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Subject : English (Compulsory)

Standard : H.S.C

Total Marks : 100

Nature of paper : Conventional type

Duration : Three hours

- Note :**
- (i) All questions are **compulsory**.
 - (ii) Figure to the **RIGHT** indicate marks of the respective question.
 - (iii) Credit will be given to correct spelling, punctuation, good handwriting and neatness.
 - (iv) Irrelevant and rambling answers will be penalised **SUITABLY**.
 - (v) Candidates should not write roll number, any name (including their own), signature, address or any indication of their identity anywhere inside the answer book otherwise they will be penalised).
 - (vi) Candidates are expected to answer all the subquestions of a question together. If subquestion of a question is attempted elsewhere (after leaving a few pages or after attempting another question) the later subquestion shall be overlooked.

1. Write an essay in about **600-700** words on the following topic. **40**
Female Foeticide

2. Translate the following Marathi passage into English. **20**

मनमाड पॅसेंजरनं कर्जत सोडलं, तेव्हा उकाड्यामुळं कलबलत होतं. सारा डबा हाय हाय करीत होता. गाडी घाट चढू लागली, तेव्हा तर उकाडा जास्तच वाढला.

बुधा धसमुसळ्यासारखा पासिंदराचे पाय तुडवीत दाराकडे धावला. पासिंदरांनी तोंडं वाकडी करीत त्याला काहीबाही म्हटलं. पण तिकडे त्याचं लक्ष नव्हतं. तो दाराशी पोचला, अन् उगवतीकडल्या अंगाला दारातून तोंड बाहेर काढून वाकवाकून पाहू लागला.

हवेची वाट अडवल्याबद्दल त्याला पासिंदरांनी लाख शिव्या मोजल्या. एकानं त्याला, दारातून बाहेर वाकू नको, असा हितोपदेशही केला. पण बुधाचं तिकडे लक्ष नव्हतं.

त्याला कसलंच भान राहिलं नव्हतं, तो डोळ्यांवर हात दे-देऊन समोरचा डोंगरमाथा निरखीत होता. त्याच्या एका डोळ्यात फूल पडलं होतं. दुसऱ्या डोळ्यालाही आता कमी दिसू लागलं होतं. तरी तो उगवतीकडली डोंगराळ पट्टी न्याहाळीत होता. अजून त्याची दिठी कुठंच स्थिर होत नव्हती. तो डोंगरांमागून डोंगर हुडकीत होता. पण त्याला पाहिजे होतं, ते सापडत नव्हतं.

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गाडी वर चढत होती. बोगद्यात शिरत होती अन् बाहेर पडत होती. दर दोन मिनिटांनी गाडीतले पासिंदर रात्र अन् दिवस अनुभवीत होते. डब्यातले दिवे मधूनच अंधुक होत होते. पुनः उजळत होते. पण बुधावर या अंधार-उजेडाचा काहीच परिणाम होत नव्हता. बोगदा सुरू होताच तो डोळे चोळीत होता. गाडी बोगद्याबाहेर पडताच उगवती निरखीत होता, अन् पुनः निराश होत होता. करता-करता गाडी चौदाव्या बोगद्याबाहेर आली, अन् बुधाला पाहिजे होतं ते एकदम सापडलं.

3. Make a precis of the following passage in your own words in about $\frac{1}{3}$ of its original length and suggest a suitable title. 20

(N.B. : Appropriate marks will be deducted if your precis is longer or shorter than the prescribed length.)

Once upon a time a holy man wished to convince a king of the power of God. He directed the king to place himself by a huge tub of water, which he did accordingly ; and as he stood by the tub amidst a circle of his great men, the holy man bade him plunge his head into the water, and draw it out again. The king accordingly thrust his head into the water, and at the same time found himself at the foot of a mountain on a sea-shore. He set himself to think on some method for getting a livelihood in this strange country : accordingly he applied himself to some people whom he saw at work in a neighbouring wood. These people conducted him to a town that stood at a little distance from the wood, where, after many adventures, he married a woman of great beauty and fortune. He lived with this woman so long, till he had by her seven sons and seven daughters. Then, by a series of misfortunes, he was afterwards reduced to great want, and forced to think of plying in the streets as a porter to earn a living. One day as he was walking alone by the seaside, being seized with many melancholy reflections upon his former and his present state of life, which had raised a fit, of devotion in him, he threw off his clothes with a design to wash himself before he said his prayers.

After his first plunge into the sea, he no sooner raised his head above the water, then he found himself standing by the side of the tub, with the great men of his court about him, and the holy man at his side. He immediately upbraided the holy man for having sent him on such a course of adventures, and betraying him into so long a state of misery and servitude ; but was wonderfully surprised when he heard that the state he talked of was only a dream and delusion ; that he had not stirred from the place where he then stood ; and that he had only dipped his head in the water, and immediately taken it out again.

The holy man took this occasion of instructing the king that nothing was impossible with God ; and that He, with whom a thousand years are but as one day, can, if He pleases, make a single day, nay, a single moment, appear to any of His creatures as a thousand years.

4. As a good friend of Rajesh write a letter to his father informing him that Rajesh has fallen into bad company, missing classes. 10

5. Do as directed.

- (a) Make haste, you will be late. (Use conjunction)
- (b) It's very hot today. (Add question tag)
- (c) _____ cow is _____ useful animal. (Insert articles)
- (d) I won't give up before I will have finished what I set out to do.
(Correct the sentence)
- (e) You are sometimes unwise. (Make negative sentence)
- (f) Having finished his work, John went home
(Change into a compound sentence)
- (g) Choose the correct sentence.
(a) The lecture was attended by Ashim and I
(b) The lecture was attended by Ashim and me.
- (h) Correct the following sentence.
Shashi has seen a movie yesterday.
- (i) Change the following simple sentence into complex sentence.
The place of his hiding is likely to be discovered very soon.
- (j) Turn the following sentence into passive.
Man is surreptitiously poisoning the tiger.

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