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Paper XI—ENGLISH

(Precis, Business Correspondence, Text, etc.)

(Admissions of 2006 and onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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Attempt *All* questions from both Section A and Section B.

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Section A

- I. Explain with reference to the context any *four* of the passages given below : 4×5=20

(a) There are two types of Members, brokers and jobbers. Brokers act as agents for you. It is their business to carry out your instructions to buy or sell shares to your best possible advantage.....Jobbers deal as principals or wholesalers in stocks and shares. They deal only with brokers and do not come into contact with the public.

(b) What have I accomplished today ?

What acts of heroism ?

The endless task of yoking yesterday

With today, finding answers for tomorrow's challenges ?

(c) The Chinese have a proverb pregnant with the age-old wisdom of the changeless East : 'He who treads softly goes far.'

(d) 'Do you mean to say that you've been verger of this church for sixteen years and never learned to read or write ?'

(e) Neither old age,

nor time,

nor space.

Bells will toll,

and the bandit old age

will come creeping,

You won't know

that worn face

for your own.

2. Give brief and relevant answers to any *three* of the following

(100-150 words) :

3×6=18

(a) Why are handmade articles more expensive than the mass-produced goods ?

- (b) What was the trick, the Duchess made use of, to cheat Oliver and what was the effect on him ?
- (c) Why does Kirin object to the presence of ladies at the bank's anniversary ?
- (d) What is the attitude of the banker towards people, with low income, who want small loans ?
3. Attempt any *two* of the following questions (250 words each) : 2×6=12
- (a) What is the significance of the reference number JS/17/M378 in the poem "The Unknown Citizen".
- (b) Sketch the character of Lalajee in light of the story "Lalajee".
- (c) Explain the significance of the last statement made by Mr. Foreman in "The Verger" : "I can tell you that, sir.....I'd be verger of St. Peter's Neville Square."

Section B

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

The words 'rich' and 'poor' in some cases refer to the possession of qualities and in some cases the possession of material wealth. In common parlance, however, the use of the words 'rich' and 'poor' implies possession of material wealth and the relative non-possession thereof. As a rule, when we say 'the rich', we mean the people or families with a net income of, say, at least sixty or seventy thousand rupees a year. When we say 'poor', we mean families with an income of five hundred rupees a month or less. In between 'rich' and 'poor', we place the lower or higher middle class families.

Very rich nations or governments are a danger to the rest of the world. The U.S.A. had waged a war in Vietnam, a tiny country, which had cost the U.S.A. so much money that, with this sum alone, poverty could have been abolished from the whole of Asia. If war could be abolished from the world forever, the rich nations of the world could help raise the income and purchasing power of poor families all over the world within a decade and a half.

Equality of income for every family is not possible nor is perhaps necessary. We can have a few dozen or a few hundred fabulously rich families in every country. But we can make every family all over the globe a well-to-do family, well-fed, well-clothed, well-housed and well-provided for. We can also provide them with many of the comforts and luxuries which modern science and technology have made

available. Poverty can, thus, be finished from the face of the earth.

Questions :

- (a) In general what do words 'rich' and 'poor' refer to ? 2
- (b) In common usage what do these words mean ? - 2
- (c) How can rich nations be dangerous for the world ? 2
- (d) How can rich nations help in finishing poverty ? 2
- (e) Give antonyms (opposites) of the following words from the passage :

Extraordinary, beginning, half, started. 2

5. Make a *précis* of the following passage in about *one-third* of its length and also give it a suitable title : 8+2=10

Newspapers, due to their nature of work and business-motive, mislead the readers in different ways. Their working

conditions demand newspaper combines. The production and distribution of the newspapers need heavy expenditure and huge organization. Similarly, acute competition eliminates small newspapers. Thus, it becomes a huge business organization with profit motive. Firstly, it tries to become financially sound by increasing readership and attracting advertisements. As such they tempt the readers to believe the statements to be true. They repeat the news through different papers and the readers, by reading them in different papers, believe them. Another method to misguide the readers is through headlines. By their pithy nature and bold type, headlines give undue importance to certain news. The readers' opinions are prejudiced by giving emotionally colored words and disguised comments in the headlines. The busy or lazy reader does not go beyond the headlines, even the

careful reader is satisfied with the first few paragraphs. The reader is not allowed to concentrate; short paragraphs and splitting up the item on different pages, discourages concentration. The selection of the news also lead to the misguidance of the readers. Editor must conform to the newspaper policy and the tastes of the readers in selecting news. Thus, objective selection is not possible. Otherwise also, the information is so huge that the editor cannot remain detached. Sometimes the tastes of the readers force him to present serious matters in a crowded form to find room for sensational material. Moreover, selection involves preference, suppression and compression of the news. Preference would mean undue importance whereas suppression and compression distort the truth. Thus truth is falsified.

(265 words)

6. Draft a letter to a supplier which supplies stationery for computers, asking them to supply certain items. Mention all the items required in a list. Also, ask them if a discount would be possible on the goods to be purchased. 10

Or

Write a letter to the Health Officer of your city drawing his attention to the insanitary condition of the street where you live, pointing out the dangers of the spread of diseases.

7. You are the Secretary of the Debating Society of your college. Draft a report about the recently concluded inter-college debating competition held in your college. 10

Or

As Personal Manager of Bharat Implements Ltd., write a report for circulation among all sections and departments heads on your observations regarding staff punctuality and attendance and suggestions for necessary action.

8. (a) Write the antonyms of the following words : 5

arrival, confidence, differ, predecessor, amassed,
success, cunning, vivid, poverty, improve.

(b) Make sentences with the following words and
phrases 5

eliminate, turn off, transaction, put together, pass over.