

6. Attempt a precis of the given passage and assign a suitable title : **10**

Character is destiny. Character is that on which the destiny of a nation is built. One cannot have a great nation with men of small character. If we want to build a great nation, we must try to train a large number of young men and women who look upon others as the living images of themselves; as our 'Shastras' have so often declared. But whether in public life or in student life, we cannot reach great heights if we are lacking in character. We cannot climb the mountain when the very ground at our feet is crumbling. When the very basis of our structure is shaky, how can we reach the height which we have set before ourselves. We must all have humility. Our lives should be clean, noble and dedicated to the service of Mother India. Here is a country, which we are interested in building up. For whatever service we take up, we should not care for what we receive. We must know how much we compute

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B. A. EXAMINATION

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ENGLISH (Compulsory)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Explain with reference to the context any *one* of the following extract : **10**

All that glitters is not gold,
Often have you heard that told :
Many a man his life hath sold
But my outside to behold :
Gilded tombs do worms enfold
Had you been as wise as bold

Or

The duke cannot deny the course of law :
For the commodity that strangers have
With us in Venice, if it be denied,
Will much impeach the justice of his state;
Since that the trade and profit of the city
Consisteth of all nations.

2. Explain any *two* of the given terms : 5

- (i) Farce
- (ii) Drama of Ideas
- (iii) Tragedy
- (iv) Protagonist

3. Answer any *three* questions in about 30 words each : 15

- (i) Who is Shylock ?
- (ii) What was the will of Portia's father about her marriage ?
- (iii) What wealth does Jessica take along while eloping ?

(iv) How does Antonio ill-treat Shylock ?

(v) What is the penalty imposed upon Shylock ?

4. Answer any *two* questions in about 250 words each : 15

- (i) Draw a detailed character-sketch of Portia.
- (ii) Narrate the Casket Scene in your own words.
- (iii) Critically examine '*The Merchant of Venice*' as a tragicomedy.

5. Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police of your district, drawing his attention to incidents of thefts that have taken place in the last one month and urging him to depute policemen for night time patrolling in your locality. 10

Or

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about the irregular water supply in your locality.

- (viii) An animal that lives on flesh.
- (ix) One who is hopeful of the future.
- (x) A doctor who treats skin diseases.

8. Write an RTI Application to the Registrar to get information about how many students of the 2015-16 batch applied for revaluation when their result was declared. 7

Or

Write short note on any *one* term of the following :

- (a) e-Mail
- (b) Circular.

into that service. That should be the principle which should animate our young men and women. Ours is a great country. We have had for centuries a great history. The whole of the East reflect our culture. We have to represent what Hindustan has taught right from the time of Mohenjo Daro and Harappa. Whether in domestic affairs or in international affairs, we must adhere to certain standards.

7. Write one word substitution of any *eight* expressions : 8

- (i) A person who cannot pay off his/her debts.
- (ii) Sound that cannot be heard clearly.
- (iii) Something which is certain to happen.
- (iv) A book published after the death of the author.
- (v) A person who loves mankind.
- (vi) The act of speaking disrespectfully about God.
- (vii) The killing of a human being.