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**ENGLISH — Paper I**

Time Allowed : 2½ Hours ]

[ Maximum Marks : 100

- Note :
- i) Answer *all* the questions in the answer-book given separately.
  - ii) Read the questions carefully and try to understand them fully before answering them.
  - iii) Write down the question numbers correctly in the margin of your answer-book.

**SECTION - A**

- I. A) Answer any *five* of the following questions in about 3 lines each :

5 × 2 = 10

1. What is the risk involved when people have to read a book which they do not like ?
2. What is fascinating about the various communities of people in India ?
3. Where does the true happiness of man lie ?
4. What is an object lesson of immense value according to Toynbee and why ?
5. What was it that did not gratify old Varma ?
6. Why have we made the scientist a scape-goat ?
7. Under what conditions can a tiger be called up ?
8. "We refused to face the unpalatable truth." What was that ?

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B) Answer any *three* of the following questions in about 3 lines each :

3 × 2 =

1. Why did Lochinvar say "Love swells like the Solway, but ebbs like its tide" ?
2. Who, according to Wotton, is a happy man and what does he pray for?
3. Why is Nature's cruelty not so bad as that of man's ingratitude ?
4. What is the fate of an unpatriotic man ?
5. What was the lesson did Govinda teach his disciple ?

II. A) Select any *three* of the following excerpts and answer the questions given under them :

3 × 3 = 9

1. 'At least you have a doctor in the house to look after you.'
  - a) Name the speaker.
  - b) To whom is the line addressed ?
  - c) Name the lesson.
2. The doctrine of laissez-faire will not work in the material world.
  - a) Name the lesson.
  - b) Who is the author ?
  - c) Explain laissez-faire.
3. He sealed his fate by stepping down into the ravine to recover them.
  - a) What does 'them' refer to ?
  - b) What is a ravine ?
  - c) Whom does the line refer to ?
4. 'The fear of double discredit kept me at my post.'
  - a) Who is the speaker ?
  - b) What does double discredit refer to ?
  - c) Name the lesson.
5. 'Nothing doing ! I shall disinherite the whole lot of you.'
  - a) Name the lesson.
  - b) Name the speaker.
  - c) Fix the context.

B) Select any *two* of the following excerpts and answer the questions given under them : 2 × 3 = 6

1. And he felt in his heart their strangeness.
  - a) Name the poem.
  - b) What does this line signify ?
2. The ship is anchored safe and sound, its voyage closed and done.
  - a) Explain the context.
  - b) Name the poem.
3. It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
  - a) What does the line refer to ?
  - b) Name the figure of speech used.
4. And miles to go before I sleep.
  - a) Give the title of the poem.
  - b) Explain the meaning of the line.

III. A) Answer any *one* of the following in about 200 words : 1 × 10 = 10

1. What were Nirad C. Chaudhuri's, experiences in Delhi buses ?
2. Describe the reminiscences of Gandhi as found in his autobiography.
3. What is the challenge of our time according to E. M. Forster ?

B) Answer any *one* of the following in about 200 words : 1 × 10 = 10

1. Narrate the 'Incident of the French Camp' as portrayed by Robert Browning.
2. How does the poet describe the fear that possessed nature at the creation of the Tiger ?
3. Ulysses stands for the Victorian spirit of enquiry and unceasing endeavour. Elaborate.

IV. Quote from memory keeping line, punctuation and verse form :

- a) *From* : For oft, .....  
*To* : ..... the daffodils. 6
- b) *From* : Whose heart .....  
*To* : ..... him well. 4

## SECTION - B

## V. Comprehension :

A) Choose the right responses from the options given below :

5 × 1 = 5

a) I have never ..... my penny dreadful period.

i) forgotten

ii) dreaded

iii) regretted

iv) recalled.

b) Ever since that time ..... has been both easy and interesting for me.

i) Sanskrit

ii) Geometry

iii) Persian

iv) Urdu.

c) It was the most ..... snake I had ever seen.

i) gorgeous

ii) beautiful

iii) brilliant

iv) attractive.

d) My shot had been heard in the village and an/a ..... crowd was waiting for me on the ridge.

i) anxious

ii) expectant

iii) eager

iv) curious.

e) So bad ..... are to be counteracted by good ones.

i) impressions

ii) actions

iii) tendencies

iv) reflections.

B) Choose the right responses from the options given below :

5 × 1 = 5

a) And he ..... upon the door again a second time.

i) struck

ii) smote

iii) knocked

iv) slashed.



B) Give the correct *antonyms* for the italicized words from the given options :

3 × 1 = 3

1. Nobody is so *ill-natured* as to mind being used as a cushion.

- i) ill-tempered                      ii) good natured  
 iii) pleasant                        iv) grumpy.

2. *Differences* big and small can always be noticed even with a national group.

- i) closeness                        ii) similarities  
 iii) contrasts                        iv) comparisons.

3. There is an *irresistible* tendency in him to do good.

- i) restraint                        ii) controllable  
 iii) resistible                        iv) curbed.

C) Complete the following sentences selecting suitable phrases / idioms from the given list :

3 × 1 = 3

1. Due to ill-health, she had to ..... her job.

2. Shyam ..... to his parent's expectation.

3. He worked hard ..... to win the prize.

*List of phrases / idioms :*

- i) out of pity  
 ii) lived up  
 iii) set about  
 iv) give up  
 v) on and off  
 vi) in order.

## SECTION - C

VII. a) Form new words from the root words listed below, using the prefixes and suffixes given in brackets : 3 × 1 = 3

i) improve                      ii) understand                      iii) common.

( mis, un, ment, dis )

b) Rewrite as directed : 9 × 1 = 9

1. Search his pockets and you will find the watch.

( Change into *Complex sentence* )

2. I have kept the money in the safe. ( Change into *Passive voice* )

3. Nobody was absent. ( Convert into *Affirmative sentence* )

4. He was too tired to play the game.

( Remove the adverb 'too' and use 'so..... that' )

5. Is that the way a gentleman should behave ?

( Change into an *Assertive sentence* )

6. He was very strong yet he was overcome.

( Change into a *Simple sentence* )

7. The boy who sits near me is my cousin. ( Pick out the principal clause )

8. Neither food nor water were to be found there.

( Correct the *sentence* )

9. "Are you coming home with me ?" he asked.

( Change into an *Indirect speech* )

c) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : 2

The lad ..... my story had selected a Bauhinea tree  
..... which ..... cut leaves ..... his cattle.

d) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles : 2

..... mindless monster overwhelms him; and what began as  
..... invention to the housework ends up by destroying  
..... master with ..... house.

e) Punctuate the following : 2

i was convicted of lying that deeply pained me how was i to prove my  
innocence

f) Name the figures of speech in the following sentences : 2

1. O Death ! Where is thy sting ?

2. The waves broke on the shore with a noise like thunder.

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