

**GROUP C**

**(Long Answer Type Questions)**

Answer any three questions

3 × 15 = 45

3. Write an essay of not more than 200 words on any one of the following topics:
  - (a) The technological miracles of the 21<sup>st</sup> century
  - (b) Time as a tyrant of modern life.
  - (c) Is attainment of peace the ultimate goal of life?
4. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper expressing your views against ragging and urging more stringent measures to stop this menace with reference to recent tragic death. 1
5. Write a report for a local newspaper on the two-day Seminar on "Industrialisation in West Bengal" hosted by your college, giving details of the presentation made by various eminent speakers on the subject. 1
6. You are the General Secretary of the Students' Union of your college. Your Principal has asked you to investigate the library facilities in your college. Prepare a letter report addressed to the Principal. 1
7. Comment on the moment of transformation of the thief in Ruskin Bond's short story 'The Thief'. 1

**HU-101**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION**

Time Allotted: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 70

*The questions are of equal value.  
The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

**GROUP A**

**(Multiple Choice Type Questions)**

1. Answer all questions. 10 × 1 = 10
  - (i) The word 'extravagant' is the opposite of
    - (A) expensive
    - (B) unlimited
    - (C) thrifty
    - (D) proud
  - (ii) The synonym of the word 'tyranny' is
    - (A) misrule
    - (B) cruelty
    - (C) tension
    - (D) madness
  - (iii) To make the house more comfortable, we have decided to have central heating.
    - (A) installed
    - (B) established
    - (C) settled
    - (D) involved
  - (iv) To put down in black and white means
    - (A) to distinguish clearly
    - (B) to write down on paper
    - (C) to seal the envelope
    - (D) to tell the truth
  - (v) Synonym of 'auxiliary' is
    - (A) conductive
    - (B) associate
    - (C) capacity
    - (D) authority

- (vii) A place where government records are kept is called  
 (A) museum (B) archives  
 (C) herbarium (D) planetarium
- (viii) The single word for 'a remedy for all diseases' is  
 (A) amnesty (B) panacea  
 (C) amaleton (D) anarchy
- (ix) One living with the same time with another is  
 (A) temporary (B) contemporary  
 (C) permanent (D) simultaneous
- (x) I request you to \_\_\_\_\_ your crime. (Choose the most effective word to make a meaningful sentence)  
 (A) apologies (B) agree  
 (C) confess (D) pardon
- (xi) The Sun set before we reached the village. (Improve the sentence)  
 (A) had set (B) would set  
 (C) would have set (D) no improvement

**GROUP B**  
**(Short Answer Type Questions)**

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.
- The function of the universities is not merely to send out technically skilled and professionally competent men, but it is their duty to produce in them the quality of compassion. The quality which enables the individuals to treat one another in a truly democratic spirit. Our religions have proclaimed from the very beginning that each human individual is to be regarded as a spark of the divine. Lat twam asi, that art thou, is the teaching of the "Upanishads". The Buddhists declared that each individual has in him a spark of the divine and can become a

Buddhist. These proclamations by themselves are not enough. The mind and hearts of the people require to be attended. We must strive to become democratic not merely in the political sense of the term but also in the social and economic sense. It is essential to bring about this democratic change, this democratic temper, the kind of outlook by a proper study of the humanities, including philosophy and religion. There is a great verse which says that in this poison-tree of humanism are two kinds of incomparable value. They are the enjoyment of great books and the company of good souls. If we want to absorb the fruits of a great literature, we read them, not as we do cricket stories but read them with concentration. Our generations in its rapid travel has not achieved the habit of reading the great books and has lost the habit of being influenced by the great classics of our country. If these principles of democracy in our Construction are to become habits of mind and pattern of behaviour, principles which change the very character of the individual and the nature of the society it can be done only by the study of great literature, of philosophy and religion. That is, even though our country needs great scientists, great technologists, great engineers, we should not neglect to make them humanists. While we retain science and technology, we remember that science and technology are not all.

- (a) What, according to the author, is the duty of universities? 1
- (b) How is compassion defined? 1
- (c) Why is proper study of the humanities essential? 2
- (d) What does the study of great literature achieve for us? 2
- (e) Explain any two of the following in your own words: 2+2
- (i) Truly democratic spirit
- (ii) Cricket stories
- (iii) Humanists
- (f) Make a précis of the passage given above and give a suitable title. 5