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Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it.

It was many years ago. Hadleyburg was the most honest and upright town in all the region round about. It had kept that reputation unsmirched during three generations, and was prouder of it than of any other of its possessions. It was so proud of it, and so anxious to insure its perpetuation, that it began to teach, the principles of honest dealing to its babies in the cradle, and made the like teachings the staple of their culture thenceforward through all the years devoted to their education. Also, throughout the formative years temptations were kept out of the way of the young people, so that their honesty could have every chance to harden and solidify, and become a part of their very bone. The neighbouring towns were jealous of this honorable supremacy, and affected to sneer at Hadleyburg's pride in it and call it vanity; but all the same they were obliged to acknowledge that Hadleyburg was in reality an incorruptible town; and if pressed they would also acknowledge that the mere fact that a young man hailed from Hadleyburg was all the recommendation he needed when he went forth from his natal town to seek for responsible employment.

1. Identify the type of the passage given choosing the correct alternative. 1
 - a) Narrative
 - b) Argumentative
 - c) Autobiographical
 - d) Reflective
2. Choose the correct Synonym for the underlined word : (2×1=2)
 - i) He was a very honest man.
 - a) corrupt
 - b) insincere
 - c) sincere
 - d) proud
 - ii) My sister works for a reputed company.
 - a) small
 - b) big
 - c) famous
 - d) ordinary

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3. Fill in the blanks with the suitable Antonyms of the underlined words : (2×1=2)
- I am employed but many of my friends are _____
 - The wife is a responsible woman whereas her husband is an _____ person.
4. Give one-word substitutes for the following : (2×1=2)
- Attraction towards bad or forbidden things.
 - State of having or owning something.
5. Fill in the blanks using the correct prefix/suffix to the word given in brackets. (2×1=2)
- Miracles do not occur in the world of _____ (real)
 - He collected a letter of _____ (recommend) from the MLA of his area.
6. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the given alternatives. (1×1=1)
- The _____ addressed the students of the College (Principal/Principle)

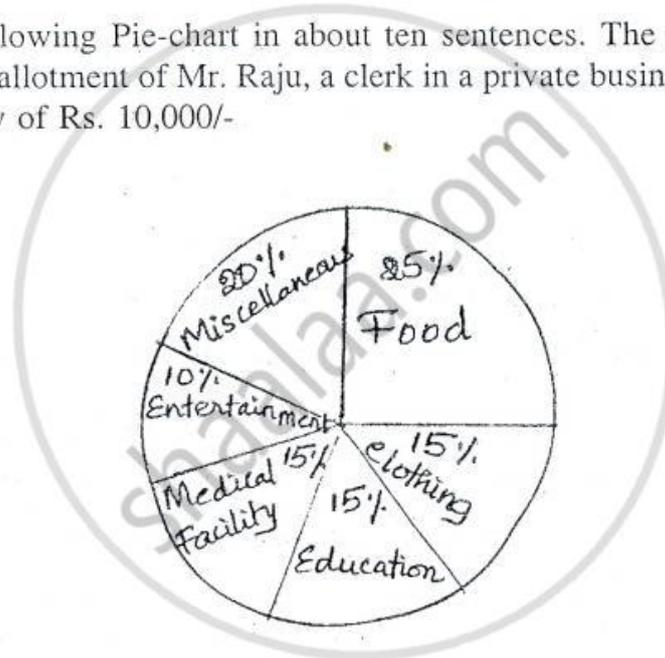
II. Read the following passage and answer **all** the questions set on it.

When you sit in your local cinema enjoying the film that is flashing on the screen in front of you, do you ever think of how films are made ? Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people may have spent a year or even longer, working very hard to produce a film which lasts a mere hour or two. Film making is now-a-days a very big and complicated industry, involving large sums of money and occupying many hundreds of skilled technicians as well as actors and actresses. When a film company decides to shoot a film, first of all, there must be a story. This may be based on a novel or a play, or it may be specially written for the film. From the story, whatever it is, a shooting script has to be prepared, which shows all the scenes, the order in which they are to be photographed or shot, the way the actors are to speak and move, the position of the camera for each scene and so on. Then the producer and a director are appointed. The producer engages the actors and actresses, decides which scenes are to be taken in the studio and which outside or on 'location', and makes all the preliminary preparations. The director is the man who tells the actors what to do, and shows them how to act each scene. It is his job to interpret the script and translate the author's words and instructions into a series of living scenes.

1. Why do people go to a local cinema and for how long do they stay there ? 2

2. What is considered as a complicated industry and why ? 2
3. What is the most important requirement to shoot a film and what is it based on? 2
4. What is a shooting script ? 2
5. Find words from the passage which suggest 2
 - a. A person who makes all the preliminary preparations.
 - b. The one who interpret's the script and translates it into living scenes.
6. Write a precis of the above passage reducing it to one-third of its length and suggest a suitable title. 5

- III. Interpret the following Pie-chart in about ten sentences. The chart shows the monthly budget allotment of Mr. Raju, a clerk in a private business concern with a monthly salary of Rs. 10,000/- 5



SECTION – B

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- IV. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about **300** words each. (3×10=30)
1. What fears does Nehru express about the new Nationalism of India ? Do you agree with him ?
 2. Explain in detail the different symbols and colours used in the National Flag of India as described by Jawaharlal Nehru.



3. In what ways does "The Man that corrupts Hadleyburg" expose the hypocrisy and greed of the town ?
 4. How does the stranger control the action of the story in "The Man that corrupted Hadleyburg"
 5. Discuss the appropriateness of the choice of the wheel symbol at the centre of the flag.
 6. What leads crito to conclude that Socrates' disposition is indeed a "happy" one ?
- V. Answer **any two** of the following in about **150** words each : (2×5=10)
1. What are the "things of the spirit" that the National Flag of India symbolise ?
 2. How is the National flag described in the resolution ?
 3. Why did the stranger plan to corrupt Hadleyburg ?
 4. What changes does Jack Halliday notice in the people of Hadleyburg ?
 5. Why did the congratulations and praise not taste good to the Richardses ?
- VI. Explain **any two** of the following with reference to the context. (2×5=10)
1. "What ? Has the ship come from Delos, on the arrival of which I am to die.
 2. "This resduction, Sir, is in simple language, and there is no glow or warmth in the words that I have read."
 3. "Why we are rich Mary, rich, all we have got to do is bury the money and burn the papers."
 4. He began to form a plan at once, saying to himself, "That is the thing to do - I will corrupt the town."
 5. "TO BE PUBLISHED; or the right man sought out by private enquiry - either will answer..."