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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. So the students, were rightly excited about it.
2. Being just an arm's length away from a bear and miss being attacked was perhaps a great adventure.
3. But the guard showed them the pugmarks of a tiger which they had missed seeing, crossing the road that same night.
4. Now, what would you say to that !
5. And they were sure that they had not missed the best sight this trip could provide.

II. Read the given passage and answer the questions given below in a sentence or two each : 10

He looked at me sympathetically and said, "For this paper, people fight, go away from our ancestral land, leave our forest and go to cities. Have we not led a complete life without that piece of paper ? Our ancestors did. We are children of God, settled here happily without this paper. This is God's land. Nobody owns this land. No river is created by us. No mountain is made by us. The wind does not listen to us. The rain does not ask our permission. These are gifts of God. How we can sell or buy land, I do not understand. When nothing is yours then how can you make such transactions ? This little paper of yours can turn our lives upside down.

1. What paper is the old man talking about ?
2. How did his ancestors live ?
3. What are the natural resources named by him ?
4. Why does he feel that no transaction is possible ?
5. What, according to him, can ruin our lives ? Is it true ?

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

2 × 10 = 20

1. How does the mother's instinct help the seagull to take the first flight ?
2. Relate what was so memorable about the "Last Lesson".
3. Narrate the encounter with the tribal people by the author.
4. How did the author help the old man ?

**PART - B**

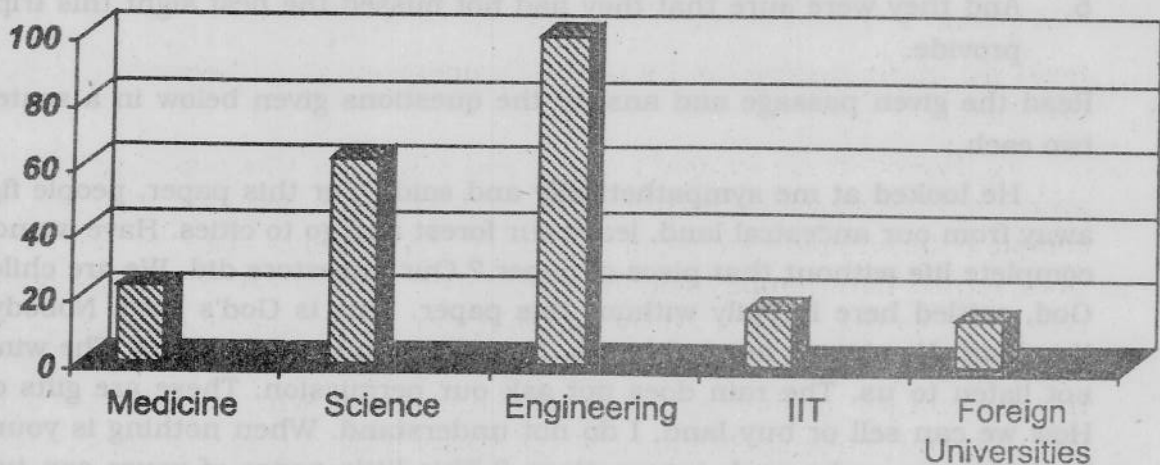
IV. Write a précis of the following passage reducing it to one-third of its length : 10

India is chiefly an agricultural country. The cultivation of crops depends on a proper supply of water throughout the year. From olden times, large parts of our country have suffered from periods of too much of rain, alternating with periods of drought. People have known that if the excess waters of the flood seasons can be stored up for use in the fields during the dry seasons, the problem would be solved. Unfortunately, they have neither the knowledge nor the means to do much in this matter. What little they knew they had tried to put into practice. They have dug canals to carry away water from the great perennial rivers. This was a heavy and expensive one practicable over only a small area. Large tanks were excavated, small bunds or dams have been built to hold water or hold back floods.

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

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No. of students opting for various courses (from a school) :



**Questions**

1. Which course is the most popular ?
2. Which is the lowest course sought by students ?
3. How much is the difference between medicine and science ?
4. What is the ratio between science and engineering students ?
5. Why is the number of students opting for foreign universities less ?

OR

Read the following passage and make notes :

Energy is derived from two kinds of energy resources namely, renewable and non-renewable. We use fuels like coal, petrol, diesel and kerosene. These cannot be renewed and are called as non-renewable resources. But energy from wind, water and sun can be renewed.

VI. Rewrite each of the following sentences correctly :

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1. He is a tall man, like I am.
2. He had no other desire but to make money.
3. One should take care of his books.
4. The ship, with its crew were lost.
5. Divide it between me and him.

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

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Lies beauty in doing duty

Right in time indeed !

The best of prayers ever it's

For you and I and all

It eases head and pleases heart

And keeps off restless life on earth.

Earn it will a place in heaven

When time comes, life beyond

Less of duty or devoid of it

Is just to kill our conscience alone

Where is right for as to claim

If duty is not discharged at all ?

Questions :

1. Where does our beauty lie ?
2. How does doing duty help us all ?
3. What does doing duty keep off ?
4. What are the ills of not doing one's duty ?
5. What can't be claimed, if we don't do our duty ?

OR

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Paraphrase the poem given below :

This is my prayer to Thee, my Lord

Strike at the root of penury in my heart

Give me the strength lightly to bear my joys and sorrows

Give me the strength to make my love fruitful in service

Give me the strength never to disown the poor or bend my knees before insolent  
might.

Give me the strength to surrender my strength to thy will with love.

- VIII. 1. Write a letter to the Principal of your school, thanking him/her for the scholarship awarded. 10

OR

2. Write a letter to your father describing in detail about your hostel life.

OR

3. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper on the menace of chickungunia disease and how it has affected your neighbourhood.

( 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 a car owner and a mechanic. 5

OR

Complete the dialogue with five responses :

Constable : Sir, Good morning.

Inspector : Good morning. You look excited. What's the matter ?

Constable : .....

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

A toothpaste that is introduced recently with calcium and iodine content.

Contact : 27, Third-Street, K. K. Nagar, Madurai.

Phone : 2724651.

- XI. Expand the idea contained in the following statement in about 100 words : 10

All that glitters is not gold.

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As you sow, so you reap.

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