

## English (Précis & Composition)

Allowed: Three Hours

(PART-I MCQs)

MARKS: 20

(MCQs) Maximum 30 Minutes

(PART-II)

MARKS: 80

Part-II is to be attempted on the separate Answer Book.

- (i) Attempt ALL questions from PART-II.
- (iii) All the parts (if any) of each question must be attempted at One Place instead of at different places.
- (iv) Candidate must write Q. No. in the Answer Book in accordance with Q. No. in the Q. Paper.
- (v) No Page/Space be left blank between the answers. All the blank pages of Answer Book must be crossed.
- (vi) Extra attempt of any question or any part of the attempted question will not be considered.

### PART-II

Q.2. Write a précis of the following passage and also suggest a suitable title. (20)

All the evils in this world are brought about by the persons who are always up and doing, but do not know when they ought to be up nor what they ought to be doing. The devil, I take it, is still the busiest creature in the universe, and can quite imagine him denouncing laziness and becoming angry at the smallest waste of time. In his kingdom, I will wager, nobody is allowed to do nothing, not even for a single afternoon. The world, we all freely admit, is in a muddle but I for one do not think that it is laziness that has brought it to such a pass. It is not the active virtues that it lacks but the passive ones; it is capable of anything but kindness and a little steady thought. There is still plenty of energy in the world (there never were more fussy people about), but most of it is simply misdirected. If, for example, in July 1914, when there was some capital idling weather, everybody, emperors, Kings, arch dukes, statesmen, generals, journalists, had been suddenly smitten with an intense desire to do nothing, just to hang about in the sunshine and consume tobacco, then we should all have been much better off than we are now. But no, the doctrine of the strenuous life still went unchallenged; there must be no time wasted; something must be done. Again, suppose our statesmen, instead of rushing off to Versailles with a bundle of ill-digested notions and great deal of energy to dissipate had all taken a fortnight off, away from all correspondence and interviews and what not, and had simply lounged about on some hillside or other apparently doing nothing for the first time in their energetic lives, then they might have gone to their so-called peace conference and come away again with their reputations still unsoiled and the affairs of the world in good trim. Even at the

present time, if half of the politicians in Europe would relinquish the notion that laziness is crime and go away and do nothing for a little space, we should certainly gain by it. Other examples come crowding into mind. Thus, every now and then, certain religious sects hold conferences; but though there are evils abroad that are mountains high, though the fate of civilization is still doubtful, the members who attend these conferences spend their time condemning the length of ladies' skirts and the noisiness of dance bands. They would all be better employed lying flat on their backs somewhere, staring at the sky and recovering their mental health.

- Q.3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (20)
- ... teach us how to be in love and what to be in love with. The great things

## Laziness: A blessing

The ever busiest people are responsible for ills in the world because of their fully unconsciousness of right moment and right doings. Similarly, the devil gets annoyed at loss of time, even if it would be little in his rule. Undoubtedly, laziness is not responsible for the world full of ills, but it is misguidance of proper acts and proper time. In fact, time must be valued to the right doings. The world leaders also take a sigh, rather than continuous work of their desired goals. This even shapes the global affairs. Even the half of the world regrets in consideration laziness, a cause of ills; despite, the world grows up. Many religious meetings attempt to curb such evils of the world, but a high heap of ills is still unclear in a particular culture. Moreover, people also agree to uncertainty of maintained ills in these meetings. Thereby, such people can lead to the betterment in the world with true awareness of doings.

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