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ENGLISH — Paper II

Time Allowed : $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

- 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 in your answer-book.

I. Answer any *two* of the following in about 200 words each : 2 × 10 = 20

1. Describe the scene in which Bassanio makes his choice of casket.
2. How does Portia describe her suitors to Nerissa ?
3. Comment on the dramatic accomplishments of the 'Trial Scene' in the 'Merchant of Venice'.
4. Sketch the character of Shylock.

II. A) Answer in essay form, any *one* of the following in about 200 words :

1 × 10 = 10

1. "Tagore has a fine understanding of human sentiments." Illustrate with reference to his story 'The Postmaster'.
2. "Romance at short notice was Vera's speciality." Discuss with reference to 'The Open Window'.
3. Give an account of the obstacles overcome by Sher Singh in his heroic attempt to save his brother.

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B) Choose the correct responses from the options given below against each question : 5 × 1 = 5

1. The patient did not die because
 - a) the doctor asked him not to worry about the will
 - b) the doctor spoke the truth
 - c) the doctor was called in at the right time
 - d) he cannot leave his property.
2. Frank was fighting
 - a) in Calcutta
 - b) in the India House
 - c) on the North-West Frontier
 - d) in Lambeth.
3. Under the bed Connie saw
 - a) a stranger
 - b) a torch
 - c) a bag with bulges in it
 - d) a box of matches.
4. Laura Merton was the daughter of
 - a) the General
 - b) a retired Colonel
 - c) Baron Hausberg
 - d) a retired Major.
5. The little bird was unable to sing because
 - a) it was very ill
 - b) it wanted its freedom
 - c) it was very hungry
 - d) it disliked the princes.

III. A) Write an essay on any *one* of the following in about 200 words : $1 \times 10 = 10$

1. The values of sports and games in character building.
2. Recollections of my childhood.
3. National integration — the need of today.

- B) Expand the following outline into a readable story of about 100 words : 5

Rich man — had two sons — elder very dutiful — looked after father's estate — younger son fell into bad company — took his share of property — sold it — went to a far off country — wasted all money — became poor — friends left him — had no food to eat — no money to buy food with — decided to go back to father — to become his servant — went back to father — father received him with great joy — son understood father's love.

- C) Write a letter on any *one* of the following : 1 × 10 = 10.

(Sign yourself as 'X' and give your address as 'Y'. If you write your Name, Reg. No. or Address etc., your answer paper will not be valued.)

1. To your uncle thanking him for the birthday gift that he has sent to you.
2. To the Editor of a newspaper complaining about the bad roads in your locality owing to heavy rains.
3. To the Principal of a college inviting him as the Chief Guest for your Annual Day Celebrations.

- IV. A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : 5 × 1 = 5

Pranayama is the systematic process of oxidization. The Pranayama oxidization is essential for every man. Life and longevity depend upon process of breathing. But very few people breathe deeply and fully enough to stretch the muscles of the throat, chest and abdomen to enable them to function properly. The average person breathes fifteen times a minute using less than one tenth of his or her breathing capacity. This kind of shallow breathing does no good and the nerve receptors that are buried deep inside the lungs, remain unaffected. Thus the blood is oxygen-starved and the body fails to get proper supply of nutrients. One of the reasons for hallucination and senility is this decreased supply of oxygen to the brain. Pranayama or the yogic breathing enables us to slow down the rate of breathing, fills the lungs with a good supply of oxygen and eliminates much of the carbon dioxide, thus purifies the blood circulation.

1. Pranayama means
 - a) a yogic way of breathing
 - b) a breathing technique
 - c) a systematic process of oxidization
 - d) an ordinary way of breathing.

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2. Most of us breathe
 - a) one to ten times a minute
 - b) fifteen times a minute
 - c) seventy-two times a minute
 - d) two times only.
3. Hallucination and senility are caused due to
 - a) ageing
 - b) lack of exercises
 - c) pranayama
 - d) lack of insufficient supply of oxygen to the brain.
4. Regular practice of pranayama
 - a) fills the lungs with oxygen
 - b) eliminates the carbon dioxide
 - c) purifies and regulates the blood circulation
 - d) makes us younger.
5. Life and longevity depend upon
 - a) good breathing
 - b) long exercises
 - c) energy food
 - d) blood circulation.

B) Reduce the above passage to one-third of its original length.

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V. Complete the following dialogue :

5 × 1 = 5

Akil : Hello, can I speak to the Managing Director please ?

P.A. :

Akil : Where has she gone ?

P.A. :

Akil : When is she likely to come back ?

P.A. :

Akil : Will you please ask her to ring me up when she comes back ?

P.A. : I am sorry

Akil : O.K. My mobile phone number is 9442211155

P.A. : Thank you, Good bye.

Akil :

VI. Draft a telegram using the details given in the following passage :

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Your principal has been selected for the 'BEST TEACHERS' NATIONAL AWARD' this year. Send a telegram congratulating him. (Use 'X' and 'Y' for *From* and *To* addresses and sign 'Z')