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H.P.A.S. (Main)—2011

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 :

This question is often asked who is truly happy and the answer is not easily got as it involves a great complexity as different people have different notion of happiness. Some people think that material possessions can make a man happy. Others say that one should possess spiritual outlook in order to be happy. But to be happy is a question of how we enjoy our life, our situation, our work, our relationships, how we begin, how we end, it is a question

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of what we want and not of what we have. An aspiration is a joy for ever. An aspiration is a possession which is as solid as a landed estate, a fortune which can never exhaust and which gives us year by year a revenue of pleasurable activity. So to have many of these aspirations is to be spiritually rich. What is life but a dull and ill-directed theatre unless we have some interest in the play. There are people who have no interest in art or science and for them the world becomes a mere arrangement of colours or a rough footway where the shins of the walkers and movers are broken.

A man exists only in the virtue of his own desires and curiosities. He is charmed by the look of things and people. Such a man wakes every morning with a new appetite for work and pleasure. Desire and curiosity are the two eyes through which man sees the world in the most enchanted colours. These qualities make women interesting

and fossils beautiful. These two amulets make man rich in the possibilities on pleasure. What will happen if a man takes one meal which is so compact and comprehensive that he should never feel hungry any more ? What will happen if man's desire for knowledge is allayed in one glance ? Such a man will not in poverty for his scope of amusement will be scarce.

We all shoot at the moon ineffectual arrows. Our hopes are set on the inaccessible. Interests need be plucked and resown. Life's troubles are unending. When the child is born, it is not the end of troubles. Fresh anxieties set in. Similarly, falling in love and winning love are difficult tasks but to keep in love is most difficult. The true love story commences at the altar and offers a contest of wisdom and generosity and a life-long struggle towards an unattainable goal. Unattainable ! Yes, from the very fact that they are two instead of one.

Shall we ever reach the goal of happiness ? Possibly Never ! But little do we know our own blessedness, for to travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive and the true success is to labour.

Questions :

- (1) Make a precis of the above passage in about one-third of its length and give it suitable title. (The precis should be written on the special sheet provided for the purpose). 15+3
- (2) When does life become an ill-directed theatre ? 2
- (3) What are the two amulets and why are they called so ? 2
- (4) Why is marriage called a contest of wisdom and generosity ? 2
- (5) Find words in the passage meaning :
Waste money, ambition, entertainment, satisfied or silenced. $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

2. Use the following idioms/phrases in meaningful sentences

(any six) : 12

fall flat on, put up with, for good, pull up, bring about,
look forward to, a sheet anchor, swan song, red
tapism.

3. Correct the following sentences : 12

(i) If you will fail, you will have to repeat.

(ii) He said that why was Shoryan so naughty.

(iii) Only then he will agree.

(iv) He has been playing since five years.

(v) Gullu lives as if he is a king.

(vi) Mehar must avoid to look out of the window.

4. Use the following words both as a noun and as a verb

(Eight sentences in all to be written) : 8

Coin, Head, Lead, Date.

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

- (i) Pianos are expensive instruments.
- (ii) I eat bread with Jam.
- (iii) Very young children depend their parents all their needs.
- (iv) Since the prisoner was hard hearing, questioning him detail was not possible.
- (v) Toshi met an accident when his bike skid.
- (vi) The secret success lies hardwork.
- (vii) cows have horns.
- (viii) I gave Kuki copy of Bible.
- (ix) He is Shylock in his dealings.
- (x) my way to office I called my friend.

6. (a) Make abstract nouns from the following words : 5

vacate, consume, deny, proceed, inherit.

- (b) Bring out the distinction between the following parts of words by using each word in your sentence : 10

[Adept] [Fain] [Official] [Prescribe]
 [Adapt] [Feign] [Officious] [Proscribe]

[Sanitary]
 [Sanatory]

- (c) Punctuate the following : 5

jim darling she cried dont look at me that way
 i had my hair cut off and sold it because i couldn't
 have lived through christmas without giving you
 a present it ll grow out again you wont mind will
 you.

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

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- (a) Work is worship
- (b) Neighbours are a nuisance
- (c) Example is better than precept
- (d) The pen is mightier than the sword.