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ENGLISH**General Proficiency and Communicative English**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – A
(Communicative English)

- I. a) Punctuate the following sentence and use capital letters wherever necessary.
ram said to mohan sham wants to see you tomorrow in the morning. 3
- b) Rearrange the following details according to the bibliographical procedures.
Use the proper punctuation marks. 2
Publisher : Jaico Publishing House
Title of the book : A novel of Peasant India
Year of Publication : 1972
Author : Premchand
Place of Publication : Bombay
- II. A) Read the following expressions and identify their functions from the choices given : 2
- a) Let's go for you a walk.
i) Request ii) Command iii) Suggestion
- b) I am sorry for being late
i) agreement ii) apology iii) enquiry
- B) Complete the following conversation filling in the blanks with suitable questions / responses in complete sentences : 3
- A : When is the West Coast Express expected to arrive ?
B : _____
A : What is the reason for the delay ?
B : _____
A : _____
B : It will stop here for five minutes.

P.T.O.



C) Write a dialogue of about **fifteen** sentences on **any one** of the following situations : 5

- i) Two students discussing their choice of career.
- ii) Two friends discussing a movie they have just seen.
- iii) You are requesting your father to buy you a new watch. Your father is reluctant.

III. A) Write a paragraph using the following hints : underline your topic sentence and use the necessary linkers from the given list and underline them. (as well as, out, too, therefore, however) 5

Exploitation of women - lack of education - confined to home - dowry - bride burning - women considered not equal to men - awareness about women's importance to be spread in society.

B) Among the following set of jumbled sentences in proper sequence to form a sensible paragraph. 5

- 1) His name was Robert Bruce.
- 2) He gathered a large army and fought the English six times.
- 3) Many centuries ago there lived a king in Scotland.
- 4) He wanted to free Scotland from the yoke of England.
- 5) He was noble and full of love for his country.

C) Refute **any one** of the following in a paragraph of about **8 - 10** sentences : 5

- 1) A small family is a happy family.
- 2) Honesty is the best policy.
- 3) Two heads are better than one.



SECTION – B
(General Proficiency)

IV. Select **any three** of the following passages and answer the questions given below : (3×5=15)

- a) Marlow : 'Well its' gone. I put it on the tray last night. And he's been smoking.
- i) What is Marlow searching for ? 1
 - ii) Who has been smoking ? 2
 - iii) Whom do they suspect and why ? 2
- b) Barthwick : _____ why, a poor man who behaved as you've done do you think he'd have any mercy shown him ? What you want is a good lesson. You and your sort are a nuisance to the community. Don't ask me to help you next time. You are not fit to be helped.
- i) Who is the 'you' ? 1
 - ii) How has Barthwick helped him ? 2
 - iii) Why is he and his sort a nuisance to the community ? 2
- c) Jones : 'I see that young calf, his son, swelling it about and going razzle dazzle wot've they done that makes them any better than wot I am ? They never did a day's work in their lives.
- i) Who is the young calf ? 1
 - ii) What is the cause for the speaker's jealousy ? 2
 - iii) What is it that they have not done ? 2
- d) Unknown : 'In my purse in the reticule. It was a crimson silk purse. Really I wouldn't have come - I don't want to make any fun. But I must get my money back'.
- i) Who is the unknown ? 1
 - ii) What did the purse contain ? 2
 - iii) What does the passage reveal about the speaker ? 2



e) Jones : 'He's a young limb that's what he is. It's my belief he was tipsy last night like your husband. It's another kind of being out of work that sets him to drink.

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| i) Who is the young limb ? | 1 |
| ii) What does the word tipsy mean ? | 2 |
| iii) What similarity is drawn between the husband and the young limb ? | 2 |

V. Answer **any three** of the following in about **100-150** words each : (3×5=15)

- a) What parallels and contrasts do you find between Jack Barthwick and Jones in the play 'The Silver Box' ?
- b) What do you learn from Mrs. Jones about her husband and her attitude towards him ?
- c) What dramatic purpose is served by the visit of the unknown lady ?
- d) What is Mr. Barthwick's opinion about his son ?
- e) How does Mrs. Jones react at the discovery of the silver box in her husbands coat pocket ?

VI. Answer **any two** of the following in about **300** words each : (2×10=20)

- a) Discuss the significance of the opening scene in the play 'The Silver Box'.
- b) How far is it correct to describe 'The Silver Box' as a play about two thefts ?
- c) Is Jones a thief or a rebel or both ? Explain.
- d) 'The Silver Box' is a satire on society which brings out the contrast between justice administered to the rich and to the poor – Discuss.