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ENGLISH — Paper II

Time Allowed : $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

PART - A

I. Rearrange the following sentences in logical sequence and rewrite in a paragraph using connectors wherever necessary : 5 + 5

1. So the students were rightly excited about it.
2. Being just an arm's length away from a bear and miss being attacked was perhaps a great adventure.
3. But the guard showed them the pugmarks of a tiger which they had missed seeing crossing the road that same night.
4. Now, what would you say to that !
5. And they were sure that they had not missed the best sight this trip could provide.

II. Read the given passage and answer the questions given below each in a sentence or two :

The young seagull was alone on his ledge. His two brothers and his sister had already flown away the day before. He had been afraid to fly with them. Somehow, when he had taken a little run forward to the brink of the ledge and attempted to flap his wings, he became afraid. The great expanse of sea stretched down beneath and it was such a long way down - miles down. He felt certain that his wings would never support him. So, he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole under the ledge where he slept at night. Even when each of his brothers and his little sister, whose wings were far shorter than his own, ran to the brink and flapped their wings to fly away, he failed to muster up courage to take the plunge which appeared to him so desperate. His father and mother had come around calling him shrilly, upbraiding him, threatening to let him starve on his ledge unless he flew away. But for the life of him he could not move.

1. Why was the seagull alone on the ledge ? 2
2. Where did the seagull sleep at night ? 2
3. Write the comparison mentioned in the passage. 2
4. What was needed for the seagull to take the plunge ? 2
5. Did the seagull's parents show concern for him ? How ? 2

III. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay form within 200 words each :

$2 \times 10 = 20$

1. How was Sivagami able to change her father's attitude ?
2. Narrate the experience of the seagull before it had its first flight.
3. How did Ruskin Bond's grandfather escape from the attack of the ostrich ?
4. Write an essay on the clues that helped Holmes to solve the mystery.

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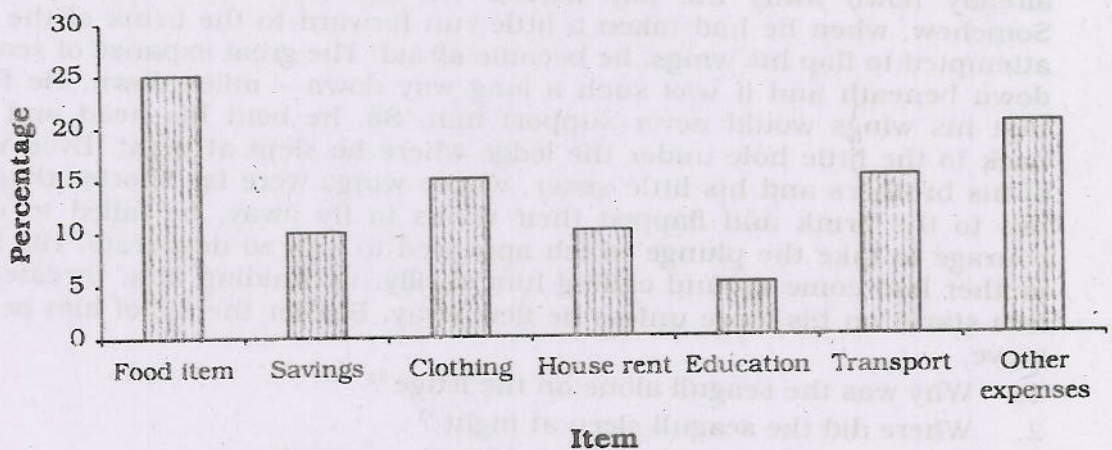
PART - B

- IV. Write a précis of the following passage reducing it to one-third of its length : 10

India is chiefly an agricultural country. The cultivation of crops depends on a proper supply of water throughout the year. From olden times, large parts of our country have suffered from periods of too much of rain, alternating with periods of drought. People have known that if the excess waters of the flood seasons can be stored up for use in the fields during the dry seasons, the problem would be solved. Unfortunately they have neither the knowledge nor the means to do much in this matter. What little they knew they had tried to put into practice. They have dug canals to carry away water from the great perennial rivers. This was a heavy and expensive one practicable over only a small area. Large tanks were excavated, small bunds (or) dams have been built to hold water or hold back floods.

- V. Study the bar chart given below and answer the following questions : 5

This bar graph shows how a family spent its income on different items in a particular month.



Questions :

1. What does the graph represent ?
2. What is the percentage of income spent on clothing ?
3. On which item the family spent the minimum amount ?
4. How many items are represented in the graph ?
5. On which items the family spent the maximum amount ?

OR

Read the following passage and make notes :

Energy is derived from two kinds of energy resources, namely, renewable and non-renewable. We use fuels like coal, diesel and petrol. These cannot be renewed and are called non-renewable resources. But energy from wind, water and sun can be renewed.

VI. Rewrite each of the following sentences correctly : 5 × 1 = 5

1. Time and tide wait for no man.
2. The audience were group of thirty students from Chennai.
3. Neither of us were present.
4. The quality of these oranges are good.
5. I met him at an university tournament.

VII. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below : 10

This is the Night Mail crossing the Border,
 Bringing the cheque and postal order,
 Letters for the rich, letters for the poor,
 The shop at the corner, the girl next door,
 Past cotton-grass and moorland boulder,
 Shovelling white stream over her shoulder,
 Snorting noisily, she passes
 Silent miles of wind-bent grasses,
 Birds turn their heads as she approaches,
 Stare from bushes at her blank-faced coaches,
 Sheep-dogs cannot turn her course;
 They slumber on with paws across,
 In the farm. She passes no one wakes,
 But a jug in a bed room gently shakes.

Questions :

1. What does the Night Mail bring to the people ?
2. Who are getting the letters ?
3. Where does the train go on its way ?
4. What do the birds do when the train comes near them ?
5. With the arrival of the trains, what happens in the farm ?

OR

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Paraphrase the poem given below :

Speak gently to the aged one,
Grieve not the careworn heart :
The sands of life are nearly run,
Let them in peace depart.
Speak gently to the erring ones
They must have toiled in vain ;
Perhaps unkindness made them so,
Oh ! win them back again,
Speak gently ! – It is a little thing
Dropped in the heart's deep well,
The good, the joy that it may bring,
The rolling years shall tell.

VIII. (Sign yourself as X. If you write your Name, Reg. No. or Address your answer paper will not be evaluated)

1. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to spend the summer holidays with you. 10

OR

2. Write a letter to the manager of a textile mill seeking permission to visit the mill along with your classmates.

OR

3. Write a letter to a Hotel in Kodaikanal booking rooms for your family for a week during this summer.

IX. Write a dialogue between a Doctor and a Patient. 5

OR

Complete the dialogue with at least five exchanges :

Miss X : Dad, I am planning to go abroad.

Father : To which country, my dear ?

Miss X : To England.

Father :

X. Read the given passage and prepare an attractive advertisement : 5

A tour is arranged by a reputed travel company to Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand. The address :

Travel Links

23, City Centre Plaza,

3, Mount Road, Chennai-044 – 24342002.

XI. Expand the idea contained in the following statement in about 100 words : 10

A stitch in time saves nine.

OR

Prevention is better than cure.