrman has come down with pneumonia, and as there is nothing to be done for him, he is being taken to hospital to make him comfortable in his final hours. The caretaker of the apartment had found Behrman helpless with pain, his shoes and clothing were wet and icy cold. She could not figure out where he had been on that stormy night, though she had found a lantern that was still lit, a ladder that had been removed, some scattered brushes, and palette with green and yellow colours mixed in it.

“Look out the window, Johnsy dear, Didn't you wonder why the last leaf never fluttered or fell when the wind blew?” asks Sue. “Ah, darling, it's Behrman's masterpiece-**he painted it there the night the last leaf fell.**” Sue replies.

1. What is Johnsy victim of? What does she decide about her death? (2)
2. Who is Behrman? What does he claim? (2)
3. How does Johnsy regain her will to live? (2)
4. How is Johnsy's life saved by Behrman? (2)
5. Give meanings of the following words/phrases in your own words: (2)

Protective (b) final hours (c) figure out (d) scoffs

**SECTION B (LANGUAGE SKILLS/STRUCTURES/COMPOSITION)**

**Q. 2 A) In the following statements the underlined prepositions are wrongly used. Rewrite using correct prepositions and underline your answers. (10)**

- 1) Since it began to rain heavily, our meeting was called out.
- 2) It is difficult to come along such a rare book.
- 3) The leader is popular between his followers.
- 4) They have lived in this town from 2006.
- 5) We shall discuss the matter on a cup of tea.
- 6) The policeman ran behind the thief.
- 7) He was craving on more money.
- 8) We should not deviate of our objectives.
- 9) The old woman was blind by one eye.
- 10) Music is a passion to him.

**(B) In the following table, there are some prefix counters. Make opposites of the words given in the second table by selecting the appropriate counters: (20)**

'im', 'in', 'out', 'dis', 'de', 'anti', 'mal', 'un', 'ir', 'il', 'mis', 'over', 'counter', 'under', 're'
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Enthusiastic, attack, inflammatory, activate, appropriate, balance, practice, estimate, appear, spoken, armament, function, recoverable, legible, famous, changed, communication, nutrition, significant, measurable
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**Q. 3 (A) Choose the correct option: (10)**

- 1) You should go on taking these medicines (as long as/until) you are strong again.
- 2) She got (such a/such) nasty shock that she had to sit for a minute.
- 3) The two wrestlers looked at (each other's/each other) trophies.
- 4) All our neighbours get together and play colour with (each other/one another) during Holi.
- 5) Neither of these mattresses (feels/feel) comfortable.
- 6) If I were a bird, I (would fly/would have flown) in the sky.
- 7) This strawberry sauce really (complements/compliments) the dessert.
- 8) There were (few/a few) people on the beach, so we were not completely lonely.
- 9) I cannot come, and my father can't come (either/neither).
- 10) My friend has (toothache/a toothache) and he cannot eat anything.

**(B) Rewrite the following sentences as directed in the brackets. You may have to make necessary changes, but do not change the meaning and the tense: (10)**

- a) Besides being dark inside, the shop was disorderly. (Use: not only..but also)
- b) He was dismissed for negligence. (Use: 'therefore')
- c) One should have sympathy for the poor. (Use: 'sympathize')
- d) As soon as you become an adult, you have to start earning your bread and butter. (Begin: No sooner.....)
- e) I could do it only because you helped me. (Begin: If you had not.....)
- f) The boy is both strong and intelligence. (Begin: The boy has .....
- g) Tobacco and alcohol corrupt the character of a man. (End: alcohol)
- h) I'll do it if you allow me. (Begin: 'Unless....')
- i) Our town is not quiet. It is not boisterous either. (Use: 'neither...nor')

j) She has sold all her jewellery. (End: 'her')

**Q. 4 A) : Complete the following table:**

**(20)**

<b>WORD</b>	<b>SIMILAR-SOUNDING WORD (HOMOPHONE)</b>
1. Board	
2. chilli	
3. due	
4. great	
5. night	
6. lick	
7. one	
8. serial	
9. sweet	
10. vein	
11. which	
12. wine	
13. ingenious	
14. stake	
15. bread	
16. current	
17. source	
18. sole	
19. flee	
20. horse	

**B) Make sentences of your own using the phrases given below (Choose any five):**

**(10)**

Instead of, dissatisfied with, involved in, once in a blue moon, no good reason, ashamed of, to look down upon

**B) Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words:**

**(10)**

- 1) Do not judge a book by its cover
- 2) Problems of a girl child in India
- 3) Charity begins at home