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ENGLISH

PAPER-I

Full Marks – 100

Time – 2 hours 30 minutes

The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions.

Instructions :

- (i) Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
- (ii) Write your answers strictly according to directions.

1. Attempt a paragraph in about 150 words on any
one of the following topics : 15

- (a) Write a paragraph giving your views on : How existing tourist places of Tripura can be more accessible and be popularised among prospective tourist of other parts of India.

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- (b) Write a paragraph on merits and demerits of Small savings and investment in Share market.
- (c) Write a paragraph on Israel and Hamas Conflict and its impact on India.
2. Prepare a newspaper report in about 150 words developing the points given below : 20
- (a) Respective Prime Minister of India and Bangladesh.... jointly innaugarated Rail project and Power project these projects ... Akhaura-Agartala... in India... in Bangladesh will connect the both countries in rail.... International Immigration Centre of West Tripura.

Or

- (b) The journey of Team India in 2023-ICC One day World Cup held in India during October-November-2023.
3. Attempt any *one* of the following (Word limit 150 words) : 15
- (a) Write a letter/e-mail letter to the officer incharge of local police station to report about the misuse of your facebook ID by an unknown user and sending unsocial content on the internet.

Or

- (b) Write a letter addressed to supervisor of Aanganwadi or other such bodies making them aware of benefits and advantages of use of "Shree Anna" (Millets) in 'Mid day' meal or other such scheme run by them.
4. Read any *one* of the following passages carefully and answer the questions given below it : 15
- (a) The great advantage of early rising is that one can start one's work long before others. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. Early in the morning the mind is fresh and no sounds or noises disturb our attention. The work done at that time is generally well done. Also one finds time to take some exercises in the fresh morning air. Exercise supplies him with a good deal of energy that enables him to work hard until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time

to do his work thoroughly. He does not have to hurry over any part of his work. He gets to sleep long before midnight. At that time sleep is most refreshing. After a night's sound rest, he rises early next morning in good health and ready for the labour of a new day.

Questions :

(i) What advantages does an early riser have over others ? 5

(ii) Why should one take exercise in the morning and begin one's work so early ? 5

(iii) What are the uses of going to sleep long before midnight ? 5

Or

(b) There was a time when all homework was done by the women and girls of the household. Few husbands ever dreamt of washing up, preparing breakfast or feeding the baby! Such duties were no concern of theirs. Any normal

school boy assumed that if help were needed in the home, his sisters would be called on to give it, and the whole family supported the view that the males should not or could not clean, mend, wash, cook or make beds.

Things are very different today. Doctors or Barristers find nothing undignified or shameful in putting on an apron to help in the kitchen or nursery and washing of dishes of the household or personal linen. The school boy is more often than formerly expected to help his mother. One reason for the change is the shortage of domestic servants. Girls could once be found to do the hard work in middle and upper class homes for very moderate wages, such girls can now-a-days earn in factories in a short working day more money than most householders can afford to pay. Thus, the wife now does the house-work herself with the aid of labour-saving equipment ; and she expects some help from her husband.

Questions :

- (i) What was the practice in the past regarding house-work ? 4
- (ii) How has it changed today ? 4
- (iii) What is the reason for this change ? 4
- (iv) Why don't girls like to do household jobs these days ? 3

5. (a) Write a precis on the following prose passage and provide a suitable title : 12+3=15

When the Royal Navy brought piracy to an end in the China Seas in 1873, it formed a fitting conclusion to seventy years of this illegal seafaring activity in our history, for this was the last region of the globe to be made safe for trade. Throughout the history of piracy, from the rovers of the middle ages, through the exploits of the Elizabethan adventurers and the fantastic success of men like John Avery in the Indian Ocean, down to the notorious operations in the Mediterranean in the last century, one thing has been made plain—that without an adequate naval force to

guard the seas piracy will always flourish, and that once piracy has the upper hand those who assist it and share the booty will stop at nothing to evade the law. Although petty piracy still occurs from time to time in the Eastern Seas, the Persian Gulf and the Caribbean Sea, it causes less trouble to traders in these waters than pedestrians suffer from pickpockets in a busy city shopping thoroughfare. To-day no pirate, branded as he is by international law as a common enemy of every nation, could hope to escape detection and destruction within a short time of making an attack. Powerful national navies and air forces, with the assistance of modern devices such as wire-less telegraphy, are well equipped to keep the peace at sea. Piracy now offers too little returns for the great dangers involved. The real modern successors to the line of outrageous captains who terrorize the merchant fleets of the world are no longer pirates, but the gun-runners of the Middle East, the kidnapping gangs of America, and the bank raiders of Britain.

Or

(b) Write a summary of the following passage :

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I did not know the city at all and what is more, I could not speak a word of the language. After having spent my first day sight-seeing in the town-centre, I decided to lose my way deliberately on my second day, since I believed that this was the surest way of getting to know my way around. I got on the first bus that passed and descended some thirty minutes later in what must have been a suburb. The first two hours passed pleasantly enough. I discovered mysterious little book-shops in back streets and eventually arrived at a market-place where I stopped and had a coffee in an open-air cafe. Then I decided to get back to my hotel for lunch. After walking about aimlessly for some time, I determined to ask the way. The trouble was, that the only word I knew of the language was the name of the

street in which I lived—and even that I pronounced badly. I stopped to ask a friendly-looking newspaper-seller. He smiled and handed me a paper. I shook my head and repeated the name of the street and he thrust the paper into my hands. Perceiving that it would be impossible to argue about the matter, I gave him some money and went on my way. The next person I asked was an old lady who was buying vegetables. She was very hard of hearing and I repeated the word several times. When she finally heard me, she seemed to take offence and began shouting and shaking her walking-stick at me. I hurried away quickly and was relieved to see a policeman on a corner. He certainly would be able to help me. The policeman listened attentively to my question, smiled, and gently took me by the arm. There was a distant look in his eyes as he pointed left and right and left again. He glanced at me for approval, and repeated the performance. I nodded politely and began

walking in the direction he pointed. About an hour passed and I noticed that the houses were getting fewer and fewer and green fields were appearing on either side of me. I had come all the way into the country. The only thing left for me to do was to find the nearest railway-station !

6. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank
(Answer any *two*) : $2 \times 2 = 4$

(a) Which word is correct in the following sentence : "She was _____ tired after running the marathon."

- (i) extremely (ii) exteremly
(iii) extreemly (iv) extremly

(b) Choose the correct form of the verb in the sentence : "She _____ her book on the desk."

- (i) leave (ii) leaves
(iii) left (iv) leaved

(c) Select the correct word to complete the sentence : "The chefs _____ in the kitchen created a delightful aroma throughout the restaurant."

- (i) culinarily (ii) culinary
(iii) culinary's (iv) culinairiness

(d) Choose the appropriate word to fill in the blank : "His constant _____ for knowledge led him to read a wide variety of books."

- (i) thirst (ii) thirsty
(iii) thirsting (iv) thirsted.

7. Correct any *four* of the following sentences :

$1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) The cat's chased their tails in the garden yesterday.
(b) Despite of his busy schedule, he manages to find time for his hobbies.
(c) The book is laying on the table for two days now.

- (d) The committee are meeting tomorrow to discuss about the new policy changes.
- (e) The concert was cancelled due to the bad weather, effecting many disappointed fans.
- (f) He don't like to eat vegetables, but he enjoys fruits.

8. Write the correct prepositions to fill in the blanks

(Answer any *four*) : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) Some people are very keen _____ working in a team, but some others don't like depending on others.
- (b) My son is mad _____ science and technology. I guess he'll become an engineer.
- (c) I wish I were experienced _____ the field of marketing.
- (d) People who are good _____ making friends usually work in the field of trade, which requires having good communicative skills.
- (e) I wish my daughter were interested _____ learning foreign languages.

- (f) In the competitive business world, one has to be perfect _____ communicating with customers.

9. Choose the correct option to make the sentences with the right phrases / idioms. (Answer any *two*) :

$2 \times 2 = 4$

- (a) Where is everyone ? It's as silent as _____ in here !
- (i) sunday (ii) the grave
- (iii) death (iv) a tomb
- (b) The escaped prisoner fought _____ before he was finally overpowered.
- (i) head over heels (ii) tooth and nail
- (iii) heart and soul (iv) foot and mouth
- (c) In my opinion, any one who would risk his life just to climb a mountain must be _____.
- (i) off colour
- (ii) the worse for wear
- (iii) long in the tooth
- (iv) off his head

(d) I wouldn't move there not for all the ____.

- (i) fish in the sea (ii) sand in the Sahara
(iii) guns in Texas (iv) tea in China

10. Choose the word that means the same or nearly the same as the underlined word. (Answer any *two*) :

1×2=2

(a) expedite the process

- (i) accelerate (ii) evaluate
(iii) reverse (iv) justify

(b) palpable tension

- (i) rising (ii) understated
(iii) nervous (iv) tangible

(c) an inhibited response

- (i) heightened (ii) average
(iii) restrained (iv) unanticipated

(d) to censure an official

- (i) control (ii) elect
(iii) criticize (iv) defeat

11. Choose the word that means the OPPOSITE or most nearly the opposite of the word in capitals.

(Answer any *two*) :

1×2=2

(a) PRIM

- (i) outrageous (ii) last
(iii) ugly (iv) cantankerous

(b) TRANQUIL

- (i) agitated (ii) explicit
(iii) sluggish (iv) composed

(c) AMIABLE

- (i) dangerous (ii) permissive
(iii) aloof (iv) congenial

(d) PREVARICATION

- (i) ignorance (ii) veracity
(iii) courtesy (iv) serenity.