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English-B

First Paper

(For Science Group Only)

Time : 3 Hours 15 Min.]

[Max. Marks : 50

*Instruction* : First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.

1. Explain with reference to the context *one* of the following passages :

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a) Passion is not power; it is the abuse of power, the dispersion of power. Passion is like a furious storm which beats fiercely and wildly upon the embattled rock, whilst power is like the rock itself which remains silent and unmoved through it all.

b) Caste is vanishing; the process began long ago, but its pace is now so rapid that the more objectionable features of caste may have disappeared within a generation or so. The old family system is

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adapting itself to present-day conditions. In fact the whole face of India is altering, but the cultural tradition continues, and it will never be lost.

- c) There is a pleasant sense of freedom about being alone in a carriage that is jolting noisily through the night. It is liberty and unrestraint in a very agreeable form. You can do anything you like. You can talk to yourself as loud as you please and no one will hear you. You can have that argument out with Jones and roll him triumphantly in the dust. Without fear of a counter stroke.

2. Select *one* of the following passages and answer the questions that follow :

- a) What John should be doing is taking regular, mild exercise. A walk of a kilometre or two a day would help. Climbing a couple of flights of stairs to his office wouldn't hurt either. His office is on the tenth floor, but he could walk up the first two flights, and then take the lift.

Little things like that would do a lot. As I said, fatty deposits are already beginning to block some of my arteries. But regular exercise would cause new blood pathways to develop. Then if one artery closes down there are others to nourish me.

- i) Why has only mild exercise been advised ? 1  
ii) How much walking a day would help ? 1  
iii) What do the words 'first two flights' stand for ? 1  
iv) How does regular exercise help check the heart disease ? 1

- b) There is a famous verse which tells us, Samsara Visha Vrikshasya. In this imperfect world, Samsara, there are two fruits of inimitable

quality. There are the study of our great classics and communion with great minds. These two are the things which mould men's minds and hearts.

I am anxious that our great classics should be studied, the classics of all countries of which we are the inheritors. It is in a small dialogue in and Upanishad that a question is put : What constitutes the essence of good life ?' The teacher replies : 'Didn't you hear the answer ?' There was a thunder clap : da da da. Immediately the teacher explained that these were the essence of good life – dama, dana, daya. They constitute the essentials of good life.

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| i)   | What are the two fruits of 'Samsara' ?      | 1 |
| ii)  | Why should the classics be studied ?        | 1 |
| iii) | What did the teacher explain ?              | 1 |
| iv)  | What constitutes the essence of good life ? | 1 |

3. Answer *two* of the following questions in not more than 30 words each :  
2 + 2 = 4

- What things were women entitled to in ancient India ?
- According to A.L. Basham what is unique about Indian culture ?
- Why is smoking injurious to health ?

4. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words :  
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- What do you think are the distinctive characteristics of the horse, as described in the story 'The Horse' ?
- Describe James Allen's formula for health, success and power.

5. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences, selecting the most suitable words from those given within the brackets :  $3 \times 1 = 3$

a) The tiger remained in its forest home and the lion in its .....

(i) pen

(ii) cage

(iii) den

(iv) cave.

b) I am not getting enough ..... to cope with the work he is loading on to me.

(i) energy

(ii) nourishment

(iii) compliment

(iv) supplement.

c) The Creator was ..... with his own work.

(i) happy

(ii) distressed

(iii) delighted

(iv) angry.

6. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words :

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a) Draw the character-sketch of Antonio.

b) Give the substance of Portia's speech on 'Mercy'.

7. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 30 words :

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a) Who was Bassanio ?

b) Who was the lawyer in disguise ? What did she do to soften Shylock ?

8. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words :

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- a) Describe the part played by Gyan Baby in the story 'A Special Experience'.
- b) Narrate the story "The Golden Watch" in your own words.

9. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 30 words :

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- a) How did astrologer earn his living ? Why was he forced to hide his identity ?
- b) What was the plight of the child after he had lost his parents at the fair ?

10. Explain with reference to the context *two* of the following extracts :

4 + 4 = 8

- (a) Let not Ambition mock their useful toil,  
Their homely joys, and destiny obscure;  
Nor Grandeur hear with a disdainful smile,  
The short and simple annals of the poor.

- (b) He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound is the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.

- (c) This man is free from servile bonds  
Of hope to rise, or fear to fall;

Lord of himself, though not of lands;  
And having nothing, he hath all.

11. Give the central idea of *one* of the following poems : 4
- (a) An Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard.  
(b) The Song of the Free.  
(c) The Passing of Arthur.
12. (a) Point out the figures of speech in *two* of the following : 1 + 1 = 2
- (i) Life is a sweet poison.  
(ii) Let not Ambition mock their useful toil.  
(iii) Will all the perfumes of Arabia ever sweeten these hands.
- (b) Define “Metaphor” and give an example of it. 1 + 1 = 2

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