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Paper I—ENGLISH

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

Answer any five questions of which three questions should be from Part A and two questions from Part B, including Question 8 which is compulsory.

Part A

1. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions each in a sentence or two ?

Once a great Chinese traveller by name Huentasang came to India. He studied Buddhism for sometime in the Nalanda University; and then while returning to his country he carried with him some manuscript granthas relating to Buddhism. He was sailing on the Bay of Bengal on his way to China. In order to bid farewell to him, two Buddhist scholars were accompanying him on board the ship. The ship was sailing forth. Unexpectedly, dark clouds appeared in the sky. All the people on the ship feared danger to their lives because terrific tempests and cyclonic winds began to blow. The captain of the ship gave orders to the crew that if anyone had with him any heavy article, it should be thrown into the sea. Huentasang had with him those heavy manuscript Buddhist granthas. He got ready to throw them into the sea. At that time the two scholars told him that those works are very valuable and people would obtain light and that they would jump into the sea instead. Having said this they jumped into the tempestuous sea.

- (i) Who was Huentasang ?
- (ii) What did he take with him when he went to his country ?
- (iii) Who were accompanying him to bid farewell to him ?
- (iv) Why did the people on board the ship fear danger to their lives ?
- (v) Why did the two scholars jump into the sea ?

(5 × 2 = 10 marks)

- (b) Write a précis of the above passage in about one-third of its length.

(5 marks)

2. (a) Write the synonyms of the following words :

- 1 Clean.
- 2 Calm.
- 3 Answer.
- 4 Common.
- 5 War.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

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(b) Write the antonyms of the following words :

- 1 Happiness.
- 2 Remember.
- 3 Lose.
- 4 Ugly.
- 5 Catch.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

(c) Give one-word substitutes for the following :

- 1 A person who sells meat.
- 2 A person who looks after us in the hospital.
- 3 A person who studies stars.
- 4 A book of instructions for a car.
- 5 A T.V. story spread over a number of weeks.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

3. (a) Rewrite the following sentences to form a meaningful paragraph.

- 1 It is calm and quiet everywhere.
- 2 A cool breeze blows.
- 3 One feels like going out into the open.
- 4 Morning hours are very refreshing.
- 5 Nature is at her best.

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

(b) Punctuate the following sentences :

- 1 there are twelve months in a year
- 2 raman is ten years old
- 3 the students took part in the arts festival
- 4 are there any mangoes in the basket
- 5 who teaches you arithmetic

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

(c) Make notes on the following passage :

Advertisements have become a part of our lives. We cannot live without them as they attack us from all sides. Step out of the house and they stare at you from all corners, promoting products from needles to C.Ds, from cricket bats to diamond jewellery. At home every five minutes T.V. programmes are interrupted to tell us what tooth paste we should buy, what kind of salt is good for us or even which toy to give a new baby ! Advertisements are also a help because they tell us about a new product. Advertisements also lead to competition and better products come into society. (5 marks)

4. (a) Write a story from the following outline :

Two women with a child — before king Solomon — each claims child her own — Solomon orders child to be cut in two — one half to be given to each — one woman cries : “Don’t cut the child” — offers to give up claim — Solomon says : “She is the mother” — orders child to be given to her.

(5 marks)

(b) Prepare a notice informing the students of the Arts competitions to be held for the College Youth Festival. (5 marks)

(c) You are participating in a group discussion. The topic being discussed is :

“Uses of the computer in our daily life”.

Write down five sentences stating your views on the subject.

(5 marks)

5. (a) You are attending an interview. Introduce yourself before the board members in five sentences.

(5 marks)

(b) Supply messages/greetings for the following :

- 1 Farewell to a friend.
- 2 On someone’s retirement.
- 3 When someone loses a game.
- 4 When someone wins an award.
- 5 Last day in the degree course. (teacher to student)

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

(c) Turn each of the following into polite requests :

- 1 Close the window. (Husband to wife)
- 2 Send me a photo. (David to his friend)
- 3 Lend me your ladder. (To your neighbour whom you don’t know very well)
- 4 Give us explanations on this topic. (To your teacher)
- 5 Buy me a chocolate. (To your friend)

(5 × 1 = 5 marks)

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Part B

6. Write a letter on the editor of a newspaper on the bad condition of the roads.

Or

You have just returned from a hill station. Write a letter to your friend telling him why they should also visit the place.

(15 marks)

7. (a) Write a speech in five sentences on "Politics on the College campus". (5 marks)

(b) Write a paragraph on you favourite pastime. (5 marks)

(c) You are at a bank to open an account. Write a conversation you could possibly have with the bank officer. (5 marks)

8. Answer any *five* of the following :

(a) Add prefixes to form the negatives of the following :

1 appear.

2 claim.

3 dress.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

(b) Give the plural of :

1 leaf.

2 child.

3 day.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

(c) Add suffixes to each of the following :

1 courage.

2 active.

3 art.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

(d) Use the correct tense form of the word in brackets :

1 The child —— (cry) out aloud in fear.

2 The girl —— (run) across the road quite fast.

3 You are —— (waste) your money on the project.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

(e) Fill in with suitable *prepositions* :

- 1 I am eligible ——— promotion.
- 2 Please excuse me ——— the delay.
- 3 he was absent ——— the class.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

(f) Change the *voice* :

- 1 Ashok has written this letter.
- 2 The letters were being delivered by the postman.
- 3 Children love animals.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

(g) Change the following into *Indirect speech* :

- 1 I said to Abdul, "Please give me your book".
- 2 "Shoot!" said the officer to his men.
- 3 I said to the boys, "Please allow me to work".

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)

(h) Correct the following sentences :

- 1 Your brother do not look happy today.
- 2 Did the player kicked the ball very hard.
- 3 We did not bought any vegetables from the market.

(3 × 1 = 3 marks)