

1(CCE.M)2
General English
(91)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 300

INSTRUCTIONS

- (i) Answers must be written in English.
- (ii) The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.
- (iii) The answer to each question or part thereof should begin on a fresh page.
- (iv) Your answer should be precise and coherent.
- (v) The part/parts of the same question must be answered together and should not be interposed between answers to other questions.
- (vi) Candidates should attempt **all** the questions. The paper will be of qualifying nature only. The marks obtained will not be counted for ranking.
- (vii) If you encounter any typographical error, please read it as it appears in the text-book.
- (viii) Candidates are in their own interest advised to go through the General Instructions on the back side of the title page of the Answer Script for strict adherence.
- (ix) No continuation sheets shall be provided to any candidate under any circumstances.
- (x) Candidates shall put a cross (×) on blank pages of Answer Script.

These come from developing character. You can begin to build character at any age. The key is learning how to look within – to work inside out. With the inside-out approach, private victories precede public victories. These private victories are simply promises you make to yourself and others and then keep. 80

4. Use these pair of words into sentences of your own to differentiate their meanings (any **five**) :

- (a) sweet, suite
- (b) mail, male
- (c) industrial, industrious
- (d) heir, hare
- (e) hoard, horde
- (f) route, rout. 20

5. Fill in the blanks with correct forms of verbs :

- (a) None of the boys _____ come.
- (b) Sweet _____ the uses of adversity.
- (c) Fifty years _____ a long time.
- (d) If you _____ a bird, you could fly.
- (e) Her hair _____ crisp and black. 10

Long car journeys are even less pleasant, for it is quite impossible even to read. On motor—ways you can at least travel fairly safe at high speeds, but more often than not, the greater part of the journey is spent on narrow, bumpy roads which are crowded with traffic. By comparison, trips by sea offer a great variety of civilized comforts. You can stretch your legs on the spacious decks, play games, swim, meet interesting people and enjoy good food – always assuming, of course, that the sea is calm. If it is not, you are likely to get sea sick, no form of transport could be worse. Even if you travel in ideal weather, sea journeys take a long time. Relatively few people are prepared to sacrifice up to a third of their holidays for the pleasure of travelling on a ship.

Aeroplanes have the reputation of being dangerous and even hardened travellers are intimidated by them. They also have the grave disadvantage of being the most expensive form of transport. But nothing can match them for speed and comfort. Travelling at a height of 30,000 feet far above the clouds, and at over 500 miles an hour is an exhilarating experience. You do not have to devise ways of taking your mind off the journey, for an aeroplane gets you to your destination rapidly. For a few hours, you settle back in a deep armchair to enjoy the flight. An aeroplane offers you an unusual breath-taking view of the world. The journey is smooth and you arrive at your destination fresh and uncrumpled. You will not have to spend the next few days recovering from a long and arduous journey.

Questions :

- (a) "Travelling by train is not an easy journey". Why ? Give two reasons.
 - (b) Why does the writer dislike long car journeys ? Give two reasons.
 - (c) Mention two advantages of travelling by sea.
 - (d) State any two reasons, as to why the writer prefers travelling by aeroplane.
 - (e) Find words in the above passage which convey meanings similar to the words given below :
 - (i) pieces/parts (Para-1)
 - (ii) taking for granted (Para-2)
 - (iii) cheerful (Para-3)
 - (iv) laborious (Para-4) 75
3. Read the passage given below carefully and make a precis of it. (Use your own words as far as possible) :

Character is made up of those principles and values that give your life direction, meaning and depth. These constitute your inner sense of what is right and wrong based not on laws or rules of conduct but on 'who are you'. They include such traits as integrity, honesty, courage, fairness and generosity—which arise from the hard choices we have to make in life.

Yet some people wonder if inner values matter anymore. After all, has not our noted bank executive succeeded in every visible way, despite his transgressions ? The question demonstrates a quandary of our modern life. Many have come to believe that the only things we need for success are talent, energy and personality. But history has taught us that over the long haul, who we are is more important than who we appear to be.

Until about 150 years ago, almost everything in the literature of success and self help focused on what could be called the character ethic. Such eminent figures as Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson made clear their belief that we can only experience true success and happiness by making character the bedrock of our lives.

But since the late 19th century and after World War I, the basic view of success shifted to what one could call the personality ethic. Success became more a function of charm, skills and techniques that, at least on the surface, lubricate the process of human interaction. Rather than struggle with thorny issues of right and wrong, we turned to making things run smoothly.

With a value system based solely on skill and personality, we find heroes in athletes, musicians and in powerful business executives. But despite the admiration we feel for these achievers, we should not necessarily look upon them as role models. While skill is certainly needed for success it can never guarantee happiness and fulfilment.

(xi) No blank page be left in between answer to various questions.

(xii) No programmable Calculator is allowed.

(xiii) No stencil (with different markings) is allowed.

1. Write an essay of about 400 words on any **one** of the following topics :

(a) Health awareness among people.

(b) Reality shows.

(c) Education in the age of Information Technology.

(c) Religion – a way of life.

(d) Rising Unemployment. 100

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

People travelling long distances frequently have to decide whether they would prefer to go by land, sea or air. Hardly anyone can positively enjoy sitting in a train for more than a few hours. Train compartments soon get cramped and stuffy. It is almost impossible to take your mind off the journey. Reading is only a partial solution, for the monotonous rhythm of the wheels clicking on the rails soon puts you to sleep. During the day, sleep comes in snatches. At night when you really wish to go to sleep, you rarely manage to do so. You spend half the night staring at the small blue light in the ceiling. Inevitably you arrive at your destination almost exhausted.

6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals : (may, need, must, should, can)

(a) She _____ run ten kms an hour.

(b) You _____ not hurry; there is plenty of time.

(c) Walk carefully lest you _____ stumble.

(d) You _____ go home now; it is getting dark.

(e) _____ you live long !

15