

ENGLISH (Communication Skills)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt all questions.

1. Give a brief critical appreciation of "The Pleasures of Ignorance". 10

Or

What, according to Narayan, are the blackpots of our system of education?

2. Describe Petrov's journey to the hospital. 10

Or

Draw the character sketch of the Verger.

3. Bring out the elements of Humour in the play "Rory Aforesaid".
10

Or

Discuss the title of the play "Day of Atonement."

4. On the basis of your reading of the essay "Training of the Spirit", answer the following questions : 7½

- (a) What type of man should a teacher be?
- (b) How can a teacher shape his pupils into good citizens?
- (c) Who was exasperated and why?
- (d) Who was adamant? What did he try to do?
- (e) What did the boy finally realize?

Or

After the reading of the essay "What Animals Think of Man", answer the following :

- (a) Who is the writer of the essay?
- (b) Why do animals continue in a miserable condition?
- (c) Where does the answer to all the problems of animals lie?
- (d) Which rebellian has been referred to in the essay?
- (e) What is the speaker's opinion about Man's habits?

5. Give brief answer to the following questions after your reading of the story "Old Bapu": 7½

- (a) Who is the writer of the story?
- (b) How much distance had Old Bapu already covered?
- (c) Was Old Bapu tired of life?
- (d) Give some examples of Hindi words used by the writer.
- (e) What is asphalt? Why did broken asphalt attract Old Bapu? *Or*
On the basis of your reading of the story "Ranji's Wonderful Bat", answer the following questions:

- (a) Name the writer of the story.
- (b) Why was Ranji upset?
- (c) Who was Suraj? What part does he play in the story?
- (d) How did Ranji lose the "Magic" bat?
- (e) How did Ranji reach the peak of glory?

6. After your reading of the play "Rory Aforesaid", answer to the following questions: 5

- (a) Name the writer of the play.
- (b) Why did MacCallum mix up his case?
- (c) What was the final decision of the Sheriff?
- (d) Why do lawyers use a lot of 'sais' and 'aforesais' in their statements?
- (e) What did Mr. MacCallum accuse Mr. MacIntash of?

Or

Answer the following questions, after your reading the play "Day of Atonement":

- (a) Who is Ilse? What is her role in the play?
- (b) How did Holtz suffer in life?
- (c) Who was Holtz and what type of Man was he?
- (d) What type of people are Maishe and his father?
- (e) Who was the person who changed in life of Dr. Holtz?

7. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end:
The first ball he faced was fast, but it wasn't on a good length. Ranji stepped back and pulled it fiercely to the mid-on boundary. It landed with

a crash in a crate full of Cola bottles. A six ! And it was only the beginning of Ranji's wonderful innings.

The match ended in a draw, but Ranji's century was the talk of the town.

- (a) How did Ranji face the first ball ?
- (b) Where did it land ?
- (c) How many runs did Ranji make ?
- (d) How did the match end at last ?
- (e) What was the talk of the town ?

8. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on any **one** of the following : 10

- (a) My Favourite Movie
- (b) Look before you leap
- (c) Modern Life and Computers
- (d) Corruption in Public Life
- (e) An Ideal Student

9. Translate the following passage into English : 10

गाड़ी पूरे वेग से जा रही थी। मैं अपने विचारों में डूबा हुआ था। कान में गाने की आवाज पड़ी। साथ वाले डिब्बे में कोई गा रहा था। आवाज बहुत मीठी थी। सब मुसाफिरों का ध्यान खिंच गया। मैं भी सुनने लगा। परन्तु गाना अकस्मात् बन्द हो गया। उसी समय एक दस वर्ष का लड़का हमारे डिब्बे में घुस गया। वह एक मैला कुर्ता पहने हुए था। सिर और पैरों से जंगा था।

Or

(For those who do not Know Hindi)

Write a paragraph of about 150 words on any one of the following :

- (a) Your Best Festival
- (b) Rome was not built in a day
- (c) Horrors of War
- (d) Pleasures of Reading
- (e) Science.

10. Do as directed :

- (a) gold is an expensive metal.

(Use suitable Article)

- (b) He poured milk the jug.

(Supply correct Preposition)

- (c) I had scored three centuries.

(Change the Voice)

- (d) He says, "I am reading a book."

(Change into Indirect speech)

- (e) Deal with.

(Use in your own sentence)

- (f) Reign.

(Write its Synonym)

- (g) Comprehend.

(Write its Synonym)

- (h) Alient.

(Write its Antonym)

11. Write a letter to the Punjab Cloth House, New Delhi complaining against the supply of Inferior quality of Sarees. Or

Write a letter to a book seller for sending you the quotations of selected books.