



- 3 Write an essay on any one : 10
- (i) Can corruption be removed ?
  - (ii) Man - the maker of his own destiny.
  - (iii) Mobile Mania.
- 4 Write an argumentative essay on any one : 10
- (a) Mercy killing is necessary.
  - (b) Education must be made free for all.
- 5 (a) Write a press report on Republic Day celebrations 10  
in the country.

**OR**

- (b) Draft the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of 'Sunshine Glass Works Ltd.', Aurangabad.
- 6 (a) Summarize the following passage and give it a 5  
suitable title :

Character makes the destiny of a person. Character is that, on which not only the destiny of a person but also of a nation largely depends. One cannot have a great nation with men of low character. If we want to build a great nation, we must try to teach a large number of young men and women about the importance of good character. We must have young men and women who look upon others as the living images of themselves. But whether in public life or in student life, we cannot reach great heights if we are lacking in character. We cannot climb the mountain when the very ground at our feet is crumbling. When the very basis of our structure is shaky, how can we reach the heights which we have set

before ourselves ? We must all have humility. Here is a country, which we are interested in building up. For whatever services we take up, we should not care for what we receive. We must know how much we can put into that service. That should be the principle which should animate our young men and women.

- (b) Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it : 5

All over the world there are thousands of forests. They're very important to us. Do you know why ? Well, not only do they provide us with timber but they also give us the raw material out of which paper is made. What's most important is that they replace the oxygen which we breathe from the air. You can see then that it's necessary for us to save the forests. Unfortunately, many forests are damaged every year by something which can be avoided - fire. Fire can destroy thousands of acres of valuable forest in just a few hours - a forest which has taken perhaps a hundred years to grow.

How do these terrible fires start ? Do you think they just happen ? No, of course they don't. They are started by people. They don't start them on purpose, of course. They start them by accident. But most of these accidents can be avoided. It's very easy to start a forest fire, especially in the summer when the grass and wood are dry. It only needs a dropped cigarette end, or even a spark, to set a whole forest on fire. Because the fires start so easily, a constant look out is kept in many forests. Special towers are built and fire wardens sit in these, watching for smoke. If they spot a fire, they immediately inform their headquarters.

- (c) Draft telegrams for the following : 5
- (i) Inviting your aunt for your sister's engagement party.
  - (ii) Cancelling an order because of delay in the despatch of goods.

- 7 Do as directed : 5
- (i) You're no better than a landgrabber.  
(Use the positive degree)
  - (ii) Make sentences using the following :  
to beat about the bush;  
to hang about
  - (iii) Give antonyms :  
Consent; borrow
  - (iv) Substitute one word for :  
'difficult to catch'
  - (v) I have had the honour of turning \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_  
assistance.  
(Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions)
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