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Subject: English

Total Marks: 60

Time: 3 Hours

Que. 1. Answer the following questions from the given passage.

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Helping others physically, by removing their physical needs, is indeed a good thing, but spiritual help is more substantial, according as it is more far reaching because the need is greater. If a man's wants can be removed for an hour, it is helping him indeed; if his wants can be removed for a year, it will be more help to him; but if his wants can be removed for ever, it is surely the greatest help that can be given to him. It is only with the knowledge of the spirit that the faculty of want is annihilated for ever, so helping man spiritually is the best help that can be extended to him. He who gives spiritual knowledge is the greatest benefactor of mankind. A spiritually strong and sound man can be powerful in every other respect, if he so wishes. Until there is spiritual strength in man even physical needs cannot be well satisfied. Next to spiritual comes intellectual help. The gift of knowledge is a far higher gift than that of food and clothes; it is even higher than giving life to a man, because the real life of man consists of knowledge. Ignorance is death, knowledge is life. Life is of very little value, if it is a life in the dark, groping through ignorance and misery. Next comes, of course, physical help. Therefore, in considering the question of helping others we must always strive not to commit the mistake of thinking that physical help is the only kind of help that can be given. It is the least important, because it can never bring permanent satisfaction.

- A) According to the passage, which form of help is considered the greatest?
- B) What is the difference between physical help and spiritual help as stated by the author?
- C) Why is the gift of knowledge considered higher than the gift of food or clothes?
- D) Arrange the three kinds of help mentioned in the passage in order of their importance.
- E) Why does the author consider physical help the least important form of help?
- F) Find a word in the passage which means the same as "destroy".

Que. 2. Answer the following questions from the given passage.

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The second thing we must do is to observe the caution which John Stuart Mill has given to all who are interested in the maintenance of democracy, namely, not 'to lay their liberties at the feet of even a great man, or to trust him with powers which enable him to subvert their institutions'. There is nothing wrong in being grateful to great men who have rendered life-long services to the country. But there are limits to gratefulness. As has been well said by the Irish patriot Daniel O'Connell, no man can be grateful at the cost of his honour, no woman can be grateful at the cost of her chastity and no nation can be grateful at the cost of its liberty. This caution is far more necessary in the case of India than in the case of any other country. For in India, Bhakti or what may be called the path of devotion or hero-worship plays a part in its politics unequalled in magnitude by the part it plays in the politics of any other country in the world. Bhakti in religion may be a road to the salvation of the soul. But in politics, Bhakti or her worship is a sure road to degradation and to eventual dictatorship.

- A) What caution did John Stuart Mill give to those who wish to maintain democracy?
- B) According to the passage, why should people not lay their liberties at the feet of even a great man?
- C) What is the difference between Bhakti in religion and Bhakti in politics, according to the passage?
- D) Why does the author consider the caution of John Stuart Mill especially necessary for India?
- E) What dangers does hero-worship or blind devotion lead to in politics?
- F) Find a word in the passage which means the same as "freedom".

Que.3. Answer any TWO of the following questions in 200-250 words each.

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- a) Discuss the theme of duty and temptation in Robert Frost's poem "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." How does the poet balance the desire for rest with the responsibilities of life?

- b) Analyze how Kipling portrays patience and strength in "If". Provide examples from the poem to support your analysis.
- c) Mention the central metaphor of the caged bird in the poem "Sympathy".
- d) How does Dilip Chitre portray the father's sense of estrangement from both his family and the broader society? Provide specific examples from the text.

Que. 4. A) Choose the correct **noun** in each sentence: **06**

- a) The(child/children) are playing outside.
- b) (Honest / Honesty) is appreciated by everyone.
- c) I have a collection of rare (stamps / stamp).
- d) The (army / armies) marched forward.
- e) The (students / student) are preparing for the annual day.
- f) The (team / teams) is ready for the final match.

Que. 4. B) Choose the correct **pronoun** in each sentence: **06**

- a) Rina and _____ went to the library. (me / I)
- b) _____ is your favourite colour? (What / Who)
- c) The boy hurt _____ while playing. (him / himself)
- d) The teacher spoke to Rahul and _____. (I / me)
- e) This gift is for _____. (she / her)
- f) That is the boy _____ helped the old man. (who / which)

Que.5.A) Underline the adjective and state its type (descriptive, quantitative, demonstrative, possessive, interrogative, or proper): **06**

- a) I have three apples in my bag.
- b) That house is very big.
- c) My father is a kind man.
- d) Which color do you like?
- e) Indian culture is very rich.
- f) I have ten pencils in my bag.

Que.5.B) Fill in the Blanks with the Correct Adverb **06**

- a) He ran _____ (quick / quickly) to catch the bus.
- b) I have _____ (never / always) seen such a beautiful painting.
- c) They live _____ (near / nearly) the school.
- d) She was _____ (so / too) tired to continue working.
- e) He studies hard _____ (so that / although) he can pass the exam.
- f) They finished the work _____ (careful / carefully).

Que. 6 A) Choose the Correct Verb **06**

- a) The dog _____ (bark / barks) loudly every night.
- b) My friends _____ (is / are) coming to the party.
- c) Neither of the boys _____ (was / were) ready for the test.
- d) Each of the students _____ (has / have) submitted the assignment.
- e) The committee _____ (decides / decide) on the new rules tomorrow.
- f) The news _____ (was / were) shocking to everyone.

Que. 6 A) Choose the Correct modal auxiliary verb **06**

- a) You _____ complete your assignment before the deadline. (*must / can / may*)
- b) She _____ speak three languages fluently. (*can / should / might*)
- c) _____ I borrow your pen for a moment? (*May / Must / Should*)
- d) He _____ have missed the train; that's why he is late. (*must / can / will*)
- e) You _____ eat so much junk food; it's unhealthy. (*should / may / can*)
- f) We _____ go to the park if it stops raining. (*may / must / ought to*)

