

2021
ENGLISH LETTER WRITING, DRAFTING OF REPORT, PRÉCIS WRITING,
COMPOSITION AND TRANSLATION
PAPER-II

Full Marks — 200

Time Allowed — 3 Hours

If the questions attempted are in excess of the prescribed number, only the questions attempted first up to the prescribed number shall be valued and the remaining ones ignored.

1. (a) Write a letter to the Principal of your college requesting him for waiving the tuition fees during the pandemic period. Cite proper reason/s for the prayer. (within 150 words and use A, B, C instead of name and address.) 40

OR,

- (b) Write a letter to the editor of an esteemed daily protesting against corporeal punishment in educational institutions. (within 150 words and use A, B, C instead of name and address.)
2. Draft a report on the way privatisation of government sectors can be done in a sensitive and perceptive manner (within 200 words). 40
3. Write a composition on *any one* of the following topics: 40
- (a) The menace of smart phones
 - (b) Social service is a necessary part of human existence
 - (c) Junk food and diseases

4. Write a précis on the following passage and add a suitable title (use special sheet provided for the purpose): 40 35+
- There is an enemy beneath our feet—an enemy more deadly for his complete impartiality. He recognizes no national boundaries, no political parties. Everyone in the world is threatened by him. The enemy is the earth itself. When an earthquake strikes, the world trembles. The power of a quake is greater than anything man himself can produce. But today scientists are directing a great deal of their effort into finding some way of combating earthquakes, and it is possible that at some time in the near future mankind will have discovered a means of protecting itself from earthquakes. An earthquake strikes without warning. When it does, its power is immense. If it strikes a modern city, the damage it causes is as great as if it has struck a primitive village. Gas mains burst, explosions are caused and fires are started. Underground railways are wrecked. Buildings collapse, bridges fall, dams burst, gaping crevices appear in busy streets. If the quake strikes at sea, huge tidal waves sweep inland. If it strikes in mountain regions, avalanches roar down into the valley. Consider the

terrifying statistics from the past 1755: Lisbon, capital of Portugal - the city destroyed entirely and 450 killed. 1970: Peru: 50,000 killed. In 1968 an earthquake struck Alaska. As this is a relatively unpopulated part, only a few people were killed. But it is likely that this was one of the most powerful quakes ever to have hit the world. Geologists estimate that during the tremors, the whole of the state moved over 80 feet farther west into the Pacific Ocean. Imagine the power of something that can move an entire subcontinent! This is the problem that the scientists face. They are dealing with forces so immense that man cannot hope to resist them. All that can be done is to try to pinpoint just where the earthquake will strike and work from there. At least some precautionary measures can then be taken to save lives and some of the property.

5. Translate *any one* of the following passages into English:

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(Who opted Bengali for Paper-I)

(a) পাহাড়ের ঘেরা অস্থির ছোট শহর সাল্‌সবুর্গ-এর বিশেষ খ্যাতি ও পরিচিতি মুখ্যত দুটি কারণে। প্রথম, এটাই বিশ্ববিখ্যাত প্রবাদপ্রতিম সঙ্গীতজ্ঞ মোজার্টের জন্মভূমি। দ্বিতীয়ত একদা সাত সাতটা অঙ্কার বিজয়ী চলচ্চিত্র 'সাইন্ড অব মিউজিক'-এর বেশ কিছু অংশের গুটিং হয়েছিল এই শহরে। এই শহরটি আজ বিশ্বের ভ্রমণপিপাসু লোকের কাছে স্বপ্নের শহর হিসাবে চিহ্নিত। এছাড়াও এই শহরের স্নিগ্ধ আকাশ, বিশুদ্ধ বাতাস ও মনোরম পরিবেশ উপভোগ করতে প্রতিবছর ভ্রমণার্থীরা ছুটে আসেন সাল্‌সবুর্গে।

(b) ঠিক রাত্রি দুটোর সময় ঘুম ভেঙে গেল রমেনবাবুর। তাঁর সারা শরীর ঘামে ভিজে গেছে, হৃদস্পন্দন বোধ হয় মিনিটে একশো কুড়ি। একদম সিনেমার মতো স্পষ্ট দেখছেন তিনি। খোলা সমতল রাস্তা, হু হু করে ছুটে চলেছে তাঁর গাড়ি, তাঁর পাশে বসে আছেন কোন এক নারী সহযাত্রী। তাঁর গাড়ি দুর্দমনীয় বেগে ছুটে চলেছে একটা ট্রাকের দিকে। সবথেকে আশ্চর্যের বিষয়, সেই মহিলাটি দুর্ঘটনার আগের মুহূর্তেও তাকিয়ে ছিলেন রমেনের দিকে। বিস্ময় আর কল্পনা মেশানো সে চাহনি, বড়ো নির্ভীকও বটে।

Translate the Hindi passages into English (*any one*):

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