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## SENIOR SECONDARY EXAMINATION, 2016

### ENGLISH (COMPULSORY)

Time : 3¼ Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :

- 1) Candidates must write first their Roll Nos. on the question paper first.
- 2) All the questions are compulsory.
- 3) Write the answer to each question in the given answer-book only.
- 4) For questions having more than one part the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
- 5) This paper is divided into three Sections A, B and C. All Sections are compulsory.
- 6) Separate instructions are given for each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- 7) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

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**SECTION - A****(READING)**

- 1) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:-

There are several indicators of a developed nation. It is economically, agriculturally and technologically advanced. There is all round prosperity. The benefits of prosperity reach the common people. They have a reasonable life span and enjoy the basic comforts and good health. They are able to educate and feed their children well. Poverty, illiteracy, ignorance, disease and inequalities are reduced to a minimum. Quality goods are produced in abundance and exports keep on rising. The nation is able to protect its security as it is self-reliant in defence and has a standing in the international forum.

India, even after more than sixty five years since independence is branded as a developing country. Achieving the developed status means the major transformation of our national economy to make it one of the largest economies of the world, where people live well and above the poverty line. The transformation can be materialised within the next 15 to 20 years as India has the necessary potential. Our natural resources are richer as compared to those of many other countries. We have abundant supplies of all the ores and minerals. We have rich bio-diversity, abundant sunshine, varied agro-climatic conditions and plenty of rainfall all over India. The country either already has the necessary technologies or can develop them easily. Our people and our farmers not only have a great learning capability but most of them also have an entrepreneurial and competitive spirit. Avenues to channelise this spirit constructively and productively are required. We need the will to take action and commit ourselves to be one of the world leaders. We must resolve to work hard with a long term vision.

Technology is the highest wealth generator in the shortest possible time. It can provide us with infrastructure and help transform education and training, food and processing, industries and agriculture. It is the key to achieving quality products in an increasingly competitive market and to continually upgrading human skills. It is the only vital input for ensuring health security and better living conditions for people. It can enable us to double cereals by 2020 and to make arrangements for their storage, transportation, distribution and marketing. It can make us leaders in machine tool industries. Through Software engineering we can enter computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing.

Therefore, the major role in India's development is to be played by the vast pool of our talented scientists, researchers and technologists. They should shed pessimism and think big because they are the only ones who understand the forces of technological modernisation. They should take it as a challenge to make India a developed country. They must spearhead the movement by talking about what can be done and encouraging people that difficulties can be overcome. They must extend all possible help to industries, business managers, administrators and others.

- a) Write the basic fields in which a developed country is advanced. [1]
- b) What kind of life do the people in a developed country live? [1]
- c) What is required for achieving the developed status for India? [1]
- d) "Technology is the highest wealth generator in the shortest time" How? [1]
- e) Who can play a major role in India's development? [1]
- f) How can India enter computer-aided design and manufacturing? [1]

Find out a word from the passage which means:

- g) A machine for producing electricity = \_\_\_\_\_. [1]
- h) A large quantity more than enough = \_\_\_\_\_. [1]
- i) The state of having good fortune, wealth, money etc. \_\_\_\_\_. [1]

2) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Work is essential for man. It is a blessing. It is one of the precious privileges he has. It is the source of all other rights. It brings him the good things of life and promotes his well-being. Work is an integral part of life. Without it life is deprived of its substance and character.

Work gives us happiness. It banishes vice and poverty from life. Work, according to Carlyle, is the grand cure of all the maladies that beset mankind. It is key to all progress. Work is life, idleness is death.

The prosperity of any nation depends on the work of the people there. If they remain like lotus-eaters, no nation can progress or achieve anything remarkable. The prosperity achieved by nations like Japan and Israel bears out this. No pains, no gains.

All kind of work deserve our respect. But there are a number of people who consider some kinds of work ignoble and inferior. The work of farmers is much more important than that of teachers. The reason is that if the farmers do not work, we shall not get any food-stuff. If street-cleaners do not work, life in cities and town will prove difficult. "It does not disgrace a gentleman" says Ruskin," to become an errand boy or a day labourer, but it disgraces him much to become a knave and a thief".

For Carlyle, work is worship. According to him, there is perennial nobleness and even sacredness in work. To work is to pray. The worker is the saviour of society, the redeemer of the race, Tagore says God is the tiller of the hard ground and the path-maker. "He is with them in sun and in shower and his garment is covered with dust." The best form of worship, according to Gurudev, is to work and serve others.

It is necessary for our young men and women to recognize the dignity of labour. Most of them prefer white collar jobs to manual work. Manual work according to Gandhiji, gives an opportunity to all who wish to take part in the government and the well-being of the state. We should look up to the worker who earns his livelihood by the sweat of his brow.

- a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. [4]
- b) Write a summary of the passage and suggest a suitable title. [2]

### **SECTION - B** **(WRITING)**

- 3) As the principal of your school you are going to organise a science fair in your school. Write a notice inviting the names of the students who want to participate in charts, models and Quiz competition. [4]

OR

Mr. Rajveer Gupta is looking for a bride for his son. Write an advertisement to be published in the 'Matrimonials' column of a local newspaper.

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- 4) Write a report in about 100 words on the topic 'The Prize distribution function'. [7]

OR

Write a factual description in about 100 words on the topic 'Pleasures of morning walks'.

- 5) Write a letter to the collector of your district complaining about the irregular supply of electricity in your town. [7]

OR

Write a letter to M/s Jain Traders, Agra requesting him for the replacement of the computer you bought last month from his firm.

- 6) Write an article to be published in a local newspaper in about 100 words on the topic 'Pollution'. [7]

OR

Write a speech in about 100 words on the topic "The role of library in Schools".

**SECTION - C**  
**(TEXTUAL QUESTIONS)**

- 7) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

And such too is the grandeur of the dooms  
We have imagined for the mighty dead.  
All lovely tales that we have heard or read  
An endless fountain of immortal drink  
Pouring unto us from the heavens brink.

- a) Why should we remember the mighty dead? [2]  
b) Where is the endless fountain of immortal drink pouring from? [1]  
c) Find word from the extract which means: [1]  
'The place where God lives.' \_\_\_\_\_

OR

No, in country money, the country scale of gain,  
 The requisite lift of spirit has never been found,  
 Or so the voice of the country seems to complain,  
 I can't help owning the great relief it would be  
 To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.

- a) What complain does the voice of country seem to make? [2]
- b) How, according to the poet, can these people be put away from their pain? [1]
- c) Find word from the extract which means:  
 "desired" = \_\_\_\_\_. [1]

8) Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each:-

- a) What should the people do instead of preparing wars during the silence?  
*(Keeping Quiet)* [2]
- b) Why is the mother's face compared to a corpse? *(My mother at Sixty Six)* [2]
- c) Why is Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool?  
*(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)* [2]
- d) What theme does the poet concentration in the poem "An Elementary school classroom in a slum?"  
*(An Elementary classroom in a slum)* [2]

9) Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:

- a) Why did M. Hamel say that it was his last lesson? *(The last lesson)* [2]
- b) What did Douglas do to overcome his fear of water? *(Deep water)* [2]
- c) How did the rattrap peddler lead his life? *(The Rattrap)* [2]
- d) What plan did Sophie think of to manage money for a boutique?  
*(Going places)* [2]

10) Answer the question in about 125 words:-

Describe the condition of Seemapuri and the families of the rag-pickers who live there.  
*(Lost Spring)* [7]

OR

Why was Kothamangalam Subbu so popular and important in Gemini studio?  
*(Poets and Pancakes)*

11) Answer the following questions in about 125 words:

"Antarctica is the place to understand the earth's present, past and future."  
Explain. [7]

OR

How did Charley make sure that he was on the third level and not on the second level?  
(*Third level*)

12) Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:

- a) What did the tiger king do to find the required number of tigers to kill?  
(*The Tiger King*)[2]
- b) Why did Roger Skunk's mother take him back to the Wizard?  
(*Should Wizard Hil-Mommy*)[2]
- c) "Dr. Sadao hated all Americans yet he saved the life of the American soldier."  
Why? Explain. (*The Enemy*)[2]
- d) How did Annan encourage Bama for study and progress in life?  
(*Memories of Childhood*)[2]

