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ENGLISH — Paper II

Time Allowed : $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

PART - A

- I. Rearrange the following sentences in logical sequence and rewrite in a paragraph using connectors wherever necessary : 5 + 5

1. He pretended to be falling asleep.
2. Young seagull was alone.
3. Nobody had come near him in the past twenty four hours.
4. His mother was tearing at a piece of fish.
5. His brother and sister had flown away.

- II. Read the given passage and answer the questions given below in a sentence or two each :

The same time the sound was heard once again. The principal got up and went towards the bed near door. Undoubtedly the noise was from the other side of the door.

"Who is there ?" the principal asked raising his voice. A few heads looked at him from the beds. In a swift move the principal went to a window near the rear door negotiating his way through the beds, gently opened the window and peered into the darkness. Nothing was visible. After a few minutes his eyes got adjusted to the darkness and he saw the silhouette of the rear portion of an animal. He switched on the flash light.

"Good God !"

"What happened Sir ?" Curious voices of the few students were heard. "Sh Sh" The principal asked them to be silent and whispered "Nothing to worry. It seems we have a visitor. It is a black bear."

1. Where did the noise come from ? 2
2. What did the principal do ? 2
3. What did he see through the window ? 2
4. Why was nothing visible at first ? 2
5. How did he find the visitor ? Who was it ? 2

- III. Answer any two of the following in an essay form within 200 words each :

$2 \times 10 = 20$

1. Write about the role of the principal in the story, 'The Missed Encounter'.
2. Justify the title, 'Stolen banana' relating it to the story.
3. Narrate the encounter of the author Sudha Murthy with the tribal people.
4. Narrate how Sivagami was able to bring about a change in her father's attitude.

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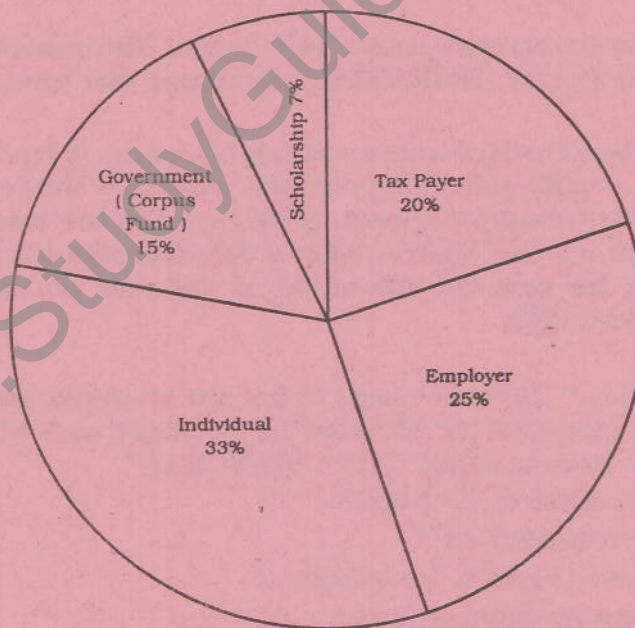
PART - B

- IV. Write a précis of the following passage reducing it to one-third of its length : 10

Trees are useful to man in three ways : they provide him with wood and other products, they give him shade and they help to prevent drought and flood. Unfortunately, in many parts of the world, man has not realised that the third of these services is the most important. In this eagerness to draw in large numbers government realises the importance of a plentiful supply of trees. It is difficult for it to persuade the villagers to see this. The villagers want wood to cook their food with; and can earn money by making charcoal or selling wood to the townsmen. They are usually too lazy or careless to plant and look after new trees. So, unless the government has a good system of control, or can educate the people, the forests will slowly disappear. This does not mean the villagers' sons and grandsons have fewer trees.

The results are even more serious : for where there are trees, their roots break the soil allowing the rains to sink in and also bind the soil thus preventing its being washed away easily; but where there are no trees the rain falls on hard ground and carries away the rich top-soil. Nothing remains but worthless desert.

- V. Study the diagram given below and answer the following questions : 5



Questions :

1. How many per cent more does the tax payer give compared to government ?
2. Who pays the major share ?
3. Whose contribution nears that of the individual ?
4. Which item gives the minimum ?
5. What is the contribution of the government corpus fund ?

OR

Read the following passage and make notes :

Birds have many shapes and sizes of wings. The type of wings depends on the way the bird lives and needs to be able to fly. People have tried to copy the birds. What sort of a flying the wings are designed to ? Long wings are best for gliding. Most seagulls have long slim wings and can glide across the seas and oceans for hundreds of kilometres. The bird albatross glides so well that it can sleep well while flying. Short wings let a bird twist and turn sharply. Birds like the kingfisher have short wings as they twist and turn among the branches of trees and swoop and dive for fishes in the rivers. Wide wings are best for soaring. Eagles have this type of wings.

VI. Rewrite each of the following sentences correctly : 5 × 1 = 5

1. I prefer coffee than tea.
2. Ganges is a sacred river.
3. He came to school by walking.
4. Each of us have a duty to perform.
5. He said that he lost his father when he is young.

VII. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below : 10

We all are born innocent,
 Sweet as summer night,
 Unprejudiced and kind,
 All we know is right
 But a child's innocence fades away,
 Something has stolen their light,
 Their captor is as old as time.
 Brutally strong but with no sight,
 The world has stolen our innocence,
 This blind expanse of land,
 Its cities and its people,
 Can't seem to take a stand,
 We become corrupt and heartless,
 And never hold out a hand,
 To an adult who has kept their innocence,
 We just don't understand.

Questions :

1. Are children innocent by birth ?
2. What are the attributes of innocence ?
3. Do children maintain their innocence ?
4. Who steals the innocence of the children ?
5. Who do the children blame for the loss of their innocence ?

OR

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Paraphrase the poem given below :

Here's an example from
A Butterfly ;
That on a rough, hard rock
Happy can lie;
Friendless and all alone
On this unsweetened stone.
Now let my bed be hard
No care take I:
I'll make my joy like this
Small Butterfly;
Whose happy heart has power
To make a stone a flower.

VIII. (Sign yourself as X. If you write your Name, Reg. No. or Address your answer paper will not be valued)

1. Write a letter to your cousin explaining what made you opt for the science group in your Higher Secondary Course. 10

OR

2. Write a letter to the postmaster complaining about the late delivery of letters in your area.

OR

3. Write a letter to the manager of Oxford University Press, Chennai, requesting him to send ten copies of "Advanced Learner's English Dictionary".

IX. Build up a dialogue between a Lady and a Shopkeeper regarding the purchase of a washing machine. 5

OR

Complete the dialogue with at least *five* exchanges :

Father : Venkat ! Show me your progress card.

Venkat : Here it is father.

Father :

X. Read the given passage and prepare an attractive advertisement : 5

There is an opening of a garment shop in a residential area which includes toys for children too with 25 per cent discount.

Contact No. 20214572

No : 16, City Centre Plaza,

T. T. K. Road, Chennai-2.

XI. Expand the idea contained in the following statement in about 100 words : 10

Many a drop make an ocean.

OR

All that glitters is not gold.

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