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QUALIFYING : ENGLISH A—Paper I

(Text, Composition, Grammar, etc.)

[Meant for Students who have passed

English Core in Class XII]

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

(Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.)

Answer All the questions.

1. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

- (a) Because they perform a valuable public service in eliminating the jaskasses who go around saying that health and happiness are everything and money is not essential.

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Because as soon as they have to borrow some unimportant money to maintain their health and happiness they starve to death so they can't go around any more sneering at good old money, which is nothing short of providential.

(Bankers are Just Like Anybody Else Except

Richer : Ogden Nash)

(i) Which 'valuable service' do the bankers perform ?

Do you think the poet is sarcastic ? If so,

why ? 5

(ii) How do they perform 'this' service ? 5

(b) I am not yet born; O hear me.

Let not the bloodsucking bat or the rat or the

stoat or the club-footed ghoul come near me.

I am not yet born, console me.

I fear that the human race with tall walls wall me,

On black racks rack me, in blood-baths roll me.

(*Prayer Before Birth* : Louis Macneice)

(i) Explain the paradox described in these lines. 5

(ii) What are the fears expressed by the unborn ? 5

2. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

(a) Mention any *five* fields where computers play a significant role.

(b) Describe some of the effects of an air burst of a nuclear explosion.

(c) What, according to Huxley, is the Hindu explanation for a solar eclipse ?

(d) Describe in your own words the poignant struggle of the poet in 'A Ballad of Heaven'. 3×5=15

3. Answer the following questions in about 200 words :

Differentiate clearly between experimenting and experiencing after reading Niblett's *Experiment and Experience*.

Or

"All the passengers who hire Iona's cat treat him like a cab-driver and not like a fellow human being."

Comment.

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4. Write an essay, in about 200 words, on *one* of the following topics :

(a) **Rampant Abuse of Power by Policemen**

(b) **Information Overload**

(c) **A Visit to a flood hit area**

(d) **Women's Empowerment.**

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Or

Answer both the questions :

- (a) Write a letter to your friend in Hyderabad about the recent opening of a good Mall at your neighborhood. 7
- (b) Prepare a report on the recent agitation in Delhi against inflated power and water bills. 8
5. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Revolutions are not made by fate but by men. Sometimes they are solitary men of genius. But the great revolutions in the eighteenth century were made by many lesser men banded together. What drove them was the conviction that every man is master of his own salvation. We take it for granted now

that science has a social responsibility. That idea would not have occurred to Newton or Galileo. They thought of science as an account of the world as it is, and the only responsibility that they acknowledged was to tell the truth. The idea that science is a social enterprise is modern, and it begins at the Industrial Revolution. We are surprised that we cannot trace a social sense further back, because we nurse the illusion that the Industrial Revolution ended a golden age.

The Industrial Revolution is a long train of changes starting about 1760. It is not alone : it forms one of a triad of revolutions of which the other two were the American Revolution that started in 1775, and the French Revolution that started in 1789.

It may seem strange to put into the same bracket an industrial

revolution and two political revolutions. The Industrial revolution is simply the English way of making those social changes. It can be referred to as the English Revolution.

- (i) What belief was the driving force behind the eighteenth century revolutions ?
- (ii) What was Newton's and Galileo's concept of science and the scientists' duty ?
- (iii) Which other revolutions took place about the time of the Industrial Revolution ? What factor is common to all of them ?

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Or

Write a précis of the above passage in 1/3rd length of the original passage. Provide a suitable title.

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6. (a) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

(i) He was suffering tuberculosis.

(ii) I want a pencil to write

(iii) One should pay respect the elders.

(iv) Charity begins home.

(v) Her new book is continuation of her
autobiography. 5

(b) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :

(i) Desires are root cause of all
miseries.

(ii) Bangalore is most polluted city in
India.

(iii) word to the wise is sufficient.

- (iv) He is university employee.
- (v) You should look forward to better
future. 5

7. (a) Fill in the blanks with the *correct* form of the verbs given in the brackets :

- (i) The police thoroughly the house of the accused for the proof of the crime. (Search).
- (ii) Some women into conventional small businesses such as running beauty parlours, cookery classes, sewing classes at home, etc. (Venture).
- (iii) He many experiments to establish the fact. (Perform).
- (iv) I was to his dinner party. (Invite)
- (v) as you like. (Do). 5

(b) Change the voice of the following sentences :

(i) He will finish the work in a fortnight.

(ii) I knew him.

(iii) Listen to his advice.

(iv) Who composed this poem ?

(v) No misunderstanding was created by him. 5