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ENGLISH — Paper II

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

[Maximum Marks : 100

PART - A

- I. Rearrange the following sentences in logical sequence and rewrite in paragraph using connectors wherever necessary : 5 + 5

1. He pretended to be falling asleep.
2. Young seagull was alone.
3. Nobody had come near him in the past twenty four hours.
4. His mother was tearing at a piece of fish.
5. His brother and sister had flown away.

- II. Read the given passage and answer the questions given below in a sentence or two each :

The same time the sound was heard once again. The Principal got up and went towards the bed near the rear door. Undoubtedly the noise was from the other side of the door.

"Who is there ?" the Principal asked, raising his voice. A few heads looked at him from the beds. In a swift move the Principal went to a window near the rear door negotiating his way through the beds, gently opened the window and peered into the darkness. Nothing was visible. After a few minutes his eyes got adjusted to the darkness and he saw the silhouette of the rear portion of an animal. He switched on the flash light.

"Good God !"

"What happened Sir ?" Curious voices of the few students were heard

"Sh..... sh...". The Principal asked them to be silent and whispered, "Nothing to worry. It seems we have a visitor. It is a black bear".

1. Where did the noise come from ? 2
2. What did the Principal do ? 2
3. What did he see through the window ? 2
4. Why was nothing visible at first ? 2
5. How did he find the visitor ? Who was it ? 2

Turn over

III. Answer any two of the following in an essay form within 200 words each :

2 × 10 = 20

1. Narrate how Sivagami was able to bring about a change in her father's attitude.
2. How did Bond's grandfather escape from the attack of the Ostrich ?
3. "Wisdom comes with the age." Elucidate with reference to the story "An Old Man's Ageless Wisdom".
4. Write an essay on the clues that helped Sherlock Holmes to solve the mystery of missing proofs.

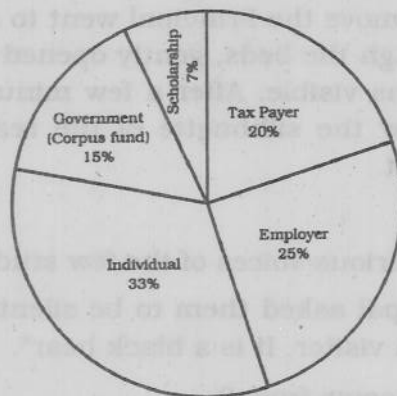
PART - B

IV. Write a précis of the following passage reducing it to one-third of its length : 10

Trees are useful to man in three ways: they provide him with wood and other products; they give him shade; and they help to prevent drought and flood. Unfortunately, in many parts of the world, man has not realised that the third of these services is the most important. In this eagerness to draw in large numbers only to find that with them he has lost the best friends he had. Even where a government realises the importance of a plentiful supply of trees, it is difficult for it to persuade the villagers to see this. The villagers want wood to cook their food with and can earn money by making charcoal or selling wood to the townsmen. They are usually too lazy or careless to plant and look after new trees. So, unless the government has a good system of control, or can educate the people the forests slowly disappear. This does not mean the villager's sons and grandsons have fewer trees. The results are even more serious; for where there are trees their roots break the soil allowing the rain to sink in and also bind the soil thus preventing its being washed away easily; but where it is gone, nothing remains but a worthless desert.

V. Study the pie chart given below and answer the following questions : 5

Showing of the cost of education for employed adults in a welfare state :



Questions

1. How much per cent more does the tax payer give compared to government ?
2. Who pays the major share ?
3. Whose contribution nears that of the individual ?
4. Which item gives the minimum ?
5. What is the contribution of the government corpus fund ?

OR

Read the following passage and make notes :

From the small trading port established by the British over 350 years ago, Chennai has emerged as the largest city in the southern India and the fastest growing metropolis in the country. A major port city on the east coast, the development of the city has been entwined with the growth and progress of its 305 year old corporation, the oldest municipal body in the country. Chennai in recent times has seen tremendous growth both in physical terms as well as commercial activity. The city is slowly shedding its image of a traditional and slow moving city for a vibrant and cosmopolitan one — a city that's full of promises and potential.

Many corporate giants have been attracted to the city because of this reason. Companies like Ford have set up factory in the outskirts of Chennai.

VI. Rewrite each of the following sentences correctly :

5 × 1 = 5

1. If Mr. Soams sees them, the game was up.
2. In the verge of the road, an old man in rags was sitting in his hunches.
3. Grandfather's dog left him chasing a heir.
4. We've all a great deal to blame us for.
5. She lived in a place that was neither town but village.

VII. Read the poem and answer the questions given below :

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As we rush, as we rush in the train

The trees and the houses go wheeling back

But the starry heavens above the plain

Come flying on our track.

All the beautiful stars of the sky

The silver doves of the forest of night

Over the dull earth swarm and fly

Companions of our flight.

We will rush ever on without fear

Let the goal be far, the flight be fleet !

For we carry the Heavens with us, dear

While the earth slips from our feet !

Questions :

1. What happens to the trees and houses when the train goes ?
2. How do the sky and the star move then ?
3. How are the stars and night described ?
4. What does the poet want us to do ?
5. What happens when we go forward ?

OR

[Turn over

Paraphrase the poem given below :

About Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase)
 Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace
 And saw, within the moonlight in his room
 Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
 An angel writing in a book of gold.
 Exceeding peace has made Ben Adhem bold,
 And to the presence in the room he said,
 "What writest thou?" - The vision raised his head,
 And, with a look made of all sweet accord,
 Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord,"
 "And is mine one?" said Abou, "Nay, not so,"
 Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,
 But cheerily still and said, "I pray thee, then,
 Write me as one that loves his fellow men".
 The angel wrote and vanished. The next night
 It came again with great wakening light,
 And showed the names whom love of God had bless'd,
 And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

- Leigh Hunt

- VIII. 1. Write a letter to the Manager of a textile mill seeking permission to visit the mill, along with your classmates. 10
 OR
 2. Write a letter to your uncle thanking him for his birthday present.
 OR
 3. Write a letter to the Principal of a college regarding integrated degree courses in arts and education.
 (Sign yourself as X. If you write your Name, Reg. No. or Address your answer paper will not be valued)
- IX. Build up a dialogue between a lady and a shopkeeper regarding the purchase of a silk saree. 5
 OR
 Complete the dialogue with at least five exchanges :
 Father : Raj ! Show me your progress card.
 Raj : Here it is father.
 Father :
- X. Read the given passage and prepare an attractive advertisement : 5
 Chellai and Co. is interested in buying watches and clocks more than 50 years old.
 Down Cash Payment
 Contact Phone No. : 23456789
 Even on Sundays the company functions.
- XI. Expand the idea contained in the following statement in about 100 words : 10
 All that glitters is not gold.
 OR
 Honesty is the best policy.