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ENGLISH — Paper IITime Allowed : $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

- Note :
- i) Answer *all* the questions in the answer-book given separately.
 - ii) Read the questions carefully and try to understand them fully before answering them.
 - iii) Write down the question numbers correctly in the margin in your answer-book.

I. Answer any *two* of the following in about 200 words each : $2 \times 10 = 20$

1. Comment on Portia's description of the various suitors. What light does it throw on her character ?
2. "To bait fish withal." Give the substance of Shylock's speech beginning with these words and point out what you learn about his character.
3. Bring out the significance of the Ring episode.
4. Discuss the part played by Antonio in "The Merchant of Venice".

II. A) Answer in essay form any *one* of the following in about 200 words :

$1 \times 10 = 10$

1. Narrate the story of Princess September and bring out the moral in it.
2. "Millionaire models are rare enough but, by Jove, model millionaires are rarer still." Discuss this statement with reference to "The Model Millionaire".
3. How does Prem Chand portray the miseries of an office clerk in the days of British rule ? What was the lesson taught to the British officer ?

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B) Choose the correct responses from the options given below against each question :

5 × 1 = 5

1. Gopal clutched Dr. Raman's wrist with his weak fingers and said,
 - a) "You may ask your wife what is to be done with the Will."
 - b) "It is unfortunate that you should be here now."
 - c) "It is my good fortune that you are here at this moment."
 - d) "What has to happen must happen."
2. When Mr. Gupta went to meet Mrs. Clifford
 - a) she was dining with her neighbour
 - b) she was making cakes to be sold that evening
 - c) she was entertaining a guest
 - d) she was busy playing the piano.
3. Mrs. Sappleton was
 - a) Vera's mother
 - b) a charming personality
 - c) Frampton's sister
 - d) Vera's aunt.
4. Connie wept for Mrs. Winston because
 - a) she was the mother of one of those twisted men who prey on women
 - b) she was aged and all alone
 - c) she was suffering from a terrible disease
 - d) her son was killed by one of the burglars.
5. Sher Singh's father was a famous
 - a) painter
 - b) shikhari
 - c) doctor
 - d) officer.

III. A) Write an essay on any *one* of the following in about 200 words : 1 × 10 = 10

1. India's achievements in space.
2. Your experience at a sea-side resort.
3. The impact of modern cinema on the youth.

- B) Expand the following outline into a story of about 100 words : 5

Androcles, a Greek slave — escapes from his master — goes to a forest — enters a cave — sees a lion — is frightened — lion in pain — holds up its paw — Androcles becomes bold — looks at the lion's paw — pulls out a thorn — the man and the animal become friends — after a few days Androcles is caught by the king's soldiers — Androcles is taken to the amphitheatre — an angry lion rushes at him — stops suddenly — lies down quietly — same lion — people are surprised.

- C) Write a letter on any one of the following : 1 × 10 = 10

(Sign yourself as 'X' and give your address as 'Y'. If you write your Name, Reg. No. or Address etc., your answer paper will not be valued.)

1. To the editor of a leading newspaper complaining about the hardships faced by people due to insanitary conditions in your locality.
2. To a sports goods company ordering for certain sports items required by the school.
3. To a friend who is admitted in the hospital for a bone fracture encouraging him to keep up his spirits and not to lose hope.

- IV. A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : 5 × 1 = 5

Biotechnology is a fascinating branch of biology and it is the need of the day. Hunger is a complex problem but can be solved by the application of biotechnology in agriculture. It is the exploitation of basic genetic principles to attain maximum yields and disease resistant varieties. Some of the techniques developed by biotechnology are hybridisation, plant tissue culture and cloning. Plants raised through tissue culture methods constitute a genetically uniform population. Improved farming practices, development of irrigation facilities, availability of early maturing varieties have helped to grow crops throughout the year. Though the application of biotechnology in agriculture has produced mixed results, it has enabled us to attain cultivated plants with commercially advantageous characteristics. Undoubtedly, the improved technology has made significant impact on food production both qualitatively and quantitatively.

1. By applying in agriculture we can solve hunger.
 - a) seed technology
 - b) biotechnology
 - c) embryo technology
 - d) manure technology.

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2. Biotechnology is a fascinating branch of
- a) Zoology
 - b) Botany
 - c) Biology
 - d) Physiology.
3. is a technique of Biotechnology.
- a) Manuring
 - b) Weeding
 - c) Harvesting
 - d) Cloning.
4. Plants raised through methods constitute a genetically uniform population.
- a) tissue culture
 - b) sericulture
 - c) horticulture
 - d) agriculture.
5. can be obtained by exploiting basic genetic principles.
- a) Low yields
 - b) Maximum yields
 - c) Good yields
 - d) Poor plants.

B) Reduce the given passage to one-third of its original length.

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V. Complete the following dialogue :

 $5 \times 1 = 5$

Tourist :

Guide : Well, next we are going to see the Taj Mahal.

Tourist :

Guide : It is about 20 kms from here.

Tourist :

Guide : It is situated on the banks of River Yamuna.

Tourist :

Guide : It was built by Shah Jahan.

Tourist :

Guide : It was built in memory of his beloved wife, Mumtaj Mahal.

VI. Draft a telegram using the details given in the following passage :

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You have attended a ten-day NCC camp. At the end of the camp, you have been adjudged the Best Cadet. Convey this information to your Headmaster. (Use 'X' and 'Y' for *From* and *To* addresses and sign 'Z')
