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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer ALL questions.

1. Write an essay on any ONE of the following in about 500 words: (20)
 - (a) Indian women today.
 - (b) Science and society.

2. (a) You are going to visit America. Write to one of your friends there asking him/her to make suitable arrangements the your stay.

Or

- (b) Write a letter to the post master GPO of your town complaining of the late delivery of letters. (10)
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3. Write a paragraph of the following poem (20)

Success is counted sweetest.
By those who ne'er succeed.
To comprehend a nectar
Requires sorest need.
Not one of all the purple host
Who took the flag today

Can tell the definition,
So clear of victory,
As he, defeated dyling,
On whose forbidden ear
The distant strains of triumph
Break againsed and clear.

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions : (10 × 1 = 10)

New York is a city of many beauties, and with reckless prodigality she has done her best to obscure them all. Driven by a vain love of swift traffic, she assails your ear with an incessant din and your eye with the unsigtliest railroad that human ingenuity has ever contrived. She has sacrificed the amenity of her streets and the dignity of her buildings to the false god of speed. The men of New York, as they tell you with insistent pride, are 'hustlers', but the 'hustling' probably leads to little enough. Haste and industry are not synonymous. To run up and down is but a form of busy idleness. The captains of industry who do the work of the world sit still, surrounded by bells and telephones. They show themselves furtively behind vast expanses of plate glass, and move only to eat or sleep. It is the common citizen of New York who is never quiet. He find it irksome to stay long in the same place. Thought his house may be comfortable, even

luxuriours, 'he is in a fever to leave it'. And so it comes about that what he is wont to call 'transportation' seems the most important thing in his life.

- (a) The author uses she' for New York because
 - (i) New York has more women than men
 - (ii) 'beauties' refers to women only
 - (iii) it is conventional to do so
 - (iv) 'prodigality' is a human trait.
- (b) The second sentence (Driven ... Contrived) implies that
 - (i) New York is a very ugly city
 - (ii) New York shows how skilled human beings can be
 - (iii) New Yorkers are vain and hurried.
 - (iv) in New York one experiences speed, noise and ugliness.
- (c) The third sentence (She has ... speed) shows that the author is Opposed to
 - (i) too much speed
 - (ii) living in New York
 - (iii) dignified buildings
 - (iv) streets with amenities.

- (d) The expression 'the 'hustling' probably leads to little enough' has been used to mean
- (i) haste makes people proud
 - (ii) haste does not always result in hard work
 - (iii) haste is not always enough
 - (iv) industrialists should avoid haste
- (e) The phrase 'busy idleness' means
- (i) being more busy than idle
 - (ii) being more idle than busy
 - (iii) being busy but looking idle
 - (iv) being idle but looking busy.
- (f) According to the author, eminent industrialists
- (i) are idle people
 - (ii) work secretly
 - (iii) do no move about often
 - (iv) believe only in eating and sleeping.
- (g) The passage gives a true picture of big industrialists'
- (i) domestic life
 - (ii) mode of working
 - (iii) secret habits
 - (iv) office life.

- (h) The attitude of the author towards the common citizen is one of
 - (i) disapproval
 - (ii) sympathy
 - (iii) pity
 - (iv) anger.
- (i) The statement is in a fever to leave it' employs the word fever to mean
 - (i) too much haste
 - (ii) nervous excitement
 - (iii) anxiety
 - (iv) compulsion.
- (j) Transportation looks important to the average New Yorker because
 - (i) New York is a big city
 - (ii) he is proud to reach his destination early
 - (iii) he has to do running about for his bosses
 - (iv) he finds being for long in the same place tedious.

5. Use TEN of the following expressions and idioms in ten sentences of your own : (10 × 1 =10)

- (a) an absent minded persons
- (b) bad blood

- (c) a tall order
 - (d) a brain wave
 - (e) fish out of water
 - (f) gift of the gab
 - (g) a flying visit
 - (h) a raw deal
 - (i) the lion's share
 - (j) a hard and fast rule.
6. Correct the following sentences : (5 × 1 = 5)
- (a) Bread and butter are a healthy food.
 - (b) He teachers grammar, isn't it?
 - (c) Shall we discuss about the picnic?
 - (d) Five hundered rupees are a meagre salary
 - (e) My mother is teacher.
7. Imagine you are attending an interview for the post of a computer programme in a company in Coimbatore. The interviews ask you for details like your qualification, hobbies, present employment, if any, expected salary and willingness to work in shifts. Make a list of 5 questions asked by the interviewers and your answer. (10)

8. Answer the general knowledge questions given below : (15)

- (a) Who said : A thing of beauty is a joy forever
(i) Wordsworth (ii) Shelley (iii) Keats
(iv) T.S. Eliot.
- (b) Which is Britain's oldest University?
(i) Cambridge (ii) Oxford (iii) Eton
(iv) London University.
- (c) Expand the following :
(i) WHO (ii) AIDS.
- (d) Deficiency of vitamin A causes :
(i) Beriberi (ii) Night blindness (iii) Scurvy
(iv) Rickets.
- (e) Who elects the speaker of the Lok Sabha?
(i) The members of the Lok Sabha (ii) The people
(iii) The prime minister (iv) The vice president.
- (f) Malleswari is associated with
(i) Volley ball (ii) Foot ball (iii) weight lifting
(iv) boxing.
- (g) Hamlet is a play of _____
(i) Shakespeare (ii) Berhad shaw (iii) Synge
(iv) Vijay Tendulkar.

- (h) What is meant by term RAM?
 - (i) Name the minister for HRD
 - (j) Name the pink city
 - (k) Which is the capital of Malaysia?
 - (l) What is a Thesaurus?
 - (m) Name the currency of USA.
 - (n) Who is the finance minister of India?
 - (o) Where is central electro chemical research institute situated?
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