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ENGLISH-GENERAL

Paper-ENGG-IV

NEW AND OLD SYLLABUS

Time Allotted: 3 Hours

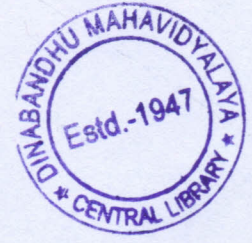
Full Marks: 100

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.

NEW SYLLABUS

1. Answer any *one* question from the following: 15×1 = 15
 - (a) In 'The Tiger in the Tunnel' why did Baldeo not run away when he saw the tiger coming towards him?
 - (b) Comment on the symbolism in Tagore's 'The Hungry Stones'.
 - (c) Do you find the character of Ishwaran tragic in Narayan's short story?

2. Locate and annotate any *two* from the following: 5×2 = 10
 - (a) To thee, to thee, my fire! Thou hast been burning in my heart all these futile years.
 - (b) A low grunt resounded from the top of the cutting. In a second Baldeo was awake.....
 - (c) His own descriptions were greatly influenced by the Tamil authors that he read.



3. Answer any *one* question from the following: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Bring out the autobiographical elements in Toru Dutt's 'Sita'.
 - (b) Comment on the symbolism in A.K. Ramanujan's poem 'A River'.
 - (c) Write a critical appreciation of Jayanta Mahapatra's 'Dawn at Puri'.
4. Locate and annotate *any two* from the following: 5×2 = 10
- (a) The new poets still quoted the old poets.
 - (b) Their austere eyes
Stare like those caught in a net
hanging by the dawn's shining strands of faith.
 - (c) I don't know politics but I know the names
Of those in power, and can repeat them like
Days of week, or names of months, beginning with Nehru.
5. Write a precis and add a suitable title to the following passage. 10

Teaching is the noblest of professions. A teacher has a sacred duty to perform. It is he on whom rests the responsibility of moulding the character of young children. Apart from developing their intellect, he can inculcate in them qualities of good citizenship, remaining neat and clean, talking decently and sitting properly. These virtues are not easy to be imbibed. Only he who himself leads a life of simplicity, purity, and rigid discipline can successfully cultivate these habits in his

pupils. Besides, a teacher always remains young. He may grow old in age, but not in spite. Perpetual contact with budding youth keeps him happy and cheerful. There are moments when he is weighed down by domestic worries, but the delightful company of innocent children makes him overcome his moments of despair.

6. Write a CV in response to any *one* of the following advertisements in a newspaper: 10
- (a) A cyber café needs technical assistant on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 am to 5 pm. Good knowledge of computers necessary.
 - (b) A renowned restaurant needs a chef with specialization in Chinese Cuisine.

7. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. 5×4 = 20

The examination system is both an opiate and a poison. It is an opiate because it lulls us into believing that all is well when most is ill. 'Look', the public says, 'at this list of scholarships; see how many children have got their school certificate: something is clearly happening; the school is doing its job'. Something no doubt is happening; but it may not be education: it may be not be the administration of the poison which paralyses or at least slows down the natural activities of the healthy mind. The healthy human being, finding himself a

creature of unknown capacities of an unknown world, wants to learn what the world is like, and what he should be and do in it. To help him in answering these questions is the one and only purpose of education. But this is not the prime aim of the ordinary pupil who is working for a school or Higher Certificate or for a scholarship or a degree, and for whom the examination becomes much more important than seeing 'visions of greatness' and 'getting through' excuses all shortcomings and disguises all omissions. I am speaking here throughout of external examinations, not of those set by the school, as tests of progress, which are useful and necessary. Examinations are harmless when examinee is indifferent to their result, but as soon as they matter, they begin to distort his attitude towards education and to conceal its purpose. The more he depends on them the more worst their effects. For disinterestedness is the essence of all good education, and liberal education is impossible without it.

Questions :

- (i) What, according to the author, is the one and only purpose of education?
- (ii) Why is an ordinary pupil more interested in external examinations than in good education?
- (iii) When are examinations harmless?
- (iv) Explain the first sentence of the passage.

8. Check the proof of the following text: 10
- mohandasgandhi was indias most popular leaders. A lawyer by trade he leftthe law to fight personally for His peoples rites against their british rulers. Deep committed to nonviolence Gandhi wasdetermined to win india's freedm by avoiding confrontation

OR

For visually impaired: 10

Write a CV applying for the job of shop assistant in a garment showroom.

OLD SYLLABUS

1. Answer any *one* question from the following: 16×1 = 16
 - (a) Write a note on the role of Mandapam in "Dasi the Bridegroom".
 - (b) Describe how the details of religious faith and belief have been used by Raja Rao to create a spiritual backdrop in "The Cow of the Barricades."
 - (c) Comment on the appropriateness of the title of the story "Duty."

2. Explain any *one* from the following and add a critical note: 9×1 = 9
 - (a) Eternity lay in a moment of waiting for the answer. A moment, yet an epitome, a condensation of all that happened.
 - (b) But how hateful was the glare and how cruel, how meaningless was life outside.
 - (c) Our Gauri was not so tall nor was she so stiff for she had a very human look.

3. Answer any *one* question from the following: 16×1 = 16
 - (a) Bring out the symbolism in "Sita."
 - (b) Give a critical appreciation of the poem "Abandoned Cemetery at Balasore."
 - (c) How far is the title of the poem "A River" appropriate?

4. Explain any *one* of the following and add a critical comment on it: 9×1 = 9
 - (a) She weeps, for lo! at every tear she sheds
Tears from three pairs of young eyes fall amain.
 - (b) our dear sister
is departing for foreign
in two three days,.....

- (c) Fit in. Oh
Belong, cried the categorizers.
5. Write a dialogue on any *one* of the following using not more than 250 words: $10 \times 1 = 10$
- (a) Between a shopkeeper and a customer regarding rise in prices of commodities.
- (b) Between two friends on the issue of unemployment.
6. Complete the following story not exceeding 250 words: $15 \times 1 = 15$
- (a) Four friends met each other after a gap of 25 years a series of misadventures — one of them is killed.
- (b) An Indian soldier fights for his country. He attains martyrdom.
7. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles and prepositions: $5 \times 1 = 5$
- (a) Sita was sitting _____ a bench _____ park.
- (b) My brother will return _____ July.
- (c) _____ Bible is the holy book of the Christians.
8. Change the underlined words in the following sentences according to instructions: $4 \times 1 = 4$
- (a) Man is mortal. He will die one day. [Replace with antonyms]
- (b) He was given a warm welcome by the crowd. [Replace with synonyms]
9. Rewrite the following sentences according to instructions: $1 \times 6 = 6$
- (a) It (rain) since Morning. [Use correct tense of the verb]
- (b) "Get out of the class," the teacher said. [Change into indirect speech]

- (c) As soon as he reached the station, the train went away. [Change into simple sentence]
- (d) She is a good girl. [Change into interrogative sentence]
- (e) The dress does not suit you. You made it at a cost. [Join the sentences]
- (f) The man was eaten by the tiger. [Change the voice]

10. Check this proof of the given text using necessary proof-reading signs: 10

On the afternoon of October 9, 2012, Yousafzai boarded her school bus in the northwest Pakistani district of Swat. A gunman asked for her by name, then pointed a pistol at her and fired three shots. One bullet hit the left side of Yousafzai's forehead, travelled under her skin through the length of her face, and went into her shoulder. In the days immediately following the attack, she remained unconscious and in critical condition, but later her condition improved enough for her to be sent to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, England, for intensive rehabilitation.