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TIME ALLOWED:	(PART-I) 10 MINUTES	MAXIMUM MARKS:10
	(PART-II) 2 HOURS & 50 MINUTES	MAXIMUM MARKS:90

- NOTE:** (i) First attempt **PART-I (MCQ)** on separate **Answer Sheet** which shall be taken back after **10 minutes**.
(ii) **Overwriting/cutting of the options/answers will not be given credit.**

PART – I (MCQs)

Q.1.(a) Choose the word that is nearly similar in meaning to the word in capital letters. (5)
(Do only **FIVE**) Extra attempt of any Part of the question will not be considered.

- (i) **OBSCURE**
(a) unclear (b) doubtful
- (ii) **AMIABLE**
(a) obnoxious (b) affable
- (iii) **HOODWINK**
(a) delude (b) avoid
- (iv) **GUILEFUL**
(a) honourable (b) disingenuous
- (v) **OBSESSION**
(a) fixed ideas (b) delusion
- (vi) **RADICAL**
(a) innate (b) moderate
- (vii) **PRESUMPTIVE**
(a) credible (b) timid

(b) Pick the most nearly opposite in meaning to the capitalized word: (5)

- (viii) **PRESENTABLE**
(a) unable (b) scruffy (c) suitable (d) personable
- (ix) **SALVATION**
(a) escape (b) starvation (c) doom (d) rescue
- (x) **PLAIN**
(a) clean (b) distinct (c) ambiguous (d) frugal
- (xi) **ODIOUS**
(a) porous (b) charming (c) horrid (d) offensive
- (xii) **INFLAME**
(a) calm (b) anger (c) excite (d) kindle

PART – II

- NOTE:** (i) **PART-II** is to be attempted on the separate **Answer Book**.
(ii) Attempt **ALL** questions from **PART-II**.

Q.2 Make a precis of the given passage and suggest a suitable heading. (20+5)

From Plato to Tolstoi art has been accused of exciting our emotions and thus of disturbing the order and harmony of our moral life. "Poetical imagination, according to Plato, waters our experience of lust and anger, of desire and pain, and makes them grow when they ought to starve with drought. "Tolstoi sees in art a source of infection. "Not only in infection," he says, "a sign of art, but the degree of infectiousness is also the sole measure of excellence in art." But the flaw in this theory is obvious. Tolstoi suppresses a fundamental moment of art, the moment of form. The aesthetic experience – the experience of contemplation – is a different state of mind from the coolness of our theoretical and the sobriety of our moral judgment. It is filled with the liveliest energies of passion, but passion itself is here transformed both in its nature and in its meaning. Wordsworth defines poetry as "emotion recollected in tranquility". But the tranquility we feel in great poetry is not that of recollection. The emotions aroused by the poet do not belong to a remote past. They are "here"-alive and immediate. We are aware of their full strength, but this strength tends in a new direction. It is rather seen than immediately felt. Our passions are no longer dark and impenetrable powers; they become, as it were, transparent. Shakespeare never gives us an aesthetic theory. He does not speculate about the nature of art. Yet in the only passage in which he speaks of the character and function of dramatic art the whole stress is laid upon this point. "The purpose of playing," as Hamlet explains, "both at the first and now, was and is, to hold, as, twere, the mirror up to nature; to show virtue her own feature, scorn her own image, and the very age and body of the time his form and pressure." But the image of a passion is not the passion itself. The poet who represents a passion does not infect us with this passion. At a Shakespeare play we are

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not infected with the ambition of Macbeth, with the cruelty of Richard III, or with the jealousy... We are not at the mercy of these emotions; we look through them; we seem to penetrate into their very essence. In this respect Shakespeare's theory of dramatic art, if he had such a theory, is in complete accordance with the conception of the fine arts of the great painters and sculptors.

Q.3. Read the following passage and answers the questions that follow. (2)

It is in the very nature of the helicopter that its great versatility is found. To begin with, the helicopter is the fulfillment of one of man's earliest and most fantastic dreams. The dream of flying – not just like a bird – but of flying as nothing else flies or has ever flown. To be able to fly straight up and straight down – to fly forward or back or sidewise, or to hover over and spot till the fuel supply is exhausted.

To see how the helicopter can do things that are not possible for the conventional fixed-wing plane, let us first examine how a conventional plane "works." It works by its shape – by the shape of its wing, which deflects air when the plane is in motion. That is possible because air has density and resistance. It reacts to force. The wing is curved and set at an angle to catch the air and push it down; the air, resisting, pushes against the under surface of the wing, giving it some of its lift. At the same time the curved upper surface of the wing exerts suction, tending to create a lack of air at the top of the wing. The air, again resisting, sucks back, and this gives the wing about twice as much lift as the air pressure below the wing. This is what takes place when the wing is pulled forward by propellers or pushed forward by jet blasts. Without the motion the wing has no lift.

Questions:

- (i) Where is the great versatility of the helicopter found?
- (ii) What is the dream of flying?
- (iii) What does the wing of the conventional aircraft do?
- (iv) What does the curved upper surface of the wing do?
- (v) What gives the wing twice as much lift?

Q.4. Write a comprehensive note (250 – 300 words) on any ONE of the following: (20)

- (i) The importance of industrialization.
- (ii) Do we live better than our forefathers?
- (iii) Protecting freedom of expression not lies.
- (iv) Adopting unchecked Western life style.
- (v) Variety is the spice of life.

Q.5.(a) Change the narration from direct to indirect or indirect to direct speech. (Do only **FIVE**) Extra attempt of any Part of the question will not be considered. (5)

- (i) He said to him, "why do you waste your time?"
- (ii) He ordered his servant not to stand there doing nothing.
- (iii) He exclaimed with joy that he had won the match.
- (iv) The traveler said, "What a dark night?"
- (v) He said, "Let it rain even so hard, I will start today."
- (vi) My mother said, "May you live happily and prosper in your life."
- (vii) He said, "How foolish have I been?"

(b) Correct **ONLY FIVE** of the following: (5)

Extra attempt of any Part of the question will not be considered.

- (i) He swore from God
- (ii) Is your dress different than mine?
- (iii) He inquired whether I live in Karachi.
- (iv) He spoke these words upon his face.
- (v) They ran direct to their college.
- (vi) I shall not come here unless you will not call me.
- (vii) They have been building a wall since three days.
- (viii) He does not have some devotion to his studies.

Q.6.(a) Use **ONLY FIVE** of the following in sentences which illustrate their meaning: (5)

Extra attempt of any Part of the question will not be considered.

- (i) Leave in the lurch. (ii) Hard and fast. (iii) Weather the storm.
- (iv) Bear the brunt. (v) Meet halfway. (vi) Turncoat.
- (vii) Where the shoe pinches.

(b) Use **ONLY FIVE** of the following pairs of words in sentences which illustrate their meaning: (10)

Extra attempt of any Part of the question will not be considered.

- (i) Persecute, Prosecute (ii) Luxuriant, Luxurious (iii) Mean, Mien
- (iv) Observation, Observance (v) Naughty, Knotty (vi) Ghostly, Ghastly
- (vii) Hew, Hue (viii) Hoard, Horde
