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**ENGLISH — Paper II**Time Allowed :  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Hours ]

[ Maximum Marks : 80

- Note :**
- i) Answer *all* the questions in the answer-book given separately.
  - ii) Read the questions carefully and try to understand them fully before answering them.
  - iii) Write down the question numbers correctly in the margin in your answer-book.

- I. Answer any *two* of the following in about 200 words each : 2 × 10 = 20
1. Portia is not only a beautiful heiress, but also an intelligent woman, with a spirit of adventure. Illustrate.
  2. Do you hate Shylock or sympathise with him ? Give reasons to justify your answer.
  3. Write an essay on the friendship between Antonio and Bassanio.
  4. Show how the sub-plot of Jessica and Lorenzo is important in the play.
- II. A) Answer in essay form any *one* of the following in about 200 words : 1 × 10 = 10
1. Discuss the significance of the title 'The Price of Flowers'.
  2. How is Sher Singh's courage brought out in the story "My Brother, My Brother" ?
  3. 'Millionaire models are rare enough, but model millionaires are rarer still.' Explain the statement with reference to the story.

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B) Choose the correct responses from the options given below against each question : 5 × 1 = 5

1. The postmaster had to cook his own meals because
  - a) his salary was meagre
  - b) he was not married
  - c) he wanted to be independent
  - d) he had a lot of time.
  
2. The king was quite happy about the little bird because
  - a) it was very attractive
  - b) it sang beautifully
  - c) it was quiet in the cage
  - d) it repeated, 'God save the king'.
  
3. Mr. Field was beaten horribly by the burglars because
  - a) he demanded a share of the loot
  - b) he wanted to go away with them
  - c) he called the police
  - d) he tried to prevent them from robbing the shop.
  
4. The world of Fatch Chand was
  - a) confined to the four walls of his home and office
  - b) a world of pleasure
  - c) a world dedicated to the service of humanity
  - d) a world of inspiration and hope.
  
5. Mr. Nuttel was advised to take complete rest
  - a) by his sister
  - b) by Mrs. Sappleton
  - c) by his doctor
  - d) by Bertie.

III. A) Write an essay on any one of the following in about 200 words :  $1 \times 10 = 10$

1. The need to preserve wildlife.
2. The beauty of Nature.
3. Inventions that have changed our lives.

B) Expand the following outline into a readable story of about 100 words : 5

A painter tired of being frequently censured by people — places one of his works in a square with words "Cross errors" — next morning the whole painting — full of crosses — disappointed — decides to commit suicide — dissuaded by a wise man — advised to place the same painting with words — "correct the errors" — Not a single correction made — painter jubilant — displays his painting in exhibition — hailed as an outstanding painter — gets rich rewards.

C) Write a letter on any one of the following :  $1 \times 10 = 10$

( Sign yourself as 'X' and give your address as 'Y'. If you write your Name, Reg. No. or Address etc., your answer paper will not be valued. )

1. To the Police Commissioner complaining about the frequent thefts in your locality.
2. To the Editor of a newspaper stressing on the need for exercise and fitness.
3. To the Principal of a college inviting him to inaugurate the Literary club in your school.

IV. A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

If you believe you can, you can. If you believe you cannot, you cannot. If you think negatively you will get a negative result because by your thoughts you create a negative atmosphere which is hospitable to negative results. On the contrary think positively and you create a positive atmosphere which makes positive results a certainty.

To cultivate positive thinking speak hopefully about everything then feed your mind with good nourishing and wholesome thoughts. Keep the company of good friends who are optimistic. Read scriptures which will cast away your negative thoughts. Lastly, pray a great deal and count the blessings that God has given you. Thus you can overcome negative thoughts of failure and cultivate positive thoughts of success.

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1. The passage is on
  - a) pessimism
  - b) optimism
  - c) tourism
  - d) naturalism.
2. Think negative you will get ..... results.
  - a) negative
  - b) positive
  - c) bad
  - d) immediate.
3. If you want to cultivate positive thinking you
  - a) think and speak hopefully
  - b) speak boldly
  - c) speak softly
  - d) speak loudly.
4. .... cast away your negative thoughts.
  - a) Newspapers
  - b) Magazines
  - c) Books
  - d) Holy books.
5. Which of the following statements is not true ?
  - a) Good friends elevate our thoughts
  - b) Prayer helps us to keep our mind clean
  - c) It is not possible to change a pessimist into an optimist
  - d) For cultivating optimism, we should be hopeful always.

B) Reduce the given passage to one-third of its original length. 5

V. Complete the following dialogue : 5 × 1 = 5

Passenger : Taxi !

Taxi Driver : .....

Passenger : I am new to Chennai. Could you please take me to a comfortable but not very expensive hotel ?

Taxi Driver : .....

Passenger : Hotel Ambassador sounds fine. Is it very far ?

Taxi Driver : .....

Passenger : Please take me quickly. I have to attend an interview at 10 am.

Taxi Driver : .....

Passenger : It is in Emerald Towers. Mount Road.

Taxi Driver : .....

Passenger : That is good. Thank you very much.

VI. Draft a telegram using the details given in the following : 5

Your friend in Delhi is getting married. Apologise to him for your inability to attend the function. Congratulate him.