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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 : $2 \times 10 = 20$
1. Although Shylock is a mean old Jew, we do sympathise with him. Do you agree with this statement ? Why ?
 2. How far is the choosing of the caskets a true test of character ?
 3. Portia is the strong link between the bond story and the casket story. Illustrate.
 4. Bring out the significance of the lively ring episode.
- II. A) Write an essay on any *one* of the following in about 200 words : $1 \times 10 = 10$
1. 'Romance at short notice was her speciality.' How does Vera live up to her reputation ?
 2. Bring out the significance of the title, 'The Model Millionaire'.
 3. How does a doctor's soothing lie save the life of his friend in R. K. Narayan's story, 'The Doctor's Word' ?
- B) Choose the correct responses from the options given below each question : $5 \times 1 = 5$
1. Laura Merton was the daughter of
 - a) a retired colonel
 - b) a fine artist
 - c) a model millionaire
 - d) an old beggar.

2. The doctor addressed the boy as Sher Singh Bahadur because
- the boy looked like his father
 - the boy was very brave
 - the doctor wanted to console him
 - the doctor did not know him well.
3. Connie wept because she felt sorry for
- herself
 - Charles
 - Mrs. Winston
 - Mr. Field.
4. Fateh Chand decided to resign because
- he was very old and weak
 - he did not want to serve an ill mannered bully
 - he wanted to please his wife
 - he found a much better job.
5. According to Vera the hunters
- were attacked by a man-eater
 - lost their way in the deep woods
 - perished in a terrible storm
 - were engulfed in a treacherous piece of bog.

III. A) Write an essay on any *one* of the following in about 200 words :

1 × 10 = 10

- The qualities of an ideal student.
- The person I admire most.
- The modern communication system.

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

Soldier walking through a market — sees man selling caged birds — approaches seller — buys all the birds — sets them free — spectators ridicule him — ask the reason — replies he was a prisoner of war — understands the desire for freedom.

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, Register No. or address, your paper will not be valued)

1. Write a letter to your uncle informing him about the profession you would like to choose.
2. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the bad condition of the roads in your area.
3. Write a letter to a well known company applying for the post of a computer programmer.

IV. A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

5 × 1 = 5

Compared to a motorbike or a car, the bicycle is a slow moving vehicle but its popularity has been on the increase in recent years. There are many reasons for this. The most vital one is that the bicycle does not require petrol or diesel as a car or motorbike does. In these days of fuel shortage, this is a *decided advantage*. It *draws* its power from the rider. The bicycle moreover is small, light and convenient. There are no parking problems. Another reason for its popularity is that it takes us to our destination without getting held up in a traffic jam. Environmentalists recommend the bicycle as it causes no pollution. It produces no noise or smoke. Finally it provides good exercise which tones up one's heart and one's muscles.

1. The most important reason for the popularity of the bicycle is
 - a) it is cheap
 - b) it is light
 - c) it does not require fuel
 - d) it does not require much space.
2. Environmentalists recommend the bicycle because
 - a) it can wind its way through traffic jams
 - b) it does not cause any pollution
 - c) there are no parking problems
 - d) it is small and convenient.

- 3. 'A decided advantage' means
 - a) a great plus point
 - b) a negative effect
 - c) a slight disadvantage
 - d) a big problem.
- 4. It draws its power from the rider. Which of the following words can be used instead of 'draws' ?
 - a) gets
 - b) sketches
 - c) removes
 - d) attracts.
- 5. Riding a bicycle
 - a) strains the muscles
 - b) is not preferred by many
 - c) weakens the heart
 - d) is good exercise.

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

V. Complete the following dialogue :

5 × 1 = 5

Boy : Could you please do me a favour ?
 Shopkeeper :
 Boy : I would like to have change for hundred rupees.
 Shopkeeper :
 Boy : Can you give it to me in ten rupee note ?
 Shopkeeper :
 Boy : Then please give me what you have.
 Shopkeeper :
 Boy : Thank you very much. Sorry for the trouble.
 Shopkeeper :

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

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Your sister Meena is leaving for Mumbai to attend an interview. Send a telegram to your uncle there to meet her at the railway station. Invent details regarding date, name of train and time of arrival.

