

2018

ENGLISH-B

First Paper

(For Science Group Only)

Time : 3 Hours 15 Min.] [Max. Marks : 50

Instruction : First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.

1. Explain with reference to the context one of the following passages : 4

a) The people I saw in India — those in the village as well as those in high office — have both pride and a lively sense of decency and citizenship.

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They also have a passion for independence. This beautiful child — born in squalor and poverty, uneducated in both grammar and manners — had given me a glimpse of the warm soul of India.

- b) He only is fitted to command and control who has succeeded in commanding and controlling himself. The hysterical, the fearful, the thoughtless and frivolous, let such seek company, or they will fall for lack of support; but the calm, the fearless, the thoughtful, and grave, let such seek the solitude of the forest, the desert and the mountain-top, and to their power more power will be added, and they will more and more successfully stem the psychic currents and whirlpools which engulf mankind.

- c) But I am anxious that the kind of education that is imparted must not only be broad but should also be deep. We are lacking in depth. We may become learned and skilled, but if we do not have some kind of purpose in our life, our lives themselves become blind, blundering and bitter. The Gita says : Vyavasayatmika buddhi-rekeha.

2. ✓ Select one of the following passages and answer the questions that follow :

- a) Mahatma Gandhi was looked on by many, both Indian and European, as the epitome of Hindu tradition, but this is a false judgement for he was much influenced by Western ideas. Gandhi believed in the fundamentals of his ancient culture,

but his passionate love of 'the underdog and his antipathy to caste though not unprecedented in ancient India, were unorthodox in the extreme, and owed more to European 19th Century liberalism than to anything Indian.) His faith in non-violence was, as we have seen, by no means typical of Hinduism — his predecessor in revolt, the able Maratha Brahman B. G. Tilak and Gandhi's impatient lieutenant Subhash Chandra Bose, were far more orthodox in this respect. For Gandhi's pacifism we must look to the Sermon on the Mount and to Tolstoy. \

- i) Why does the writer feel that Mahatma Gandhi was not an epitome of Hindu tradition ? 1

ii) What ideas of Mahatma Gandhi have been judged by the writer as unorthodox ? 1

iii) What did Mahatma Gandhi owe to the 19th Century of Europe ? 1

iv) What influenced Mahatma Gandhi's pacifism ? 1

b) When life became unbearable, it kicked wildly at its prison walls.

That did less injury to the wall than to the horse's hoofs. But after constant kicks, bits of plaster began to fall off. It made Man angry. "This is what I call ingratitude," he said : "I feed it, I have engaged servants to look after it : but the wretched animal does not see my kindness."

i) How do you know that the horse was very angry ? 1

ii) What injured the horse's
hoofs ? 1

iii) What arrangements had the
Man made for the horse ? 1

iv) How did the Man react to the
horse's behaviour ? 1

3. Answer *two* of the following questions in
not more than 30 words each : $2 + 2 = 4$

a) What is the secret of health, success
and power in life ?

b) Who was A.G. Gardiner's fellow
traveller ? When did the author
become aware of the presence of his
fellow traveller in the coach ?

c) What according to Dr. S.
Radhakrishnan, are the three
important qualities of a valuable
life ?

4. / Answer one of the following questions in
not more than 150 words : 5

a) What particular quality
distinguishes women from men ?
Describe briefly Dr.
Radhakrishnan's views on women's
education.

b) What precautionary steps should be
taken to ward off heart diseases ?

5. / Fill in the blanks in the following
sentences, selecting the most suitable
words from the options given below : 3

a) I felt my heart warming towards him
and the sense of superiority

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(i) increasing (ii) coming (iii) fading
(iv) shining.

b) True health and true success go together, for they are inseparably in the thought realm.

- (i) intermixed (ii) intertwined
(iii) impressed (iv) engrossed.

c) John was too busy to notice that tiny of pain in his chest.

- (i) tinge (ii) fringe (iii) twinge
(iv) minge.

6. Answer *one* of the following questions in

✓ not more than 150 words : 5

- a) Draw a character-sketch of Shylock.
b) Discuss the trial scene in 'The Merchant of Venice'.

7. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 2

a) What reasons does Shylock give for his hating Antonio ?

b) What are the views of Portia on Mercy in the Court Scene ?

8. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 5

a) Narrate the story "The Gold Watch" in your own words.

b) Sketch the character of the astrologer in the story "An Astrologer's Day".

9. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 2

a) What were the things the child was attracted to in the fair before getting lost ?

b) What idea of the times do you gather from the story 'A Special Experience' ?

10. Explain with reference to the context *two* of the following extracts : $4 + 4 = 8$

a) Doth God exact day-labour, light

denied ?

I fondly ask; but patience, to

prevent

That murmur, soon replies, God

doth not need

Either Man's work, or his own gifts,

who best.

Bear his mild yoke, they serve him

best.

b) The boast of heraldry, the pomp of
power,

And all that beauty, all that wealth
ever gave

Awaits alike the inevitable hour :

The paths of glory lead but to the
grave.

c) And nature wore an angry frown
To crush you out — still know my
soul,

You are divine, march on and on

Nor right nor left, but to the goal !

11. Give the central idea of *one* of the following poems : 4

a) Stopping By Woods on a Snowy

Evening.

b) My Heaven

c) La Belle Dame Sans Merci.

12. a) Point out the figures of speech in *two* of the following : 1 + 1 = 2

i) Rani Laxmi Bai was as brave as a lion. - 5

ii) Nehru is the pillar of Modern India.

iii) Love's not Time's fool.

b) Define 'Oxymoron' and give an example of it. 1 + 1 = 2