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ENGLISH : STREAM B— Paper III

(Reading, Comprehension, Writing Skills, Grammar)

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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Attempt all questions.

1. Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow them:

NEW DELHI: After strengthening the public transport system by introducing the Delhi Metro and low-floor buses and giving Delhi some respite from the frequent traffic jams by constructing new roads and flyovers, the Delhi Government will now focus on social sector and administrative reforms.

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In an exclusive interview to Hindustan Times, Delhi chief minister Sheila Dikshit said improving the social sector is now one of her top priorities.

“The sector that we have not been able to reach out satisfactorily— not that we have not reached ... but the changes we want to see have not yet come about— is the social sector,” the Chief Minister said.

Dikshit said her Government was working on a plan to restructure and efficiently manage homes for the destitute, beggars, women and children.

“We have 28 homes. The amount that the Government is spending on them is not reaching them,” Dikshit said.

“So, I am going to start visitors’ committees in each one of these houses. We will also look at the input and the output of these institutions,” she added.

“We have already started work in this direction and I think in a month’s time, we should be able to do it,” Dikshit said further.

The Government had earlier planned to invite private participation in managing some of these homes such as Ashakiran— which houses mentally challenged persons. However, it has now decided to have special committees with senior officers on board to manage them.

Housing for the economically weaker sections, said Dikshit, was another priority her Government was working on. While the Delhi Government will be able to allot about 15,000 houses to people belonging to the weaker sections, Dikshit's Government has also approved construction of 35,000 more such houses for a cost of Rs. 1,900 crore which will be ready in the next two years.

While the face of Delhi has completely changed in the past decade, Dikshit said that her government still has a long way to go. Living up to the growing expectations of people, said Dikshit, was one of the biggest challenges her Government faces.

"We have to meet people's expectations. For example, five years ago, nobody expected AC buses on Delhi roads but now they expect automatic ticketing. We are not saying we have done everything. In any growing city, there are new challenges which go on and on," Dikshit said.

However, Dikshit said making Delhi a completely e-governed state is her Government's dream. "One thing I would like to achieve is an e-governed state—which will make Delhi a cleaner, better-managed state."

Questions:

(i) Give a suitable title to the passage.

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- (ii) What has the Delhi Government done to strengthen the transport system? 2
- (iii) What steps have been taken by the Government to ease traffic jams? 2
- (iv) What is Sheila Dikshit's top priority? 2
- (v) What is the plan that the Government is working on? 2
- (vi) Give the opposites of:
- (a) input
- (b) private sector. 2
- (vii) Make sentences with:
- (a) challenge
- (b) frequent. 2
- (viii) Pick up words from the passage which mean:
- (a) modify
- (b) special. 2
- (ix) What is Aashakiran? 2
- (x) What is Sheila Dikshit's Government's dream? 2

2. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

- (a) Annie was very happy but found her new life monotonous, hard and unexciting. William never

wanted to spend money. They hardly ever went out except for walks in the park or for a drink at the local pub. Annie began to think of Hanbridge as a sort of prison.

(Under the Clock : *Arnold Bennett*)

Questions:

- (i) What is the relationship between Annie and William? 1
- (ii) Why did Annie find life dull? 2
- (iii) What is meant by 'a sort of prison'? 2
- (b) Sirs, I was a poor man. I really could not find any means to pay these bills. When I went home my wife asked, what is this I hear about you everywhere? I took the opportunity to explain my difficulties. She took it as a hint that I was again asking for her jewels, and she lost her temper and cried that she would write to her father to come and take her away.

(‘Engine Trouble’ by *R.K. Narayan*)

Questions:

- (i) Who is “I” in the passage? 1
- (ii) Why did his wife find people talking about him everywhere? 2
- (iii) What did the wife threaten to do? 2

3. Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow:

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- (a) Mum doesn't smile like she used to
Often, she sits and sighs.
Sometimes, I know from the smudges.
That while we are out she cries.

('There Are Four Chairs Round The Table' by
John Foster)

Questions:

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| (i) Why has mum stopped smiling now? | 2 |
| (ii) What does she often do? | 2 |
| (iii) When does she choose to cry? | 1 |
- (b) My shade is striped
My air is barred
(As it was before;
Only here the bars
Do not bend with the wind.)

'Exile' by Alan Duff

Questions:

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| (i) Who is the speaker of these lines? | 1 |
| (ii) Where is he at the time of speaking? | 2 |
| (iii) Why does he not like the place of his residence? | 2 |

4. Write about 150 words on the following:

"Delhi is unsafe for women"

Or

Write a letter to your friend as how you enjoyed your trip to Delhi. 10

5. We can enjoy our life only when we save money for future. How has this habit of saving money been presented by Arnold Bennett in the story "Under the Clock"?

Or

Which character do you like the most in O. Henry's story 'Hearts and Hands'? Give reasons for your answer in about 150 words. 15

6. What do you understand from D.H. Lawrence's poem "Snake"? Answer in about 150 words.

Or

Who is the poem 'A Sad Song about Greenwich Village' about? How does it describe her life? 15

7. (a) Change the following into indirect speech:

Alan : Is the market open today?

Veena : Yes, it is open today?

It was closed yesterday.

Alan : At what time will the shops open?

Veena : Oh! I think, around 11 A.M.

Alan : Thank you Veena! 10

- (b) Fill in the blanks with a suitable alternative given in the brackets:

Sounds unbelievable, but I got married when I ¹ — (is/was) only 17. ² — (in/at) 18, my elder son was born. My husband was 12 years older than I. At such a ³ — (old/young) age, I hardly could feel ⁴ — (a/the) romance in my ⁵ — (marry/married) life. Our family ⁶ — (has/had) two elder brothers, their ⁷ — (wife/wives), one mother-in-law, one aunt-in-law, who was ⁸ — (a/an) spinster and one uncle, ⁹ — (a/the) widower. I suddenly ¹⁰ — (found/find) myself getting exploited by all at home. 10