

This question paper contains 8 printed pages]

HPAS (M)—2014

GENERAL ENGLISH

(Compulsory)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

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

....., "Can you tell me, Socrates, is virtue to be taught ?" The answer of Socrates is, that virtue is not taught but "recollected." Recollection is a gathering of one's self together, a retreat into one's soul. The doctrine of "recollection" suggests that each

P.T.O.

individual should enquire within himself. He is his own centre and possesses the truth in himself. What is needed that he should have the will and the perseverance to follow it up.

The function of the teacher is not to teach but to help to put the learner in possession of himself. The questioner has the true answer in himself, if only he can be delivered of it.

Everyman is in possession of the truth and is dispossessed of it by his entanglement in the objective world. By identifying ourselves with the objective world, we are ejected or alienated from our true nature. Lost in the outer world, we desert the

deeps. In transcending the object, physical and mental, we find ourselves in the realm of freedom.

Questions :

- (i) Make a precis of the above passage in about one-third of its length and give a suitable title.
(The precis should only be written on the special sheet provided for the purpose) 15+2
- (ii) Write the message of the passage in brief. 2
- (iii) All the virtues are within us. Explain. 2
- (iv) 'Lost in the outer world, we desert the deeps' ?
Discuss. 2
- (v) What is the function of a teacher ? 2
- (vi) What is the doctrine of recollection ? 2

2. Use the following idioms/phrases in meaningful sentences (any six) : 6×2=12

Achilles' heel, American dream, Banana republic, Bolt from the blue, Bury the hatchet, Cake-walk, Cleanse the Augean stables, Cold storage, Curry favour, Even Homer sometimes nods.

3. Correct the following sentences (any six) : $6 \times 1\frac{1}{2} = 9$

- (i) I didn't finish my thesis yet.
- (ii) More houses are built yearly.
- (iii) Robert was a little boy of ten years.
- (iv) I write to you to ask for your advice.
- (v) Only the driver was wounded in the accident.

- (vi) It's not worthy taking your own car.
- (vii) The ring has great sentimental worth.
- (viii) The day finished worst than it began.
- (ix) It was the worse journey I had ever made.
- (x) These days a lot of women go to work outside.

4. Use the following words as prepositions and adverbs.

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

about, after, around, over.

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : 5

(1) This proposal is not acceptable
me.

(2) He was accused theft.

(3) He is fit nothing.

(4) She is proficient English and Music.

(5) He is good English.

6. (a) Give the 'Noun' form (part of speech) of the following words :

acknowledge, agree, amaze, arrange, attach. 5

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

10

[Few]
[A Few]

[Affect]
[Effect]

[Alone]
[Lonely]

[Loose]
[Lose]

[Leave]
[Holiday]

7. (a) Give one word substitution : 5

(i) A speech that is delivered for the first time.

(ii) A loss that cannot be made good.

(iii) A place where clothes are kept.

(iv) A person who eats too much.

(v) Murder of one's father.

(b) Punctuate the following : 5

she shook my hands warmly praised my sari
and looked pointedly at the door i asked can't
i call for a taxi from here she said the janitor
in the hall downstairs will do it there wont be
any problem take care.

8. Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following topics

(200-250) :

14

- (a) Population explosion
- (b) Yoga as a boon
- (c) Dams as a protector of rivers.
- (d) Plantation as a national need.