

Code—24

ENGLISH AND ENGLISH ESSAY

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt all questions. The marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question. The parts of the same question must be answered together and must not be interposed between answers to other questions.

1. Make a precis of the following passage reducing it to one third of its length : (20)

NB—Precis should be written on the prescribed pages of the answer sheet. Marks will be deducted if your precis is much longer or shorter than the prescribed length.

How futile the old argument seems in view of these astonishing developments in scientific thought. It is time we brought our mind into line with the progress of science and gave up

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the meaningless controversies of an age gone by. It is true that science changes, and there is nothing dogmatic or final about it. But the method of science does not change, and it is to that we must adhere in our thought and activities, in research, in social life, in political and economical life, in religion. We may be specks of dust on a soap-bubble universe, but that speck of dust contained something that was the mind and spirit of man. Through the ages this has grown and made itself master of this earth and drawn power from its innermost bowels as well as from the thunderbolt in the skies. It has tried to fathom the secrets of the universe and brought the vagaries of the earth itself to its use. More wonderful than the earth and the heavens is this mind and spirit of man which grows ever mightier and seeks fresh worlds to conquer.

That is the task of the scientists, but we know that all scientists are not fashioned in the heroic mould, nor are they the philosopher-kings of

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whom Plato told us in the days of old. Kingliness might not be theirs, but even philosophizing is often lacking, and the day's task follows a narrow sphere and a dull routine. As they specialize, and specialize they must, they lose sight of the larger picture and become pedants out of touch with reality. In India, the political conditions under which we have had the misfortune to live have further stunted their growth and prevented them from playing their rightful part in social progress. Fear has often gripped them, as it has gripped so many others in the past, lest by any activity or thought of theirs they might anger the Government of the day and thus endanger their security and position. It is not under these conditions that science flourishes or scientists prosper. Science requires a free environment to grow. When applied to social purpose, it requires a social objective in keeping with its method and the spirit of the age.

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2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow it in your own words :

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This, then, is held to be the duty of the man of wealth; first, to set an example of modest, unostentatious living, shunning display or extravagance; to provide moderately for the legitimate wants of those dependent upon him; and after doing so to consider all surplus revenues which come to him simply as trust to administer in the manner which, in his judgement, is best calculated to produce the most beneficial results for the community—the man of wealth thus becoming the mere agent and trustee for his poorer brethren, bringing to their service his superior wisdom, experience, and ability to administer, doing for them better than they would or could do for themselves....

Those who would administer wisely must, indeed be wise, for one of the obstacles to the improvement of our race is indiscriminate

charity. It were better for mankind that the millions of the rich were thrown into the sea than so spent as to encourage the slothful, the drunken, the unworthy. Of every thousand dollars spent in so called charity today, it is probable that \$950 is unwisely spent; so spent, indeed, as to produce the very evils which it proposes to mitigate or cure.

A well-known writer of philosophic books admitted the other day that he had given a quarter of a dollar to a man who approached him as he was coming to visit the house of his friend. He knew nothing of the habits of this beggar; knew not how it would be spent improperly. This man professed to be a disciple of Herbert Spencer; yet the quarter-dollar given that night will probably work more injury than all the money which its thoughtless donor will ever be able to give in true charity will do good. He only gratified his own feelings, saved

himself from annoyance—and this was probably one of the most selfish and very worst actions of his life, for in all respects he is most worthy.

In bestowing charity, the main consideration should be to help those who will help themselves; to provide part of the means by which those who desire to improve may do so; to give those who desire to rise the aids by which they may rise; to assist; but rarely or never to do all. Neither the individual nor the race is improved by almsgiving. Those worthy of assistance, except in rare cases, seldom require assistance. The really valuable men of the race never do, except in cases of accident or sudden change. Everyone has, of course, cases of individuals brought to his own knowledge where temporary assistance can do genuine good, and these he will not overlook.

Questions :

- (a) What is the duty of a man of wealth ?
 - (b) What is indiscriminate charity ?
 - (c) Comment on the attitude of the 'well known writer of books' when he had given a quarter of a dollar to a man who approached him.
 - (d) What is the central message of this passage ?
3. Write an essay in about 300 words on any one of the following : (30)
- (a) "Art is a lie that makes us realize the truth"
 - (b) The Emerging global order after the Iraq War—Political and Economic
 - (c) Ours is an age of information rather than of true knowledge
 - (d) Modernism and our traditional socio-ethical values.

4. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of the words choosen from the list given below : (5)
(exposed, complete, invoke, coagulant, normal)

- (a) On account of the strict vigil of the army.....has returned to the riot affected areas.
- (b) The child got pneumonia as a result of.....to cold.
- (c) She was prevented by emotion from..... her speech.
- (d) The meeting started with an.....
- (e) Vitamin K is essential for the..... of blood.

5. Rewrite the following sentences as directed : (5)

- (a) You must endure what you cannot cure.
(Change the voice)
- (b) Notwithstanding his strength, he could not move the stone.
(Convert this sentence into a compound sentence)
- (c) It is never too late to mend.
(Make a complex sentence)

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(d) A few people knew the answer.

(e) "We wish we didn't have to take exams", said the children.
(Use the right question tag)

(Change the mode of narration)

6. Suggest one word substitute for the following :

- (a) Speech delivered without preparation. (5)
- (b) Person who is beyond correction.
- (c) Stealing from another person's writing.
- (d) Being everywhere.
- (e) The act of speaking disrespectfully about sacred things.

7. Use the following phrases in your own sentences bringing out the meaning :

- (a) Pie in the sky. (5)
- (b) The nitty gritty.
- (c) In leaps and bounds.
- (d) Be in someone's good book.
- (e) Down in the mouth.

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8. Correct the following sentences, if any : (10)
- (a) Bread and butter are what we usually have for breakfast.
 - (b) Every book and every journal in the library are in a bad shape.
 - (c) The population of Delhi is larger than Agra.
 - (d) Here we have an unique example of perverted notions.
 - (e) Of the two choice, prefer the easiest.
 - (f) I prefer tea than coffee.
 - (g) I am waiting for you since this morning.
 - (h) Despite a grave set back, you must adhere with your earlier plan.
 - (i) Their wedding has not been a happy one.
 - (j) All the queries should be addressed to the concerned officer.