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समय : तीन घण्टे 15 मिनट] [पूर्णांक : 50

Instruction : First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read the question paper.

Explain with reference to the context *one* of the following passages : 4

- a) The people I saw in India – those in the village as well as those in high office – have both pride and a lively

sense of decency and citizenship. They also have a passion for independence. This beautiful child - born in squalor and poverty, uneducated in both grammar and manners - had given me a glimpse of the warm soul of India.

- b) He was a most amusing companion and though you knew he was perfectly worthless you could not but enjoy his society. He had high spirits, an unfailing gaiety and incredible charm. I never grudged the contributions he regularly levied on me for the necessities of his existence. I never lent him fifty pounds without feeling that I was in his debt.

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- c) Passion is not power ; it is the abuse of power, the dispersion of power. Passion is like a furious storm which beats fiercely and wildly upon the embattled rock, whilst power is like the rock itself which remains silent and unmoved through it all.

2. Select *one* of the following passages and answer the questions that follow :

- a) John blames almost everything on me — from fatigue to dizzy spells. but I have little to do with his

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fatigue, and his occasional dizzy spells usually trace back to his ears. From time to time, he will be sitting at his desk working and will get sharp pain in the chest. He fears that he is about to have a heart attack. He needn't worry. The pain comes from his digestive tract - payment for the heavy meal eaten a couple of hours earlier. When I am in trouble, I usually send out a pain signal only after undue exertion or

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emotion. That's the way, I tell him I am not getting enough nourishment to cope with the work he is loading on to me.

- i) What can be the cause of fatigue and dizzy spells ? 1
- ii) Why does the pain from the digestive tract occur ? 1
- iii) When does the heat, usually, send pain signal ? 1
- iv) Why is it necessary to get enough nourishment ? 1

b) The Creator had spent in its making enough of such stuff as the air and the sky are made of. The result was that its mind was full of the desire for freedom. It would run a race with the wind, it would dash to the point where sky touched earth. Other animals ran with a purpose, but the horse raced about for no apparent reason, as though it were eager to fly away from its own self. It did not fight, it did not pounce on a prey, but loved only to run and to

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run. Wise men say that such a thing happens when you have too much of the wind and sky stuff in you.

- i) What was the desire of the horse ? 1
- ii) How would it run a race ? 1
- iii) How was the horse different from other animals ? 1
- iv) What do the wise men say about the horse ? 1

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3. Answer *two* of the following questions in not more than 30 words each : $2 + 2 = 4$

a) How is smoking injurious to health according to J.D. Ratcliff ?

b) What are the important elements of civilization ?

c) What are the opportunities available to women in our times ?

4. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 6

a) What do you know about the hippos as described in the lesson 'On An African River' ?

b) What difficulties did the writer, Brooker J. Washington, face on the way to Hampton ?

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5. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences, selecting the most suitable words from those given within the brackets :

$$4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$$

a) There are Indians, whatever their creed, who do not look back with pride on their culture.

(few, a few, the few, some)

b) Widows have long to be burnt on their husband's pyres.

(compelled, continued, been, anxious; ceased)

c) Every family has a sheep.

(brown, white, yellow, black)

d) True health and true success go

(among, long, along, together)

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6. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 5

a) Compare and contrast the character of Antonio and Bassanio.

b) What do you think of Portia's decision to conduct Antonio's defence in the guise of a lawyer ?

7. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 2

a) Why was Antonio not anxious about his ventures ?

b) What reasons does Shylock give for hating Antonio ?

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8. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 5

a) Give a character sketch of Gyan Babu's wife.

b) How did Sanku manage to steal the watch and what did he think ?

9. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 2

a) Why did Gafur come to Banshi's shop secretly ?

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b) My thoughts are with the Dead ;
with them

I live in long-past years,

Their virtues love, their faults
condemn,

Partake their hopes and fears,

And from their lessons seek and find

Instruction with an humble mind.

c) Thus Nature spake – The work was
done -

How soon my Lucy's race was run !

She died, and left to me

This heath, this calm, and quiet

scene ;

The money of what has been,

And never more will be.

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11. Give the central idea of one of the following poems : 4

- a) Nightingales
- b) My Heaven
- c) Character of a Happy Life.

12. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 4

- a) Describe the preparations made in

Kapilvastu to welcome Prince

Siddhartha on his maiden visit.

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- b) Why was Siddhartha sad among the pleasures and luxuries of the palace ?

13. a) Point out the figures of speech in

two of the following : $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

- i) She is lovely like a rose.
- ii) The camel is the ship of the desert.
- iii) Anxiety is sitting on her face.

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- b) Define 'oxymoron' and give an example of it.

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