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ENGLISH

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note : Attempt all questions.

1. Explain with reference to the context : **8**

Do you think I am easier to be played on than a pipe ? Call me what instrument you will, though you can fret me, you cannot play upon me! (Laughs and clasps). Bravo! Encore! Bravo! Where the devil is there any old age in that ? I'm not old, that is all nonsense, a torrent of strength rushes over me; this is life, freshness, youth! Old age and genius can't exist together.

Or

Goodness knows what time it is. We haven't even got any way of telling the time since you pawned upon your watch like a fool. The last valuable thing we had, and you knew it. It's been nothing but pawn, pawn, pawn, with you — anything to put off getting a job, anything to get out of going to work like a man.

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2. (a) Answer any *six* of the following questions very briefly : **1×6=6**
- (i) Who convenes the meeting of the Princes in *The Envoy* ?
 - (ii) Why does Dhritarashtra fall at the feet of Krishna ?
 - (iii) How long has Svietlovidoff been an actor ?
 - (iv) Why did the fakir put a spell on the paw ?
 - (v) What did Morris get for losing his arm ?
 - (vi) Who is Helen in *Before Breakfast* ?
 - (vii) What is a farce ?
 - (viii) What kind of notes does Prof. Shah use for teaching ?
- (b) Answer any *two* of the following questions in about **100** words each : **6×2=12**
- (i) Discuss the appropriateness of the title *The Envoy*.
 - (ii) Comment on the use of dramatic irony in *The Swan Song*.
 - (iii) Discuss *Before Breakfast* as a dramatic monologue.

3. Answer the following in about **300** words : **12**
Comment on the title of the play *The Swan Song*.

Or

Comment on the appropriateness of the title of the play *Before Breakfast*.

4. (a) Write an *e-Mail* to the Editor of a national daily expressing your views about the problem of corruption in society. You are Adesh Kumar. **15**

Or

Write an application for the post of an Editor in a Newspaper along with your resume.

- (b) Give phonetic transcription with primary stress on any *ten* of the following words : **10**

- (i) Aristocrat
- (ii) Considerate
- (iii) Trenches
- (iv) Spiteful
- (v) Hostage
- (vi) Defiance
- (vii) Gratitude
- (viii) Stealthily
- (ix) Savage
- (x) Discover
- (xi) Vindictive
- (xii) Animated
- (xiii) Drop
- (xiv) Gratitude
- (xv) Darkness.

Or

(For Blind Students Only)

(i) Give synonyms of any *five* of the following words :

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| (1) Ecstasy | (2) Brag |
| (3) Radiant | (4) Wander |
| (5) Unworthy | (6) Unkindness |
| (7) Genius | (8) Anger. |

(ii) Give antonyms of any *five* of the following words :

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| (1) Mortal | (2) Salutation |
| (3) Dreadful | (4) Bold |
| (5) Serene | (6) Drench |
| (7) Eloquent | (8) Tender. |

(c) Attempt any *five* of the following at least *one* from each part : **5**

(i) Use the following words/phrases in sentences of your own

Squeezed lemon, Lame excuse, Ceaselessly

(ii) Give synonyms of : Ecstasy, Brag

(iii) Give antonyms of : Polite, Gravely, Recollection

5. (a) Translate the following passage into English : 6

भीख माँगना भारत में अपराध माना जाता है, फिर भी हमें हर जगह भिखारी नजर आ जाते हैं। चाहे हम बस अड्डे पर खड़े हों चाहे सड़क पर। कुछ भिखारी तो बहुत हष्ट-पुष्ट होते हैं और उनसे पीछा छुड़ाना मुश्किल होता है। कुछ भिखारी अंधे तथा अपाहिज भी होते हैं और उन पर लोगों को दया आ जाती है। एक भिखारी हमारी गली में रोज सुबह आता है। उसकी टांगें नहीं हैं तथा वह एक छोटी-सी रिक्शा में आता है, जिसे एक लड़का खींचता है। वह धार्मिक गाना गाकर सबसे भीख माँगता है इसलिए कुछ लोग उस पर दया करते हैं और उसे पैसे और खाना देते हैं।

- (b) Translate the following passage into Hindi : 6

Once a merchant went to a fair. He sold his wares and earned a lot. In the evening he rode back home. The sky was overcast with clouds. Night was falling and his village was far away. On the way, there was a forest. He had not gone far when it began to rain heavily. He began to curse God for sending rain. In the meantime, a robber rushed out of the bushes. He had a gun in his hands and he said, "your life or your money"? The merchant took courage and spurred his horse. The robber tried to fire at him. But the gun did not go off because the gun powder had gone wet due to rain. The rain proved a blessing for him. He thanked God for saving his life.

Or

**(For Foreign students/Non-Hindi speaking
Students Only)**

Write a paragraph of about **300** words on any *one* of
the given topics : **12**

- (i) A Pleasant Dream
- (ii) Gender Inequality in India
- (iii) Universal Literacy.