



Riphah International University (WISH Campus) Islamabad

Admission Test semester fall 2016

M.A English Literature & Language

Max.Marks:50

Time: 1.5 hours

Name of Candidate: _____

Note: Write all your answers on this sheet in the in the space provided.

Section A

1. Read the following and answer the questions that follow: (10)

Children work because there are people who have vested interest (settled interest, protected by law) in their work. Children are far cheaper than adults in terms of direct and indirect wages paid: they are docile and can be more easily laid off when business slows down.

Many children are economically active and many persons use their services simply because child labour is not prohibited by law. This is often the case of children working in agriculture, small workshops or stores in the urban informal sector, in family enterprises or as domestic servants. Moreover, in branches of activity in which child labour is in fact prohibited, the law is very often inadequately enforced because of lack of genuine political will to apply it and the weak enforcement machinery.

Why do some poor families send their children to work while others that are just as poor prefer to keep them in school? Are the deficiencies of the educational system that push so many children to go to work, the result of underdevelopment and poverty? Underdevelopment and poverty may be the factors responsible for child labour but the fact is that, to a large extent, child labour exists and is on the rise for the simple reason that society is unaware of it or tolerates it, sometimes even its most abusive manifestations as if they were part of the natural order of things.

Q1. Enumerate the reasons due to which children are employed in different workplaces.(2)

Q2. Why is law prohibiting child labour not enforced? (2)

Q3. How is under development and poverty responsible for child labour? (2)

Q4. What kind of a society tolerates child labour? (4)

Q2. Correct the following sentences: (10)

1. Our school is built from bricks.

2. What are you thinking at?

3. There is no exception into this rule.

4. He was born off humble parents.

5. The noise downstairs prevents me to sleeping.

Q3. Change the following into indirect speech: (10)

1. The girl said, "It gives me great pleasure to be here this evening."

2. The man said, "I must go as soon as possible."

3. The stranger said to me, "Could you help me?"

4. Alice said, "How clever I am!"

5. "Which way did she go?" asked the young man.

Q4. Write an essay on one of the following in about 200-250 words.(10)

1. Significance of women's education in society
2. Internet: advantages and disadvantages
3. How do you look at the terror blasts in Pakistan?
4. Why should one get a degree in English language and literature?

Q5. Write your comments in two to three sentences on the following: (10)

1. Literature's role in society: _____

2. Shakespeare and his plays: _____

3. English Literature: _____

4. English Language is crucial as medium of instruction because: _____

5. Fiction is better than non-fiction because: _____
