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ENGLISH

TIME : 1 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS : **100**

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. *All questions are compulsory.*
2. *The Paper shall have Questions on :*
 - i. **English Short Essay writing** : *There would be 4/5 Topics given and only one topic is to be selected by candidates and written in not more than 300 words. This shall be of 30 Marks.*
 - ii. **Précis Writing** : *There would be a Passage given for reading and a Précis is to be written by the candidates. This shall be of 15 Marks.*
 - iii. **Comprehension** : *There shall be a Passage provided and there can be 5 Questions at the end of the passage to be answered by the Candidates. Each Question shall be of 5 marks each, i.e. total 25 Marks.*
 - iv. **Report Writing** : *Suitable subject/issue may be decided for writing a report, if possible, to have scope for drawing some illustrative figures/drawings as well as data presentation. This shall be of 30 Marks.*

1 Write an essay on any **one** of the topics given below. **30**

The length of the essay should not exceed **300** words :

- (i) How not to enjoy a holiday.
- (ii) Merit measured in terms of marks is a myth
- (iii) Patriotism and Internationalism
- (iv) Communalism and Religious Bigotry
- (v) In the modern world idleness is blissful

2 Make a precis of the passage given below and give a suitable title : **15**

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 of character. We must have young men and women who look upon others as the living images of themselves. But whether in public life or 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 heights which we have set before ourselves ? We must all have humility. Here is a country which we are interested in building up. For whatever services we take up, we should not care for what we receive. We must know how much we can put into that service. That should be the principle which should animate our young men and women.

- 3 Read the following paragraph carefully and answer the questions 25 given below it :

The poet Tulsidas has said 'Of religion, pity or love is the root, as egotism of the body. Therefore, we should not abandon pity so long as we are alive.' This appears to me to be a scientific truth. I believe in it as much as I believe in two and two being four. The force of love is the same as the force of the soul or truth. We have evidence of its working at every step. The universe would disappear without the existence of that force. But you ask for historical evidence. It is, therefore, necessary to know what history means. The Gujarati equivalent means : 'It so happened'. If that is the meaning of history, it is possible to give copious evidence. But, if it means the doing of kings and emperors, there can be no evidence of soul-force or passive resistance in such history. You cannot expect silver-ore in a tin-mine. History, as we know it, is a record of the wars of the world, and so there is a proverb among Englishmen that a nation which has no history, that is, no wars, is a happy nation. How kings played, how they became enemies of one another, and how they murdered one another is found accurately recorded in history, and, if this were all that had

happened in the world, it would have been ended long ago. If the story of the universe had commenced with wars, not a man would have been found alive today. Those people who have been warred against have disappeared, as, for instance, the natives of Australia, of whom hardly a man was left alive by the intruders. Mark, please, that these natives did not use soul-force in self-defence, and it does not require much foresight to know that the Australians will share the same fate as their victims. 'Those that wield the sword shall perish by the sword.' with us, the proverb is that professional swimmers will find a watery grave.

(From 'Hind Swaraj' by M. K. Gandhi)

- (i) How are pity and love in the couplet of Tulsidas equivalent in meaning to what Gandhi calls soul-force ?
- (ii) Why does Gandhi think that meaning given to 'history' in Gujarati is capable of giving historical evidence of soul-force?
- (iii) Why do Englishmen think that a nation having no history is a happy nation ?
- (iv) What, according to Gandhi, will be the fate of the Australians? And why that fate ?
- (v) Explain briefly the meaning of the last line of the paragraph.

- 4 You, as the Collector of Bhuj District, have been asked by the Secretary, Home Department, Gujarat, to submit a report on the relief work that was undertaken after a devastating earthquake. Write this report detailing the relief work undertaken by your office in the letter form. **30**

