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GENERAL ENGLISH
I-C

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Note :- (i) Each question or part thereof shall begin on a fresh page.
(ii) Your answers should be precise and coherent.

1. Write an essay on any **one** of the following :- 30

- (a) Preserving our National Monuments
- (b) The case for or against Reservation of Jobs for Women
- (c) Unity in Diversity
- (d) Side-effects of Computerisation
- (e) Morality and Indian Cinema.

2. Attempt a precis of the passage given below, in your own words, in about one-third of its length, and also add a suitable title :

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Professional diplomacy is not, as a rule, liable to imprecision. An ambassador almost invariably receives his instructions in writing; the representations which he hereafter makes to the foreign government are either embodied in a carefully drafted Note or conveyed in a personal interview; in the latter event, he is careful immediately on his return to record the course of that interview in a despatch to his own government.

It is customary, moreover, when an ambassador has to make,

to a foreign government, a communication of special importance that he should bring with him a short synopsis or *aide-memoire* of what he is instructed to say. He may read this out to the foreign minister and he may also leave a copy behind. Conversely, when an ambassador receives from a foreign minister some vitally important oral communication, it is a wise precaution on his part to submit to the latter his version of the conversation before reporting it officially to his own government. Failure to take this precaution has led to regrettable incidents in the past. Although the professional diplomatist is seldom guilty of what I have called "intellectual inaccuracy", his temptation to what I have called "moral inaccuracy" is persistent and extreme.

This moral inaccuracy takes several forms. The experienced diplomatist is well aware that human actions are at the mercy of chance occurrences and that prophecy is always dangerous. He is thus tempted to avoid all predictions. He prefers to hedge. The "heads I win, tails you lose" type of despatch may, it is true, enable an ambassador, after the event, to claim prescience by recalling his previous reference either to tails or to heads; yet it is not of deep benefit either to his government or to his own reputation. All too often, diplomatists are so afraid of being accused of lack of judgement that they avoid expressing any judgement at all.

3. Expand and illustrate the idea contained in any **one** of the following in about 100 words : 15
- (a) Empty vessels make much noise
 - (b) Slow and steady wins the race
 - (c) Procrastination is the thief of time.

4. Write a letter to a friend, giving details of a railway accident.

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper, complaining about inadequate supply of Municipal water in your locality. 20

5. Use any **five** of the following words in two separate sentences each, first as a noun and then as a verb : 10
- bag ; fan ; vote ; move ; drop ; limp ; rebel.