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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. Discuss the bond of friendship between Antonio and Bassanio.
2. Give an account of Bassanio's choice of casket. What light does it throw on his character ?
3. Summarize Portia's speech on the quality of mercy and bring out its significance.
4. "Shylock is more sinned against than sinning." Give your views on this statement.

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

1 × 10 = 10

1. "Inscrutable are the ways of a woman's heart!" Discuss this statement with reference to Ratan's relationship with the Postmaster.
2. Bring out the significance of the title "The Price of Flowers".
3. Narrate how an Indian clerk was ill-treated by his English officer in pre-independence days. What was the lesson taught to the English officer ?

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

1. People attached great value to Dr. Raman's word because
  - a) he charged only twenty-five rupees
  - b) it was not in Dr. Raman's nature of whitewash
  - c) he was kind to them
  - d) he normally used soothing words to comfort the patients.
  
2. Which of the following statements is not true ?
  - a) Maggie worked as a typist in the Civil Service stores.
  - b) Maggie's clothes betrayed her poverty.
  - c) Maggie's mother was Mrs. Clifford.
  - d) Maggie was not at all pleased to meet Mr. Gupta.
  
3. According to Vera, Mrs. Sappleton's husband and her two young brothers were
  - a) engulfed in a treacherous bog
  - b) killed by wild animals
  - c) cruel to Mrs. Sappleton
  - d) attacked by wild dogs.



4. Baron Hausberg was
- a) an old beggar
  - b) an artist
  - c) one of the richest men in Europe
  - d) a friend of Hughie Erskine.
5. Connie set the motorcycle on fire so that
- a) she could take revenge on the burglar
  - b) the burglar would run away from her house
  - c) people would come quickly to her rescue
  - d) she could show her courage.

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

1. The effects of Global warming and the measures to be taken against this menace
2. An adventure in your life
3. The career you would like to choose.

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

A philosopher — absent-minded — travelling by a train — ticket collector — checking tickets — philosopher's ticket lost — ticket collector believes his words — asks him to pay the charge — philosopher absent-minded — forgets his destination.

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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 the Inspector of Police complaining about a theft that took place in your house.
2. To Messrs Macmillan & Co., Bangalore, ordering for books.
3. To a friend of yours describing how the Children's Day was celebrated in your school.

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

Some say that nothing is more vivid or memorable than a picture. We disagree. No visual image is as vivid as the image created by the mind in response to words. The main function of the poet or the artist, in fact, is to enable people to see more deeply into things than they can with the unaided eye. There is more to life than meets the eye, and this is what good prose or poetry or painting is all about.

It is not true that one picture is worth a thousand words. It takes only a few words — if they are the right words — to ignite the imagination and produce pictures far more colourful than anything within the range of electronic communication.



Yet the ultimate importance and power of print is represented not by its superior images but by its ability to convey abstract ideas. No matter how intensive or prolonged a person's formal schooling may be, he is only partially educated if he is unable to think abstractly. He knows that the most vital ingredient in the making of decisions is sequential thought. This is what is meant by abstract thought.

No other medium of communications can equal the speed and accuracy of print in moving an abstraction from one human brain to another. If we are looking for a way to kill philosophy, then let us by all means put an end to print, for print is the natural habitat of ideas. People who are impressed with ideas want to think about them on their own terms and in their own time.

1. According to the passage, the written word
  - a) is superior to pictures in creating an image in the mind
  - b) cannot compete with pictures for creating images in the mind
  - c) will fall by the wayside as electronic media advance
  - d) is useful only in poetry.

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2. The most important impact of words is their ability to
  - a) describe nature
  - b) describe people
  - c) be formed into poetry
  - d) transmit abstract ideas.
  
3. A truly educated man must, according to the passage, be able to
  - a) think abstractly
  - b) use technology
  - c) write poetry
  - d) paint abstract works.
  
4. According to the passage the best method for conveying abstract thoughts is
  - a) electronic communication
  - b) the printed page
  - c) the theatre
  - d) debate.
  
5. Philosophical ideas can best be communicated
  - a) by many types of media
  - b) on television
  - c) in the lecture room
  - d) in print.

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



V. Complete the following dialogue :

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Teacher : What do you do during your spare time ?

Student : Well, Ma'm, I .....

Teacher : Good! Who is your favourite author ?

Student : .....

Teacher : He is a classical author. How many of his novels have you read ?

Student : .....

Teacher : That's good! You must read all his novels. You can learn about the different characters in his novels.

Student : .....

Teacher : You must continue your reading. It will make you a good speaker and you will be able to express yourself freely. All the best!

Student : .....

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

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You have placed an order for certain text books to Macmillan & Co. It is now nearly three weeks since you have received any communication from them. Inform them that you need them immediately.

