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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. The author offered to buy the bunch for Rs. 20.
2. He was ready to sell the bunch for Rs. 10 or Rs. 12.
3. The old man was sorry for depriving the children of the fruits.
4. She dropped the old man at his house and left the bananas.
5. The author asked the old man to get into her vehicle.

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

I started for school very late that morning. I was in great fear of a scolding, especially because Mr. Hamel had said that he would question us on participles. I did not know the first word about them. For a moment, I thought of running away and spending the day out of doors. It was so warm, so bright ! The birds were chirping at the edge of the woods. In the open field back of the sawmill the Prussian soldiers were drilling. It was all much more tempting than the rule for participles. But I had the strength to resist, and hurried off to school. When I passed the town hall, there was a crowd in front of the bulletin-board. For the last two years all our bad news had come from there — the lost battles, the draft, the orders of the commanding officer. I thought to myself without stopping.

1. Whom does 'I' refer to ? 2
2. Why was he in great fear ? 2
3. What were the sights and sounds that tempted the speaker to stay away from school ? 2
4. Why did he think of running away ? 2
5. Where did he see the crowd ? 2

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

2 × 10 = 20

1. Narrate the experiences of the sea-gull before it had the first flight.
2. Narrate how Sivagami was able to bring about a change in her father's attitude.
3. How did the author's grandfather escape from the attack of the ostrich ?
4. Write an essay on how Sherlock Holmes detected the culprit.

PART - B

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

Look at any waste garbage dump. In addition to vegetable scraps, paper and broken glass, you will notice a considerable amount of plastic material such as shampoo bottles, bags, worn out slippers and so on. Vegetable scraps and paper are bio-degradable [that can be made to rot by bacteria], but glass and plastic continue to accumulate and harm the environment. Plastic is often mistaken for food by birds, animals and fish, leading to their death. It also chokes sewer pipes and becomes a trap for living beings in ponds, rivers and oceans. Investigations have been going on for a long time to produce an environment friendly plastic in the sense that it decays and becomes a part of the soil like rotting vegetable scraps do. Scientists of Imperial Chemical Industries at London have been able to develop a plastic called 'Biopol'. It is manufactured by microbes. Bottles, films and fibres can be made out of it. Fungi and bacteria can eat it and break it down to carbon dioxide and water. This new plastic can also be used to make capsules for slow release in the body of some types of medicines and of pesticides in fields.

V. Study the table given below and answer the following questions :

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Traffic Survey

Point : Arignar Anna Bridge, Madurai

No.	Time	Buses	Cars	Lorries	Bikes
1.	7.30 Hrs. to 9.30 Hrs.	75	75	65	80
2.	12.30 Hrs. to 14.30 Hrs.	55	75	50	70
3.	16.30 Hrs. to 17.30 Hrs.	65	95	70	60
4.	18.00 Hrs. to 19.30 Hrs.	80	120	75	75
5.	20.00 Hrs. to 22.30 Hrs.	100	50	90	105

Questions :

1. How many vehicles passed between 12.30 Hrs. and 14.30 Hrs. ?
2. How many lorries passed between 18.00 Hrs. to 19.30 Hrs. ?
3. Between what time 290 vehicles crossed the bridge ?
4. Between what time the maximum number of vehicles passed ?
5. How many vehicles passed between 7.30 a. m. and 7.30 p.m. ?

OR

Read the following passage and make notes :

Space Travel and Space Research is the latest child of science which has become a loveable mother by having given birth to an ever-growing child, Information Technology. Its arrival has changed our way of life. Yuri Gagarin was the first to enter space. He made history and we cannot forget the attempt made by our Indians. Rakesh Sharma and Kalpana Chawla made history by stepping into space. Things which were once considered luxuries have now become comforts and comforts are considered necessities. We may even see everyone using cell phones in the near future. God has gifted man with the sixth sense. He ought to reason out, matters good for humanity. Space Travel and Space Research has become necessary for the present day world. Knowledge is vast. We know only a speck in the ocean. Progress in research, new findings shows that the world is not stagnant but is progressing. It is Space Travel and Space Research that helps us get to know all about the earth and the cosmos. We are born free but everywhere we are in chains. Science is one of such chains, which we cannot break or need not break.

VI. Rewrite each of the following sentences correctly :

5 × 1 = 5

1. Dr. Samuel is a man of letter.
2. Everyone congratulated him for his success.
3. Leela is junior than Mala.
4. We entered into our class.
5. They discussed about the matter.

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

This is the Night Mail crossing the Border,
 Bringing the cheque and the postal order,
 Letters for the rich, letters for the poor,
 The shop at the corner, the girl next door,
 Past cotton-grass and moorland boulder,
 Shovelling white stream over her shoulder,
 Snorting noisely, she passes
 Silent miles of wind-bent grasses.
 Birds turn their heads as she approaches,
 Stare from bushes at her blank-faced coaches.
 Sheep-dogs cannot turn her course;
 They slumber on with paws across.
 In the farm she passes no one wakes,
 But a jug in a bed room gently shakes.

Questions :

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| 1. What does the Night Mail bring to the people ? | 2 |
| 2. Who are getting the letters ? | 2 |
| 3. Where does the train go on its way ? | 2 |
| 4. What do the birds do when the train comes near them ? | 2 |
| 5. What happens in the farm, with the arrival of the train ? | 2 |

OR

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Paraphrase the poem given below :

What is this life if, full of care,
 We have no time to stand and stare ?
 No time to stand beneath the boughs
 And stare as long as sheep or cows.
 No time to see, in broad daylight,
 Streams full of stars, like skies at Night ?
 No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
 And watch her feet, how they can dance ?
 No time to wait till her mouth can
 Enrich that smile her eyes began ?
 A poor life this if, full of care,
 We have no time to stand and stare.

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

1. Write a letter of advice to your friend who complains that he does not know how to spend his spare time. 10

OR

2. Write a letter to Messrs. Babcock and Singer, complaining that the watch recently bought from them does not keep good time.

OR

3. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper, appealing for funds to relieve the sufferers from flood.

IX. Build up a dialogue between two boys discussing their hobbies. 5

OR

Complete the dialogue with at least *five* exchanges :

George : Thank goodness ! Our examinations are over at last.

Samuel : What a relief ! I hope I shall score good marks.

George :

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

'New Style' — Factory outlet — 'The New Year Offer' — Buy 2, get 2 free — Men's wear — Kids' wear — Ladies' wear — New Style, No. : 19, 3rd Main Road, Gandhi Nagar, Adyar, Chennai — 20.

XI. Expand the idea contained in the following statement in about 100 words : 10
 As you sow, so shall you reap.

OR

Prevention is better than cure.
