

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

## PART A — (25 marks)

1. Answer any FIVE of the following questions in about 50 words each : (5 × 2 = 10)
  - (a) What has reduced man to a toothless animal?
  - (b) Why should one not persuade oneself to like something when one really does not like it?
  - (c) Why does Wordsworth criticize the rationality of man?
  - (d) Mention the sounds that could be heard in the wood.
  - (e) Why did Rosemary bundle Miss. Smith out of her house?
  - (f) Who was Cicero?
  - (g) How does David J. Schwartz relate a goal to a dream?
  
2. Rewrite as directed any TEN of the following : (10 × 1 = 10)
  - (a) Kumar \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Chennai yesterday.  
(Fill in the blank with a suitable verb given in bracket)

- (b) Bobby \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a sincere student.  
(Fill in the blank with the suitable form of the verb given in bracket)
- (c) It rained yesterday.  
(Change into negative)
- (d) She is a clever girl.  
(Change into interrogative)
- (e) He is a poorman. He is honest.  
(Combine the two sentences using a conjunction)
- (f) The scenery is beautiful.  
(Add question tag)
- (g) Movies these days is not good.  
(Correct the sentence)
- (h) A apple a day keeps the doctor away.  
(Correct the sentence)
- (i) Which is your native place?  
(Give a suitable answer)
- (j) There is a shopping mall near my house.  
(Frame a suitable question)
- (k) Achieve.  
(Use the word as a noun and as a verb in a sentence of your own)
- (l) Give the synonyms of the following words :  
Aid, Principle.

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : (5)

To achieve progress in life, we must plan 10 years ahead. Trial and error is a pretty poor way to select a career. Approach to selecting a career is like going to an air line ticket counter and saying 'Give me a ticket'. The most important thing for progress in life is career planning. Visualize your future in terms of three departments-work, home and society. Dividing your life this way keeps you from becoming confused and prevents conflicts.

- (a) What must we do to achieve progress in life?
- (b) How to approach in selecting a career?
- (c) Mention the three departments to visualize your future.
- (d) What is the most important thing for progress in life?
- (e) What is a pretty poor way to select a career?

PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

Answer any FIVE of the following  
in about 150 words each.

- 4. Why according to Gandhi is it wrong to call women the weaker sex?
- 5. What reference is made to the birds by Wordsworth to his friend in 'The Tables Turned'?

6. Describe the feelings evoked in Robert Frost by the sight of the snowfall on a winter evening.
7. What is ultimate power and how can we achieve it?
8. Briefly mention the advice given by Kipling to make life a success.
9. Write a brief note on Miss. Smith in 'A Cup of Tea'.
10. How does Somerset Maugham conclude his story?

PART C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Write an essay on any THREE of the following  
in about 300 words each.

11. How does Inge compare the life of the present day people with the life led by the people of the olden days?
12. What observations does Strong make on reading books?
13. Give a critical account of the isle of Innisfree.
14. Point out the reasons for Rahim Khan turning into a bully.
15. Discuss the importance of setting goals in success – building.