

**ST. JOSEPH'S EVENING COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)****II SEMESTER BA/B.COM/BCA EXAMINATIONS - APRIL 2018****GENERAL ENGLISH II****TIME: 2.5 Hours****MAX. MARKS: 70****I. Read the following texts and answer the following questions given below: (2x5=10)**

A. In the world today, we make health an end in itself. We have forgotten that health really means to enable a person to do his work and do it well. A lot of modern medicine and this includes many patients as well as many physicians pays very little attention to health but very much attention to those who imagine that they are ill. Our great concern with health is shown by the medical columns in newspapers. The health articles in popular magazines and the popularity of television programmes and all those books on medicine. We talk about health all the time. Yet for the most part the only result is more people with imaginary illness. The healthy man should not be wasting time talking about health: he should be using health for work. The work does the work that good health possible.

1. 'Don't believe everything you see'. Justify your statements with the impact of media on society.

B. Machines have, in fact, become the slaves of modern life. They do more and more work that human beings do not want to do themselves. Think for a moment of the extent to which machines do work for you. You wake, perhaps, to the hoot of a siren by a machine in a neighboring factory. You wash in water brought to you by the aid of machinery, heated by machinery and placed in basins for your convenience by a machine. You eat your breakfast quickly cooked for you by machinery, go to school in machines made for saving leg labour. And if you are lucky to be in a very modern school, you enjoy cinema where a machine teaches you or you listen to lessons broadcast by one of the most wonderful machines. So dependent has man become on machines that a certain writer imagines a time when machines will have acquired a will of their own and become the master of men, doomed once more to slavery.

2. How can man prevail from science and technology?

**II. Fill in the blanks using appropriate phrasal verbs: (5x1=5)****(Called off, found out, turned down, turned off, turned up, come back)**

3. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ that her husband had been planning a surprise party for her.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ this afternoon's meeting.
5. Father promised that we would never \_\_\_\_\_ to this horrible place.
6. He applied for a promotion twice this year, but he was \_\_\_\_\_ both times.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ the lights before anyone could see us.

**III. 8. You recently visited your friend's house and the hospitality extended by his/her family has enamored you. Write a letter of appreciation to your friend's family. (5)**

**IV. 9. Read the following passage and make notes: (5)**

Do you think about why one eats? The simplest answer is because one is hungry or because one's stomach is rumbling. One might also eat because one is feeling bored, sad, happy or just because that chocolate cake looks so good. Those are just a few of the emotional and physical reasons why one eats, but have you ever thought about why our body needs food? Not just any food but healthy food, why is nutrition so important? Nutrition is the process of getting food into your body and using it as raw materials for growth, fuel for energy, and vitamins and minerals that keep your body healthy and functioning properly. The food you eat provides the energy your body needs to function. Just like you need to put fuel in your car or recharge your cell-phone battery your body too needs to be fed real energy providing foods everyday because carbohydrates are the best source of energy for your body. Carbohydrates are broken down into individual glucose, fructose or galactose units. Glucose is your body's favourite form of energy. If you don't get enough carbohydrates, your body can make glucose from protein through a process called gluconeogenesis, and if you get too many carbohydrates, your body is very good at converting them to fat for storage in your adipose tissues. Protein comes from the foods you eat and is broken down into individual amino acid, which your body uses to build and repair various parts of your body. So, the vitamins and minerals you get from your diet are just as important as carbohydrates, protein and fats, even though you only need them in small amounts. They usually function as co-enzymes to help some of your body's chemical reaction happen a lot faster. Your diet needs to provide adequate amounts of all these 'helper's. A healthy and balanced diet will provide you with lots of vitamins and minerals. Good nutrition provides more than energy, structural components, vitamins and minerals.

**(Use a flowchart or Tree diagram)**

**V. 10. Make a presentation on any one of the following: (5)**

**Internet access to be free worldwide**

**Or**

**Reality Shows**

**(Prepare an introduction, title slides and the first slide)**

**VI. 11. 'Doubt is the beginning of wisdom'. Give your views for or against the statement. (1x10=10)**

**VII. Answer ANY FIVE of the following in about 200 words each: (5x6=30)**

12. Comment on the significance of the title 'Because I could not stop for Death'.
13. Critically examine the role of the banker in the text, 'The Bet'?
14. 'Five ways to kill a Man' explores human cruelty. Elucidate.
15. 'The Drover's Wife' reflects on the hardships and the struggles of the Australian woman living in a bush. Discuss.
16. What picture of 'Duty' and Devotion' are presented in the text, 'The Devoted Son'?
17. How does Sainath justify the title 'Nero's Guests' in the documentary film?