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**ENGLISH — Paper II**Time Allowed : 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  Hours ]

[ Maximum Marks : 100

**PART - A**

- I. Rearrange the following sentences in logical sequence and rewrite in a paragraph using connectors wherever necessary : 5 + 5

1. He could see the silhouette of a bear near the door.
2. It seemed to be knocking at the door from the outside.
3. He moved to the window near the rear door and looked out.
4. The Principal heard the grating sound of metal against wood.
5. It rattled the rear door for almost half an hour.

- II. Read the given passage and answer the questions given below in a sentence or two each :

I had a thousand questions to ask about these tribal people — what civilization meant to them, what their lifestyle was, and so on. Tribals normally live in groups, I was told. They are not too rigid about rituals like we “civilized” people are. They are direct in their ways. Most importantly, the concept of individual ownership of property is rarely found among them. I was keen to get to know these people. My mission was to provide assistance to them by some means, without threatening their identity. My interpreter told me that to meet these people, I would have to walk two miles. Obviously, no car could reach their hamlet. I was ready. After a long walk, we finally reached a village. I met a woman whose age I could not immediately guess. My interpreter was finding it difficult to translate the lady’s words because her dialect was quite different. She was a dark-skinned and dark-haired woman. She must have been around 70 years old but there was no grey in her hair. She obviously could not afford to dye her hair. So what was her secret ? The interpreter did not know. But obviously, this secret was shared by the entire tribe, because not a single person in that whole village had a trace of grey in their hair.

1. How were tribals different from civilized people in matters of rituals ? 2
2. What was the idea of tribals on individual ownership of lands ? 2
3. What was the author’s mission ? 2
4. Why could the author’s interpreter not translate the old lady’s words ? 2
5. What was special about the woman ? 2

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III. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay form within 200 words each :

2 × 10 = 20

1. Narrate the experiences of the sea-gull before it had the first flight.
2. How did Sherlock Holmes detect the culprit ?
3. How did the author help the old man in the story "Stolen Bananas" ?
4. How was Sivagami able to change her father's attitude ?

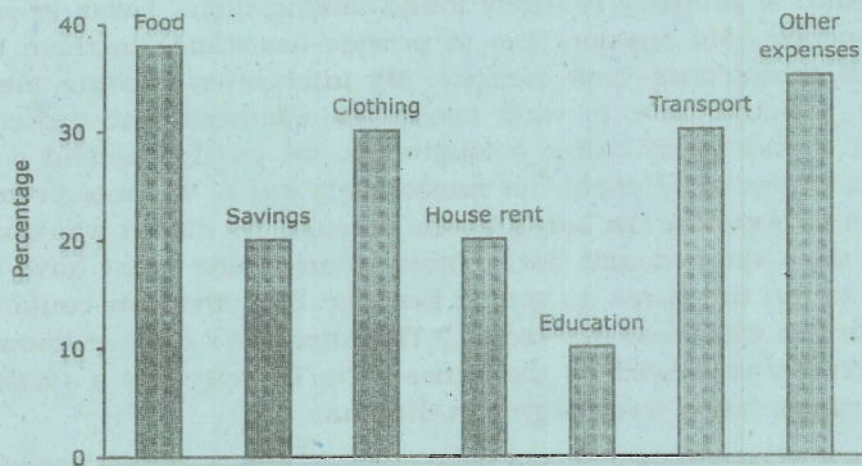
**PART - B**

IV. Write a précis of the following passage reducing it to one-third of its length : 10

Trees are useful to man in three ways; they provide him with wood and other products; they give him shade; and they help to prevent drought and flood. Unfortunately, in many parts of the world, man has not realised that the third of these services is the most important. In this eagerness to draw in large numbers only to find that with them he has lost the best friends he had. Even where a government realises the importance of a plentiful supply of trees, it is difficult for it to persuade the villagers to see this. The villagers want wood to cook their food with; and can earn money by making charcoal or selling wood to the townsmen. They are usually too lazy or careless to plant and look after new trees. So, unless the government has a good system of control, or can educate the people, the forests will slowly disappear. This does not mean the villager's sons and grandsons have fewer trees. The results are even more serious: for where there are trees their roots break the soil allowing the rain to sink in and also bind the soil thus preventing its being washed away easily; but where there are no trees the rain falls on hard ground and carries away the rich top-soil. Nothing remains but worthless desert.

V. Study the graph given below and answer the following questions : 5

Expenses of a Family



**Questions**

1. What does the bar graph represent ?
2. On which item does the family spend the maximum amount of money ?
3. Find out two items of equal expenditure.
4. For which item does the family spend the minimum amount of money ?
5. Which item comes fourth in terms of expenses ?



Read the following passage and make notes :

The field of advertising, both online and off-line, has been one of the key beneficiaries of multimedia technologies, and digital advertising is being used extensively by organisations today. Multimedia specialists use multiple types of media — text, graphics, sound, animation and video in any combination — to convey information and ideas through advertisements.

VI. Rewrite each of the following sentences correctly : 5 × 1 = 5

1. She lived in a place that was neither town or village.
2. Suddenly, I saw a big male bird emerge out a thicket about a hundred yards away.
3. He charges only an nominal rent.
4. I am one of the examiner.
5. She puts out learning till tomorrow.

VII. Read the poem and answer the questions given below : 10

I lay in sorrow, deep distressed;  
 My grief a proud man heard;  
 His looks were cold, he gave me gold,  
 But not a kindly word.  
 My sorrow passed — I paid him back  
 The gold he gave to me;  
 Then stood erect and spoke my thanks,  
 And blessed his charity.  
 I lay in grief and pain;  
 A poor man passed my way;  
 He bound my head, he gave me bread,  
 He watched me night and day,  
 How shall I pay him back  
 For all he did to me ?  
 Oh, gold is great, but greater far  
 Is heavenly sympathy.

*Questions :*

1. What was the poet's condition when the proud man passed his way ?
2. How did the proud man behave ?
3. When the poet lay in grief and pain who helped him ?
4. What did the poor man do ?
5. Who deserved greater gratitude and why ?

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Paraphrase the poem given below :

Here's an example from  
 A Butterfly;  
 That on a rough, hard rock  
 Happy can lie;  
 Friendless and all alone  
 On this unsweetened stone.  
 Now let my bed be hard  
 No care take I;  
 I'll make my joy like this  
 Small Butterfly;  
 Whose happy heart has power  
 To make a stone a flower.

- VIII. 1. Write a letter to your cousin congratulating her on her success in the + 2 Exams. 10

OR

2. Write a letter to the Postmaster complaining about the late delivery of letters in your area.

OR

3. Write a letter to a Hotel in Kodaikanal booking rooms for you and your family for a week during this summer.

( Sign yourself as X. If you write your Name, Reg. No. or Address your answer paper will not be valued )

- IX. Build up a dialogue between two friends regarding the use of plastics. 5

OR

Complete the dialogue with at least *five* exchanges :

Anil : Hi. Balan ! Are you free ? Shall we watch a movie ?

Balan : No, thank you. I don't like movies.

Anil : How surprising ! Why ?

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- X. Read the given passage and prepare an attractive advertisement : 5

The Teachers Forum for English, Anna Nagar, Chennai - 600 040 is conducting a poetry writing competition in English for college students in the age group of 18 to 22. Poems along with the entry fee of Rs.25/- may be sent to the Secretary, The Teachers Forum for English, Chennai - 600 040. Poems to be attested by the Principal of the college where the student is studying. Last date for sending in entries is 30th May, 2007.

- XI. Expand the idea contained in the following statement in about 100 words : 10  
 Where there is a will, there is a way.

OR

Make hay while the sun shines.

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