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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. "The friendship between Antonio and Bassanio is a classic example of true friendship." Do you agree with this statement ?
 2. Give an account of Bassanio's choice of the caskets.
 3. Sketch the character of Shylock.
 4. How does Portia describe her suitors to Nerissa ?
- II. A) Answer any *one* of the following in about 200 words : 1 × 10 = 10
1. Narrate the story of how Dr. Raman saved Gopal's life.
 2. How does the author bring out Sher Singh's courage in the story "My Brother, My Brother" ?
 3. What do you learn of the life of the poor people of England from the story "The Price of Flower" ?
- B) Choose the correct responses from the options given below each question : 5 × 1 = 5
1. The world of Fateh Chand was
 - a) full of fun and frolic
 - b) confined to files and papers
 - c) free from care and concern
 - d) limited to his home and office.

2. Frank was fighting
 - a) in Calcutta
 - b) in India House
 - c) in Lambeth
 - d) on the Northwest Frontier.
3. On his birthday, the King of Siam
 - a) received gifts
 - b) dined with his councillors
 - c) gave presents to his daughter
 - d) arranged for a ball.
4. are the ways of a woman's heart.
 - a) Incurable
 - b) Inscrutable
 - c) Invincible
 - d) Invisible.
5. Hughie Erskine was so moved by the plight of the beggar model that
 - a) he shed tears for him
 - b) he found him a job
 - c) he endowed him with property
 - d) he slipped a sovereign into his hand.

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

1 × 10 = 10

1. Television as a source of information and learning
2. Laughter — the best medicine
3. The country you would like to visit.

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

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A hard-working farmer — has four sons — all very lazy — advises them to work hard — in vain — farmer on death bed — calls sons — tells them a secret — a huge treasure hidden in field — dies — sons dig, find nothing — curse their father — sow wheat in the field — reap a bumper crop — become rich — treasure found — learn to be hard-working.

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 etc., your answer paper will not be valued.)

1. To a freedom fighter asking him to preside over your Independence Day celebrations.
2. To your father asking for his guidance on the subjects you should take up in the plus one course.
3. To the Editor of a newspaper on how accidents can be reduced on our city roads.

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

5 × 1 = 5

Sue and Joanna were friends. They shared a studio. Joanna fell ill. The doctor treated her carefully. Yet she didn't recover. The doctor felt that Joanna should want to live. Only then would she recover. From her bed, Joanna could see an ivy vine. She kept counting the leaves on the vine. The leaves were falling one by one. She had a superstitious idea that when the last leaf fell, she would die.

Behrman was a painter who lived on the ground floor. She met Behrman and told him of Joanna and her belief. Behrman promised to paint a masterpiece. That night there was heavy rain. Yet, there was one leaf on a branch of the ivy vine. Joanna saw it. She understood her mistake in wanting to die. She decided to live. She learnt later from Sue that Behrman had died of pneumonia in hospital. The whole night he had worked at his masterpiece in the rain. His picture of the last leaf which he had fixed on the ivy vine had saved Joanna's life.

1. Joanna did not recover in spite of treatment because
 - a) the diagnosis was wrong
 - b) she was allergic to medicine
 - c) she had lost the will to live
 - d) she was not looked after properly.
2. Joanna was counting the ivy leaves
 - a) to pass the time
 - b) because she thought she would die when the last leaf fell
 - c) because it would make her sleep better
 - d) because she had always loved the vine and did not want to see it bare.

3. The ivy leaf remained on the vine ever after the rain because
- it was actually a painting
 - it was sturdy
 - it was a new leaf
 - the wind blew in the other direction.
4. Sue seems to be
- a short tempered but efficient friend
 - a selfish and bossy friend
 - a caring and affectionate friend
 - an indifferent and inconsiderate friend.
5. She called the leaf Behrman's masterpiece because
- he drew it just before he died
 - it looked very natural
 - it did not flutter or move
 - it saved the life of Joanna.

B) Reduce the above passage to one-third of its original length. 5

V. Complete the following dialogue : 5 × 1 = 5

John : I have got a job in Singapore.

David : Congratulations !

John : I will be working as a programmer.

David : ?

John : My ticket has been booked for the 4th of next month.

David :

John : That would be nice. I'm delighted that you want to see me off at the airport.

David : ?

John : I've booked my ticket by Singapore Airlines.

David : ?

John : No, I'll be going alone.

VI. Draft a telegram using the details given in the following : 5

You are in bed with viral flu. Send a telegram to the manager of your company, requesting him to grant you leave for a week.
