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ENGLISH — Paper II

(New Syllabus)

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. His need for rice and provision made him decide to sell the bananas.
2. The old man filled the stem with salt and kept the bunch near the hearth.
3. At dawn he took the bunch of bananas to the market.
4. The old man waited for the bananas to ripe.
5. He was sorry that he could not allow his children to taste the bananas.

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

He was near the sea now, flying straight over it, facing straight out over the ocean. He saw a vast green sea beneath him, with little ridges moving over it, and he turned his beak sideways and crowed amusedly. His parents and his brothers and sisters had landed on this green floor in front of him. They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly. He dropped his legs to stand on the green sea. His legs sank into it. He screamed with fright and attempted to rise again, flapping his wings. But he was tired and weak with hunger and he could not rise, exhausted by the strange exercise. His feet sank into the green sea, and then his belly touched it and he sank no farther. He was floating on it. And

around him his family was screaming, praising him, and their beaks were offering him scraps of dog-fish.

He had made his first flight.

1. Who is flying straight over the sea ?
2. Why was he crowing amusedly ?
3. What is referred to as "green floor" ?
4. What is the "strange exercise" ?
5. What is he praised for ?

III. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay form within 200 words : $2 \times 10 = 20$

1. Relate what was so memorable about the "Last Lesson".
2. Narrate how Sivagami was able to bring about a change in her father's attitude.
3. Real life adventure is stranger than fiction. Discuss with regard to the story "Grandpa Fights an Ostrich."
4. Narrate the encounter of the author Sudha Murthy with the tribal people.

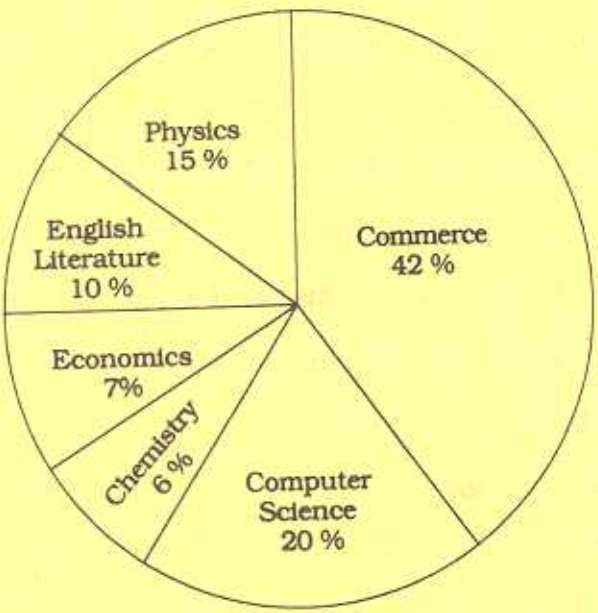
PART – B

IV. Write

be among the best of friends.' It is the same today th always was, and
will never change. It is the most patient and cheerf companions. It does
not turn its back upon us in times of adversity, as just It always receives us
with the same kindness, amusing and instructing u with and comforting and
nsoling us in age. Men often discover their affin
y to each other by the mutual love they have between the life of a man who does n
reading and that of a man who does. The man who has not the habit of reading
is imprisoned in his immediate world in respect to time and space. His life falls
nto a set routine ; he is limited to contact and conversation with a few friends
nd acquaintances and he sees

only what happens in his immediate neighbourhood. From this prison there is no escape. But the moment he takes up a book, he immediately enters a different world, and if it is a good book, he is immediately put in touch with one of the best talkers of the world. This talker leads him on and carries him into a different age or unburdens to him some of his personal regrets, or discusses with him some special line or aspect of life that the reader knows nothing about. An ancient author puts him in communication with a dead spirit of long ago, and as he reads along, he begins to imagine what that ancient author looked like and what type of person he was. Now to be able to live two hours out of twelve in a different world and take one's thoughts off the claims of the immediate present is, of course, a privilege to be envied by people shut up in their bodily prison. Such a change of environment is similar to travel in its psychological effect.

V. Study the pie-chart given below and answer the questions : 5



Percentage of admission in various Under-Graduate courses in Arts and Science Colleges in Tamil Nadu in 2004 – 2005.

Questions :

1. Which course has the highest takers ?

2. What is the difference in percentage between the admissions to Physics and English Literature ?

3. Which group has recorded the second highest number of admissions ?

4. Which group has the second lowest number of admissions ?

5. Which is the least sought after course ?

OR

Read the following passage and make notes :

English language has so firmly established itself in our midst that almost everyone of us speaks even the native tongue with a generous mix of English. Yet, if there is still one region where English has not been able to penetrate so thoroughly and establish itself is in the vocabulary of food. Quite often, many items' names and procedures related to cooking given in English are either misunderstood or not understood at all.

VI. Rewrite each of the following sentences correctly : $5 \times 1 = 5$

1. I was accompanied with a person who knew the local language.

2. Sivagami walked besides him silently.

3. It was clear to everyone that the visitor is a bear.

4. Her grandfather rested his foot in a statue that lay on the ground.

5. He held the book open with his great spectacles lying in the pages.

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

Boy, in a faded blue pull over,

Poor boy, thin smiling boy,

Ran down the door shouting,

Singing, flinging his arm wide,

I stood in the way and stopped him.

"What's up ?" I said. "Why are you happy ?"

He showed me the shining five rupee.

"I found it on the road," he said.

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

A stitch in time saves nine.

OR

United we stand, divided we fall.