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ENGLISH

First Paper

Time : 3 Hours 15 Min.] [Max. Marks : 50

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

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

a) They were poor people to start with ; they were poorer as they began their

long trek, for all they could carry, was a bit of food and a few belongings. Soon they were out of food. A few days after they started, they began to fall by the way-side from the weakness of hunger, and died, where they fell.

b) Both were taken for granted as permanent fixtures that were of no concern to the mass of humanity that surrounded them. No longer did people gather under the banyan

tree to discuss their problems and their plans, only in the summer months did someone seek shelter under it from the fierce sun.

- c) A purpose which held good centuries ago may not hold good today in view of the rapidly changing conditions of our country and of the world. So the purpose which you adopt in your life, must be adapted to the relevant needs of the present generation.

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

- a) I flicked him off again. He skipped away, took another jaunt round the compartment, returned and seated himself impudently on the back of my hand. It is enough, I said : magnanimity has its limits. Twice you have been warned that I am someone in particular, that my august person resents the tickling

impertinence of strangers. I assume the black cap. I condemn you to death. Justice demands it, and the court awards it.

i) Whom did the author flick off ?

1

ii) Find out the sentence which denotes the feelings of superiority in the author.

1

iii) What is the significance of black cap ?

1

iv) What punishment was awarded by the court ?

1

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

- i) What had the Creator used in making the horse ? 1
- ii) What was the result of it ? 1
- iii) How was the horse different from other animals ? 1

iv) What does the statement that, 'it did not fight, it did not pounce on its prey' speak of the kind of the animal the horse is ? 1

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

- a) How did Tom blackmail his brother George ?
- b) What misery did partition between India and Pakistan cause to the people ?
- c) What comparison does the author draw between Romans and pigs ?

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

a) What is the secret of health, according to James Allen ?

b) What does the heritage of India consist of ?

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) I can remember anything books and walking-sticks.

(*but, beyond, beneath, except*)

b) There is a great between trees and men.

(*difference, bond, similarity, affinity*)

c) Passion is like a storm which beats fiercely.

(*wild, furious, mild, raging*)

d) Only a mother can look her child well.

(*on, into, after, upon*)

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

a) How does Shakespeare portray Shylock's character ?

b) How is the story of the rings connected with the plot of the play ?

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

a) Why was Antonio not anxious about his ventures ?

b) Why did Bassanio reject the golden and the silver caskets ?

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

a) How could the astrologer get rid of the fear he was troubled with ?

b) Why do you like the story 'Pen Pal' ?

Give reasons for your answer.

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

a) Why did Jimmy get Bob arrested ?

b) What did Sanku's wife ask him to bring from the market ?

10. Explain with reference to the context two of the following extracts : 3 + 3 = 6

a) It is enthroned in the hearts of kings ;

It is an attribute to God himself ;

And earthly power doth then show

liketh God's

When mercy seasons justice.

३) Frailty, thy name is woman.

iii) Ten thousand saw I at a glance.

b) Define Simile and give an example of

it.

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$

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