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Subject—English Compulsory

Class—XI (Eleventh)

Time : 3¼ Hrs.

MM. : 70

General Instructions for the Examinees :

- (1) All the questions are compulsory.
- (2) Write the answers in the given answer book only.
- (3) Write down the correct serial number of each question before attempting it.
- (4) Answer to all the parts of a question must be written together at one place.
- (5) Do not exceed the word limit while answering the questions.
- (6) The paper is divided into four sections A, B, C, D. All the sections are compulsory.
- (7) Candidate must write his/her Roll No. on the question-paper.

Section : A (Reading)

- ✓ 1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions : 8

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us in our day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning, the mind is fresh and there are few sounds or other distractions so that the work done at the time is generally well done. In many cases, the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early he knows that he has plenty of time to thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before the timely hour when he goes to bed.

- (i) What is the advantage of early rising?

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- (ii) Why can we work better in the morning?
- (iii) Why is the early riser not tempted to go about his work in a hurry?
- (iv) Why is an early riser able to take rest in the evening?
- (v) Which is the most beneficial time for taking exercise?
- (vi) What gives the early riser energy to last him the whole day?
- (vii) "All his work being finished in good time....." What does the word 'his' here refer to?
- (viii) Find the word from the passage which means :
 - (a) benefit.
 - (b) noise, sight etc. that stop somebody concentrating on something.

Section : B (Writing)

2. Write a task in 100-120 words giving description of an event on 'The Annual Day Function' or 'Prize Distribution Function' based on the hints given below : 7

- (1) Annual Day Function
- (2) School hall decorated
- (3) Collector - Chief Guest
- (4) Prize distribution
- (5) Enjoyed and ended with national anthem

OR

Write a task in 100-120 words giving description of a process for 'Opening a Bank Account' based on the hints given below : <http://www.rbseonline.com>

- (1) To open a bank account
- (2) Fill up the form
- (3) Attached necessary documents
- (4) Deposit it with initial amount
- (5) Get account number and pass book

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3. Write an article on 'Clean India Mission' in about 100-120 words. 7

OR

Write a speech in about 100-120 words on the topic "Beti Bachao - Beti Padhao"

4. Write a letter to the Chairman, Municipal Board, of your town complaining about insanitary conditions in your locality. 7

OR

Write a letter to the dealer to replace the defective mobile which you purchased last week.

Section : C (Grammar)

5. In the following part of speech do as directed : 2

(1) The crowd was angry. (Find the collective noun)

(2) She is a teacher of mine. (Find the possessive pronoun)

6. Fill in the blanks with Correct form of the verb : 2

(1) I here for the past ten years. (be)

(2) I (study) when he came.

7. Fill in the blanks with the suitable modals : 3

(1) He do this work easily. (ability)

(2) You respect your teachers. (duty)

(3) It rain today. (Possibility)

8. Change the following sentences into passive voice : 3

(1) She is making tea.

(2) She has cooked food for the guests.

(3) People take tea in the morning.

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Section : D (Grammar)

- 9 Read the text given below and answer the question that follow :

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If I were to look over the whole world to find out the country most richly endowed with all the wealth, power and beauty that nature can bestow - in some parts a very paradise on earth - I should point to India. If I were asked under what sky the human mind has fully developed some of its choicest gifts has most deeply condensed on the greatest problem of life and has found solutions of some of them which will deserve the attention even of those who have studied Plato and Kant I should point to India. And if I were to ask myself from what literature we, here in Europe, we who have been nurtured almost exclusively on the thoughts of the Greeks and Romans and of one Semitic race, the Jewish may draw that corrective which is most wanted in order to make our inner life more comprehensive more universal, in fact more truly human, a life, not for this life only, but a transfigured and eternal life - again I should point to India.

- (1) Which country is endowed with wealth, power and beauty?
- (2) Where has human mind fully developed?
- (3) Which two European philosophers have been mentioned here?
- (4) Where can we see a truly human life?

OR

Unless man is able to discipline himself there is no hope of avoiding the ecological disaster toward which he is rapidly heading. In order to restore and regulate the ecological balance conservation now demands that the human population be drastically controlled, not only for the wise use of the available natural resources but for the very existence of man himself. Man meets and deals with his environment at two levels; firstly the intellectual, aided by the vast area of knowledge available to him because of his intellect and secondly, the physical level in which he is no way different from other animals.

- (1) Towards which we are rapidly heading?
- (2) At how many levels does a man meet and deal with his environment?
- (3) Why is it essential to control the human population?

(4) Find from the passage the words which mean :

- (a) gradual development (b) preservation

10. Answer any four of the following questions in about 10-15 words : 8

- (1) What was Dr. Kalam's second vision for India? (Vision 2020)
- (2) What does Max Muller call India a paradise on earth?
(What India can Teach Us)
- (3) What according to Swami Vivekananda is real patriotism?
(India Our Mother Land)
- (4) What causes ecological imbalance?
(Most and Nature in India : THE ECOLOGICAL IMBALANCE)
- (5) What has caused more deaths than all the weapons of mass destruction?
(HUMAN RIGHTS AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES)

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

I am Ganga <http://www.rbseonline.com>

Snow from the mountains

The keeper of water

I am the plains

I am the foothills

I carry the wishes of my streams

To the sea.

- (1) What is the origin of Ganga?
- (2) What is meant by the phrase 'The Keeper of Water'?
- (3) How does the Ganga carry the wishes of its streams to the sea?

OR

A piece of silken tassel tipped with gold

Tied round the wrist by loving sister's hand

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A sacred day in Sravan, when the lands,
Are bathed in welcome rain is said to hold
A potent charm for good.

- (1) Who ties "a piece of silken tassel" and where?
- (2) Why is the day sacred?
- (3) What kind of weather prevails in Sravan?

12. Answer any three of the following question in about 10-15 words : 6

- (1) What does the ocean teach the Ganga? (Songs of the Ganga)
- (2) In which Hindi month does the festival of Raksha - Bandhan fall? (Raksha - Bandhan)
- (3) For whom is the festival Raksha Bandhan important? (Raksha - Bandhan)
- (4) Which different roles does Ganga play? (Songs of the Ganga)

13. Answer any one of the following question in about 50-60 words : 4

- (1) Why did Aksionov think of killing himself? (God sees the truth but waits)

OR

- (2) Discuss 'Living or Dead' as a story of love and betrayal. (Living or dead)

14. Answer any two of the following question in about 30-40 words : 6

- (1) Attempt a character sketch of Rama Rao. (Out of business)
- (2) What does Shammath see in his mother's room before the guests coming? (The boss came to dinner)
- (3) What does the elephant say after putting his trunk in his friend's hut? (The gentlemen in the jungle)

