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First Paper

Time : 3 Hours 15 min. ] [ Max. Marks : 50

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

1. Explain with reference to the context *one* of the following passages : 4

- a) The People I saw in India – those in the village as well as those in high office – have both pride and a lively sense of – decency and citizenship.

They also have a passion for independence. This beautiful child – born in squalor and poverty, uneducated in both, grammar and manners – have given me a glimpse of the warm soul of India.

- b) You can open the window or shut it without provoking a protest. You can open both windows or shut both. Indeed you can go on opening them or shutting them as a sort of festival of freedom. You can have any corner, you choose and try all of them in turn.

You can lie at full length, on the cushions and enjoy the luxury of breaking the regulations and possibly the heart of D.O.R.A herself. Only D.O.R.A will not know that her heart is broken. You have escaped even D.O.R.A.

- c) In ancient times, our women had the ceremony of ‘upanayana’ - preformed for them. They were entitled to a study of Vedas. They were also entitled to the chanting of ‘Gayatri Japa’ . All These things were open to our women. But our civilization became arrested and one of the main signs of that decay of our civilization is the subjection of women.

After independence, through the exertions of Mahatma Gandhi, a revolution has been effected in our country and women are coming into their own.

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

a) I am not demanding type. I'll do the best, I can for John under any circumstances. Just the same, I wish, he would give me a few breaks ; slim down a bit, take regular exercise, relax a little more, cut down on fats and smoking. If he world only do these things, I could keep on working for John for a long time.

- i) What does the 'I' stand for ? 1
- ii) What do you mean by the phrase 'demanding type' ? 1
- iii) What should John do ? 1
- iv) Why should he avoid ? 1

b) This, then is the secret of health – a pure heart and a well ordered mind. This is the secret of success – an unfaltering faith and a wisely directed purpose, and to rein in, with unfaltering will, the dark steed of desire, this is the secret of power.

- i) What is the secret of health ? 1
- ii) What is the secret of success ? 1
- iii) What is the secret of power ? 1
- iv) What do you mean by 'unfaltering will' ? 1

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

- a) Who is the man of power ?
- b) What qualities did the horse have ?

c) what kind of women does the society need now ?

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

a) What were the view of Dr. Radhakrishnan on women's education ?

b) What changes took place after India's independence ?

5. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences, selecting the most suitable words from those given within the brackets :  $4 \times \frac{1}{2}$

a) Mahatma Gandhi believed in the ..... of his Indian culture .

( *sorrows, hypocrisy, fundamentals, materialism* )

b) You are living in an age when there are great ..... for women in social work.

( *problems, dangers, opportunities, profits* )

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

( *cage, cave, hole, den* )

d) True health and true success go together, for they are inseparably ..... in the thought realm.

( *engrossed, intermixed, intertwined, indulged* )

6. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 5

- a) Give a character sketch of Shylock on the basis of the play “The Merchant of Venice” .
- b) How did Portia save Antonio’s life ?

7. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 2

- a) Why did Antonio borrow money from Shylock ?
- b) Why did Jessica run away from the house ?

8. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 5

- a) What did Sanku feel before stealing the watch and what were his reactions after he did it ?
- b) What fore-tellings did the astrologer make about Guru Nayak’s past and future ? What advice did he give to Guru Nayak ?

9. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 2

- a) Why did Sanku feel suffocated ?

b) What was the condition of the child when he lost his parents at the fair ?

10. Explain with reference to the context *two* of the following extracts : 4 + 4 = 8

a)           The man is free from servile bands  
Of hope to rise, or fear to fall ;  
              Lord of himself, though not of land ;  
And having nothing, he hath all.

b)           Out of the day and night  
A joy has taken flight  
              Fresh spring, and summer and winter hoar  
Move my faint heart with grief but with delight  
              No more – Oh, never more !

c)           And nature wore an angry frown  
To crush you our – still know my soul,  
              You are divine, march on and on  
Nor right nor left, but to the goal !

11. Give the central idea of *one* of the following poems : 4

- a) On His Blindness
- b) The True Beauty
- c) La Belle Dame Sans Merci.

12. a) Point out the figures of speech in *two* of the

following :

1 + 1 = 2

- i) Life is a Dream.
- ii) She wept oceans of tears.
- iii) The moon veiled her face.

b) Define 'Oxymoron' and give an example of it.

1 + 1 = 2

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