

Intermediate Examination, 2013

ENGLISH—FIRST PAPER

Time : 3 hours]

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[M.M. : 50

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

(a) I suppose every family has a black sheep. Tom had been a sore trial to him for twenty years. He had begun life decently enough; he went into business, married and had two children..... But one day, without warning, he announced that he didn't like work and that he wasn't suited for marriage. He wanted to enjoy himself. He would listen to no expostulations.

(b) I flicked him off again. He skipped away, took another jaunt round the compartment, returned and seated himself impudently on the back of my hand. It is enough, I said : magnanimity has its limits.

(c) Therefore it is essential that the education which you acquire in these institutions should give you not merely learning and skill but endow you with a definite purpose in life. What that purpose is, you have to define for yourselves.

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

(a) The diversity of India is tremendous; it is obvious; it lies on the surface and anybody can see it. It concerns itself with physical appearance as well as with certain mental habits and traits. There is little in common, to outward seeming, between the Pathan of the North-West and the Tamil in the far South. Their racial stocks are not the same though there may be common strands running through them, they differ in face and figure, food and clothing and of course, language. In the North-West Frontier Province, there is already the breath of Central Asia, and many a custom there, as in Kashmir, reminds one of the countries on the other side of the Himalayas.

- (i) What things make the diversity of India obvious? 1
- (ii) What are two examples of India's unity? 1
- (iii) In what respects to the Pathan and the Tamil differ? 1
- (iv) What reminds us of the countries on the other side of the Himalayas? 1

(b) There are a lot of things which are necessary before a person gets the chance. For instance, he must have security, nobody can think about things if he is afraid of being robbed or murdered at any moment. Also, he must have leisure to think in and he won't have that if he has to give all his attention to getting food to eat clothes to wear, if that is to say, he spends all his time earning his living. And he must have other people to talk to. So that you may say that security, leisure and society, which are all necessary to free thinking, are necessary also to civilization.

- (i) Why is it necessary to have security? 1
- (ii) Why is free thinking so important? 1
- (iii) What is the importance of leisure? 1
- (iv) What happens if a person spends all his time earning his daily bread? 1

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

- (a) How did Ali lose his kite?
- (b) What according to Joad are beautiful things?
- (c) What are the opportunities available to woman in our times?

4. Answer *one* of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 6

- (a) Give a pen picture of rural India as given in the less on 'A Girl with a Basket'. Give your views on it.
- (b) Why did the creator decide to create horse? What were the qualities of this newly created animal?

5. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences selecting the most suitable words from those given within brackets : 4 × ½ = 2

- (a) Only a mother can look her child well.
(on, into, after, upon)
- (b) I was one of the souls on earth.
(wisest, happiest, highest, finest)
- (c) I can remember anything books and walking-sticks.
(about, for, with, except)
- (d) Widows have long to be burnt on their husband's pyres. (ceased, continued, compelled, been anxious)

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

- (a) How is the story of the rings connected with the plot of the play?
- (b) Describe the character of Antonio as depicted in the play 'The Merchant of Venice'.

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

- (a) What is Shylock's reply to Antonio's request for a loan?
- (b) What conditions were laid down for suitors to get Portia's hand?

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

- (a) What were Sanku's problems and how did he try to solve them?
- (b) Sketch the character of the astrologer.

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

- (a) Why did Jimmy conceal his identity from Bob?
- (b) Why did Gafur kill the bull?

10. Explain with reference to the context *two* of the following extracts : 3+3=6

- (a) It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,
It is an attribute to God himself;
And earthly power doth then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice.
- (b) O World ! O Life ! O Time !
On whose last steps I climb,
Trembling at that where I had stood before,
When will return the glory of your prime ?
No more — Oh, never more !
- (c) Where are those starry woods ?
O might I wander there,
Among the flowers, which in the heavenly air,
Bloom the year long !

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

- (a) Character of a Happy Life
- (b) Education of Nature
- (c) Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening.

12. Answer *one* of the following questions in about 150 words : 4

- (a) Describe the scene that moved Siddhartha the most.
- (b) Who was Channa ? Discuss his role and importance in the poem.

13. (a) Define Metaphor OR Onomatopoeia and give an example of it. ½ + ½ = 1

(b) Point out the figures of speech in *two* of the following : ½ + ½ = 1

- (i) She is lovely like a rose.
- (ii) Opportunity knocks at the door but once.
- (ii) All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand.