

**D.K.M. COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS), VELLORE-1**  
**SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**NOVEMBER - 2016**

**SEN5A**

**SBS : ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAM - I**

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**Time : 2 Hours**

**Max. Marks : 50**

**SECTION-A ( 10 x 2 = 20 )**

**Answer ALL the questions.**

1. What are the Do's and Don'ts in Precis writing?
2. What is Abridgement?
3. Write the layout of a formal letter.
4. How is a Precis written?
5. What are the characteristics of a good essay?
6. How will you Paraphrase a poem?
7. What are Argumentative essays?
8. What is the use of paraphrasing?
9. What is Expansion of Passages?
10. Expand the idea: Self – Confidence.

**SECTION- B ( 3 x 10 = 30 )**

**Answer any THREE of the following questions.**

11. Write an essay on "Child Labour".
12. Write a letter to the post master requesting him to redirect your letter to your new address.
13. Paraphrase the following poem:

Lives of great men all remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing, leave behind us,  
Foot prints on the sands of time.  
Foot prints, that perhaps, another,  
Sailing O'er life's solemn main,  
A Forlorn and Shipwreck'd brother  
Seeing shall take heart again.

- Long fellow.

14. Read the following passage and make a precis of it.

Quick reading is extremely important. In most occupations a good deal of reading is required. Top executives spend around four hours a day for reading. One has to find time to keep up with the knowledge explosion. Research suggests that the faster you read, the more you understand, may be because concentration is sharpened. When reading fast, we are devoting all our attention to the text and squeezing for as much meaning as possible. Fast – Reading can be accomplished with regular practice. Reading can be compared to driving a motor - car. Driving slowly on a free way invites wandering attention but turn on a free way and accelerate and see how speed pushes distractions aside and forces improved concentration.

15. Expand:

"Each man's belief is right in his own eyes".