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( 1st Semester )

**GENERAL ENGLISH**

( **Commerce** )

Paper No. : ENG (BCM)-104

( **Prose, Composition and Grammar** )

*Full Marks : 70*

*Pass Marks : 45%*

*Time : 3 hours*

( PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE )

( *Marks : 44* )

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

SECTION—I

( **Prose** )

Answer the following questions :

10×3=30

1. (a) "Effort is the counterpart of wages."  
Elaborate.

Or

(b) Why is a banker regarded as 'a great controller of reputations'?

2. (a) What, according to the author, is the relationship of social progress with economic growth in the essay, *A Social Role for Business*?

Or

(b) "The Editor is like the captain of the ship." Briefly review the essay, *A Daily Newspaper* from this point of view.

3. (a) Do you think that the list of 'good' things that Crusoe enjoyed really made up for the evil he suffered? Would you find genuine consolation from such a balance sheet?

Or

(b) Briefly examine some of the revolutionary changes that transformed the modern world in the context of Sir Nicolson's essay, *This Modern World*.

## SECTION—II

## ( Composition )

4. Freedom has assuredly given us a new status and new opportunities. But it also implies that we should discard selfishness, laziness and all narrowness of outlook. Our state of freedom implies toil and new values for old things. We should so discipline ourselves as to be able to discharge our new responsibilities satisfactorily. If there is any one thing that needs to be stressed more than any other in the new setup, it is that we should put into action our full capacity, each one of us, in productive effort—each one of us in his own sphere, however humble work, increasing work should be our watchword. Work is wealth and service is happiness. The greatest crime in India today is idleness. If we root out idleness, all our difficulties including our conflicts, will gradually disappear. Whether as a constable or as a high official of the state, whether as a businessman or industrialist or artisan or farmer, we should all discharge our obligations to the state and contribute to the welfare of the country. Honest work is the sheet anchor to which if we cling, we shall be saved in spite of every danger or difficulty. Honest work is the fundamental law of progress.

Answer the following questions :

- (a) What has freedom given us? 1  
(b) What does freedom imply? 2

- (c) How should we discipline ourselves? 2
- (d) What is the one thing that needs to be stressed more than any other thing in the new setup? 2
- (e) What should be our watchword? 1
- (f) Define work and service in the context of the passage. 1
- (g) What is the greatest crime in India today? 1
- (h) What should each of us do today? 2
- (i) What is the sheet anchor? 1
- (j) What is the fundamental law of progress? 1

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( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )

( Marks : 26 )

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SECTION—I

( **Prose** )

1. Answer the following questions : 2×6=12

- (a) How does a powermonger make his way up the ladder?

(b) Why isn't a bank clerk boastful?

(c) What is 'the social contract'?

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- (d) When was 'The Times' started and what was its original name?

- (e) Why did Robinson Crusoe draw up a balance sheet?

- (f) Which modern invention, according to Nicolson, does not increase human happiness? Why?

SECTION—II

( Grammar )

2. Correct the following sentences : 1×7=7
- (a) She has sold all her furnitures.
- (b) Not less than forty soldiers were killed.
- (c) I spent all money I had.
- (d) Who's speaking? It's him.
- (e) She resembles to her mother in appearance.
- (f) Unless you do not work harder, you will fail.
- (g) Columbus invented America.

3. Supply the proper form of the adjectives : 1×7=7

(a) This is the ..... man who killed the snake with his bare hands.  
( only; one; very )

(b) This is a ..... situation.  
( bad; an ill; an evil )

(c) Of the two pens this is .....  
( good; the better; the best )

(d) John is ..... sincere in the whole class.  
( little; less; lesser; least )

(e) If they have retired it's because there's work for them to do ..... back.  
( far; farther; farthest )

(f) You search my ..... emotion in the centre of my heart.  
( inner; innermost; inmost )

(g) Did I ..... you?  
( hind; hinder; hindmost )

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