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ENGLISH
First Paper

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

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

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

a) I assume the black cap. I condemn you to death. Justice demands it

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and the court awards it. The counts against you are many You are a vagrant ; you are a public nuisance ; you are travelling without a ticket ; you have no meal coupon. For these and many other misdemeanours you are about to die.

b) Caste is vanishing ; the process began long ago, but its pace is now so rapid that the more objectionable features of caste may have

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disappeared within a generation or so. The old family system is adapting itself to present-day conditions. In fact the whole face of India is altering, but the cultural tradition continues, and it will never be lost. <http://www.upboardonline.com>

Q. If you would be free from all physical aches and pains, and would enjoy perfect physical harmony ; then put your mind in

order, and harmonize your thoughts. Think joyful thoughts ; think loving thoughts ; let the elixir of goodwill course through your veins, and you will need no other medicine.

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

a) No one knows how it happens, but early in life — sometimes even at birth — fatty deposits begin to build

up in the coronary arteries.

Gradually, they can close an artery,

or a clot may form to close it

suddenly.

Where an artery becomes blocked,

the portion of the heart muscle it

feeds, dies. This leaves scar tissue

— it may be no larger than a small

marble, but it can be half the size of

a tennis ball. How serious the

trouble is, depends on the size and

position of the plugged artery.

i) What sort of substances block

an artery ? 1

ii) At what stage of life is an artery

likely to get blocked ? 1

iii) How does the plugged artery

affect the heart ? 1

iv) What is the size of a scar

tissue, caused by a blocked

artery ? 1

b) The platforms were packed with people — Sikhs, Moslems, Hindus ; soldiers, merchants, priests, porters, beggars, hawkers. Almost everyone was barefoot and dressed in loose white garments. I would ask at least three people before I could find one who spoke English. We would talk world affairs and every major topic the news of the day produced. In this way I was trying to get a feel of the pulse of the nation,

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checking opinion against official attitudes and reports.

- i) How were the people on the platforms dressed ? 1
- ii) Why was the author in search of a person who knew English ? 1
- iii) What was the subject of conversation between the author and the English knowing person ? 1
- iv) What was the intention of the author in talking to the people ? 1

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

a) What kind of foods should the heart patients avoid ?

b) How should we aim to get success ?

c) What particular quality distinguishes women from men ?

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

a) What is the secret of health, success and power ?

b) What, according to Radhakrishnan, is the main purpose of education ?

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 cannot kill you, but I can you.

(*replace, redress, reprieve, return*)

b) For some we neglected our womenfolk.

(*years, weeks, decades, centuries*)

c) Much that was useless in ancient Indian culture has already

(*lost, perished, destroyed, finished*)

d) Passion is not power, it is the of power, the dispersion of power.

(fuse, misuse, abuse, reduce)

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

a) Give the character sketch of Shylock on the basis of 'The Merchant of Venice'.

b) How does the trial of Antonio become the trial of Shylock ?

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

a) How did Bassanio explain the loss of the ring ?

b) What is the virtue of mercy in Portia's view ?

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

a) Who was lost — the child or the parents ? Discuss.

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

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

- a) What made the astrologer feel uncomfortable ?
- b) Why did Gyan Babu's wife tell Gyan Babu to put in, his resignation ?

10. Explain with reference to the context *two* of the following extracts : 4 + 4 = 8

- a) This man is free from servile bands
Of hope to rise or fear to fall ;
Lord of himself, though not of lands,
And having nothing, he hath all.

b) The curfew tolls the knell of parting
day,
The lowing herd wind slowly o'er the
lea,
The ploughman homeward plods his
weary way,
And leaves the world to darkness,
and to me.

- c) To serve therewith my Maker, and
present
My true account, lest he, returning
chide,
Doth God exact day-labour,
light-denied ?
I fondly ask ;

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

- a) La Belle Dame Sans Merci
- b) From 'The Passing of Arthur'
- c) A Lament.

12. a) Point out the figures of speech in *two* of the following : 1 + 1 = 2

- i) I see a lily on thy brow.
- ii) Opportunity knocks at the door but once.
- iii) O world ! O life ! O time !

On whose last steps I climb,

b) Define 'Simile' and give an example of it. 1 + 1 = 2

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