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Paper XI—ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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Attempt All questions both from Section A and Section B.

**Section A**

1. Explain with reference to the context any *four* of the following passages given below :

4×5=20

- (a) How do we start 'thinking what nobody has thought' ?

Usually it takes a wack on the head, like Sir Isaac

Newton supposedly had when an apple striking his

skull awakened him to the laws of gravity.

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- (b) "Do you mean to say that you've been verger of this church for sixteen years and never learned to read and write ?"
- (c) Hog Butcher for the world,  
Player with Railroads and the Nation's Freight  
Handler;  
Stormy, husky, browling.  
City of the Big Shoulders.
- (d) "If such a time should ever come again, which Parmeshwar forbid, your slave will place all that he has at your feet."
- (e) Workers who repeat the operation day after day can take no pleasure or pride in their work. Their chief pleasure in life is outside the factory.

2. Give brief and relevant answers to any *three* of the following in about **100-150** words : 3×6=18
- (a) What was the trick, the duchess made use of, to cheat Oliver and what was the effect on him ?
- (b) What is the significance of the reference number JS/17/M378 in the poem "The Unknown Citizen" ?
- (c) Who do you think the poem "If You Are True To Your Gift" is addressed to ?
- (d) Why are handmade articles more expensive than mass produced goods ?
- (e) Why does Kirrin object to 'ladies presesnce' at the bank's anniversary ? How does he react to Titania's arrival at the bank ?



3. Answer any *one* of the following questions :

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- (a) Discuss in detail the types of mental locks that the writer talks of.

Or

- (b) In what way is Carl Sandburg's 'Chicago' a delicately poised poem that balances the hopes and desires of the city. Give a detailed answer.

#### Section B

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Smoking is so attractive that some can't do without it. And so repulsive that it nauseates others. It is so profitable that many industries thrive on it, and so destructive that the government has to ban it. It is the single largest avoidable

cause of death in the industrialized world. It looks a manly thing when our superstar tosses it in the air and catches it neatly between his teeth. Jaspal Rana says, "I tried it when my male friends forced me to, saying, 'come on, you are not a girl', they meant to say that they were strong and masculine. But I don't smoke because it makes my hands shake, and shooting is a mental game."

According to a survey, teenagers usually start smoking to feel grown-up or look mod. The movies and ads also tempt them to, claiming that smoking is the mark of a real man or adult. It is strange that in spite of its dreadful side effects, many still take the risk to feel happy or different, to be popular or at ease with others. There's something deliciously



secretive about smoking on the sly, as many a young boy or girl would confess. A school girl once tried her first smoke with her friends just for the fun of it, while they were on an excursion. When they stopped by a village, cigarettes in their hands, the local lads screamed in surprise. Men react this way whenever females step into the male territory. The ban on smoking has evoked mixed reactions. Parents concerned about their children's health are glad but some others call it an invasion of their rights, still others don't think the ban will work. Who is going, after all to stop those who smoke on the verandas of Cannaught Place or outside cinema halls. People have to be educated first. They need to be shown how smoke enters their lungs.

The only safe cigarette is the unsmoked one. But even heart attacks and lung disease doesn't seem to dissuade anyone. The smoker becomes a slave to the habit. New smokers are recruited from among teenagers eager to follow their favourite film heroes or the ads. But they must realize that smoking is not only a dirty, smelly and unhealthy habit but it also harms the non-smoker who sits beside them.

- (a) What lures the teenager to smoke ? 2
- (b) How do males react to a girl smoking ? 2
- (c) What are the dangers of smoking ? 2
- (d) What is it that a smoker should realize ? 2
- (e) Give opposites of any *two* of the following : 2

masculine, modern, profit, dirty.



5. Make a précis of the following passage and give it a suitable title :

2+8=10

The older we get, the larger our memory banks become. Our memories, like everything else in life, are a mixture of the good and the bad, the positive and the negative. Our memories are more than just a collection of past experiences. We can review the contents of our memory bank and energize ourselves and live a full life, or put ourselves down and feel blue.

Memories are also made up of our attitudes and behaviour. That is why it is important to watch what we feed into our memory banks. If we continue to focus on the negative, we will look back to situations that have not been helpful for

our growth. If we strengthen positive memories, we will remember all that had seemed difficult at one time but in fact has contributed to our growth and maturity.

The memories that ought stay longest with us are those that remind us of experiences of love, giving and compassion. We have keen memories of our life-supporting systems and people we have interacted with and continue to interact with who have been instrumental in our growth. Our daily interactions with people might expose us to those who have negative qualities. There are those who are violent, others insist that only their view is right. They might ridicule us or be aggressive towards us. It is these memories that we should try to overcome. If we do not give them too much importance, they will not overpower us. On the contrary they could contribute to our growth.



We probably cannot escape the ups and downs of life. But, our memory banks can help us to remain balanced with a quiet contentment. The memory slate cannot be wiped absolutely clean. However, every negative memory can also bring us to a point where we begin to see ourselves in a new light. All experiences, negative and positive, can lead us to live more abundantly. If we let memories of good experiences, of faith, love, hope, empathy, compassion and beneficial relationships predominate our ship will not end up on the rocks. Our memory banks could help us to steer ourselves towards safe waters, and maybe help anchor us in tranquillity. Let's ask ourselves : what are we feeding into memory banks and what are we making of our lives ?

6. Write a letter to remind your client to make payments pending with him for the last ten weeks. 10

*Or*

- Write a letter to your friend describing the cultural festival that took place in your college recently.
7. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions and articles : 10
- a, an, the, over, of, on, for, since.
- (i) We made a list.....the things to be taken with us on the journey.
- (ii) They quarrelled.....a trifle.
- (iii) I went to see.....movie Titanic yesterday.
- (iv) As the baby was ill, they sent.....the Doctor.
- (v) Rajan went to the hostel at.....early age.



(vi) The editor told the writer that.....story should  
be short.

(vii) The lawyer insisted.....seeing all the  
documents.

(viii) My neighbour is.....photographer.

(ix) I have been waiting for him.....10 a.m.

(x) He hates people making fun.....him.

8. Write a proposal to a soft drink company seeking  
sponsorship for your college festivel. 10

Or

Write a letter of condolence on the death of a fellow  
businessman to his son.