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

[ Maximum Marks : 80

- Note :
- Answer *all* the questions in the answer-book given separately.
  - Read the questions carefully and try to understand them fully before answering them.
  - 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

- Show how the conflict between Antonio and Shylock intensifies and reaches its climax in the trial scene.
- "Shylock is more sinned against than sinning." Give your views on this statement.
- Attempt a character sketch of Antonio.
- How does Portia describe her suitors ?

II. A) Answer in essay form, any *one* of the following in about 200 words :

1 × 10 = 10

- Rabindranath Tagore shows that it is not always easy to explain human relationships. – Explain with reference to 'The Post Master'.
- Consider 'Princess September' as a delightful fairy tale with a moral.
- Do you consider Sharada more courageous than Fatehchand ? Give reasons.

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B) Choose the correct responses from the options given below against each question :

5 × 1 = 5

1. Dr. Raman said that Gopal would live up to the age of

- a) ninety
- b) one hundred
- c) eighty
- d) eighty-five.

2. Vera is a

- a) mad girl
- b) mischievous girl
- c) proud girl
- d) bad girl.

3. The whim of the millionaire was to be painted as

- a) a beggar
- b) an old lady
- c) a beautiful maiden
- d) a soldier.

4. Sher Singh was known far and wide as

- a) Sher Singh Bahadur – The Brave
- b) Laldwani
- c) My brother, my brother
- d) Kunwar Singh.

5. Under the bed, Connie saw

- a) a stranger
- b) a torch
- c) a bag with bulges in it
- d) a box of matches.

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

- 1. Travel as a part of education
- 2. The India of my dreams
- 3. Advertisements – Advantages and Disadvantages.



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

Casabianca — only son of a sea captain — both go on a voyage — storm breaks out — father tells Casabianca to wait — on deck — goes on his duty — ship catches fire — all run in fear — shelter for life — boy waits on the deck without moving — father consumed by fire — died and never comes — son obeys father — waits for him without moving — he too burnt to death — obedience — admirable.

- C) Write a letter on any one of the following : 1 × 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 your friend congratulating him/her on his/her success in an examination.
2. To the Editor of a newspaper on the bad state of roads in your locality.
3. To the principal of a neighbouring college, inviting him to be the chief guest at an Inter-House competition in your school.

- IV. A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : 5 × 1 = 5

We sometimes think it would be very nice to have no work to do. How we envy rich people who have not to work for their living, but can do just what they please all the year. Yet, sometimes, rich people are not as happy as we think they are, because they are tired of having nothing to do. Most of us are happy if we work at what we like.

The first thing work does for us is to give us happiness. Then, work gives us self-respect. The idler, however rich he is, lives on the work of others and is, therefore, like a beggar. But the honest worker can hold up his head and respect himself. Lastly regular work helps us to build up character. It teaches us good habits as punctuality, carefulness, thoroughness, and faithfulness in work. It is the man who works, not the idler, that develops the best character.

1. Why do we envy rich people ?
  - a) Because they live in luxury
  - b) For their wealth
  - c) Because they do not have to work
  - d) Because they are happy.
2. The first thing that work gives us is
  - a) a lot of money
  - b) health
  - c) happiness
  - d) self-respect.

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- 3. Most of us are happy
  - a) when we are rich
  - b) when we are idle
  - c) when we do the work that we like
  - d) when we see rich people.
- 4. Who develops the best character ?
  - a) A rich man
  - b) A beggar
  - c) An idler
  - d) A man who works.
- 5. The passage is about
  - a) idlers
  - b) how to get rich
  - c) how to be happy
  - d) the importance of being active.

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

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

Raju : Excuse me.

Bookseller : .....

Raju : Do you have any book on computers ?

Bookseller : .....

Raju : Would you mind showing me some books meant for beginners. It is for my sister who is just ten years old.

Bookseller : ( showing one ) .....

Raju : Thanks, Oh! I've got this book.

Bookseller : .....

Raju : Sorry to bother you.

Bookseller : .....

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

You are the secretary of a club. The tour proposed by your club gets cancelled. You have to inform of this to the manager of a lodge where you have reserved ten rooms.

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