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HPAS (Main)—2013

GENERAL ENGLISH

(Compulsory)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note :— Attempt All questions. Neat handwriting and good expression will get credit.

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end of the passage :

Forests are called the 'green gold' of a nation because they are a nation's wealth. It is very important to protect forests and trees. There are numerous advantages of having lush green forests. Of all the natural gifts, forests are the nearest to man.

P.T.O.

Forests give us rain, they prevent floods and give us number of valuable products. We get timber for building our houses, wood for furniture, fuel for cooking food. Besides these, many other useful products are got from forests. They are honey, wax, gum, oil, herbs, lac, paper, fodder, and dyes.

Think of the paper mills. Can they produce paper without getting wood from the forests ? Similarly the industry of artificial silk depends on forests. So forests give employment to millions of people.

Forests and trees add to the beauty of a country and provide shelter to wild animals and birds. During wars they give cover and protection to the armies. Entire existence of forests is for the welfare and protection of man.

Forests have helped man to increase the production in various ways. In our own country, there are some leading industries paper, furniture, herbs, honey are only a few of such important industries. Rapid but un-planned development is destroying the forests.

Questions :

- (i) Make a precis of the above passage in about one-third of its length and give it a suitable title. (The precis should be written on the special sheet provided for the purpose). 15+3
- (ii) Why are forests called the green gold ? 2
- (iii) How do forests help us in war time ? 2
- (iv) How do forests enrich human life ? 2
- (v) Which natural gift is the nearest to man ? Explain. 2

2. Use the following idioms/phrases in meaningful sentences

(any six) :

6×2=12

not worth his salt, to make both ends meet, made his mark, hand and glove, burnt his fingers, tooth and nail, in black and white, keep up, passed through, speak out.

3. Correct the following sentences (any six) : 6×2=12

(i) I hope you all have a enjoyable stay.

(ii) I want to improve my ability of reading.

(iii) We weren't able to stop laughing.

(iv) Her car was involved in a big accident.

(v) Accomodations in London are very expensive.

(vi) I adviced him to tell the police.

(vii) In many ways I agree to his statement.

4. Use the following words as adjectives and nouns :

(*Eight* sentences in all to be written) 1×8=8

True, Open, Bankrupt, Gallant.

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles/prepositions : 10

(i) prince abandoned his minister

..... the fury of the mob.

(ii) You should not be absent class

without valid reason.

(iii) president must act

..... the bill within a week.

(iv) The trustees have agreed upon

increase fees.

- (v) Babloo argued with Mala about
having party.
- (vi) In each class we have eleven students
..... average.
- (vii) You should stay bed when you
have fever.
- (viii) Rakesh thanked the speaker
behalf of members.
- (ix) I want chance
make some money.
- (x) The Sati custom came into being
..... late Middle Ages.

(a) Give plurals of the following : 5

passer-by, maid-servant, father-in-law, Lord Justice,
basis.

(b) Bring out the distinction between the following
pairs of words by using each word in a
sentence : 10

[Later] [Few] [Advice]
[Latter] [A Few] [Advise]

[First] [Many]
[Foremost] [Much]

(c) Punctuate the following : 5

chance don't i knew it when our weather department
predicts the weather we get absolutely the opposite
bright sun instead of heavy rainfall heavy rainfall
instead of a clear sky

7. Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following topics (200-250) : 12

- (a) Child is the father of man
- (b) Do thy duty work is worship
- (c) Teacher never retires
- (d) Country first.