

# English Paper - II

Time : 2½ Hours ]

[ Max. Marks : 50

## SECTION - I

- (1-5) Read the passage given below. Then answer the questions that follow it. Write the answers in your answer-book. 5 × 1 = 5

I was surprised to see our visitor. I had expected a typical country doctor. He was a very tall and thin man. He had a long nose like a beak, which jutted out between the two keen grey eyes set closely together and shining behind a pair of gold - rimmed glasses. Though he was young, his long back had a stoop and he walked with a forward thrust of his head. As he entered he spotted the stick in Holmes' hand. He ran towards it with an exclamation of joy.

*(Sir Arthur Conan Doyle : The Hound of Baskervilles)*

1. Who is the narrator ?
  2. Who is the visitor ?
  3. What was the purpose of his visit ?
  4. Why was the visitor happy to see the stick ?
  5. How did the stick come to be in Holmes' hand ?
- (6-10) Read the passage given below. Then answer the questions that follow it. Write the answers in your answer-book. 5 × 1 = 5

Then it turned around and started walking back towards Gopal's fingers. But Gopal repeated the trick; shifted his fingers in time to the other end of the stick. He liked this game and it went on unvaryingly for a long time. *(R.K. Laxman : The Day the Viceroy Came)*

6. What is the creature being referred to in the passage ?
7. What was Gopal's "trick" ?
8. What was Gopal waiting for ?
9. What happened to Gopal as a result of the "game" ?
10. What did Gopal tell his mother afterwards ?

## SECTION - II

- (11-19) Answer FIVE questions, choosing atleast TWO from each set.

5 × 2 = 10

### SET - A

11. What was written on the note that Sir Henry got on his arrival at the Northumberland Hotel ?
12. Why did Barrymore stand at the window at night with a candle held against the glass ?

13. Who was the man Dr. Watson and Sir Henry saw in the moonlight, standing like a statue on the hill?
14. Why did Mrs. Laura Lyons from Coombe Tracey not keep her appointment with Sir Charles?
15. How was Mr. Stapleton related to the Baskervilles?

**SET - B**

16. On whose behalf does Martin Luther King say he accepts the Nobel Prize?  
*(The Beauty of Brotherhood)*
17. What, according to Desmond Morris, is "grooming talking"? *(Grooming)*
18. Why did a lady from the Stenographer's Agency come to see Mr. Maxwell?  
*(The Romance of a Busy Broker)*
19. What does Durrell mean by the phrase "paper protection"? *(Animals are Forever)*

**SECTION - III**

- (20, 21) Rearrange the scrambled sentences in each set (A & B) to form meaningful paragraphs. Do not copy the actual sentences in your answer-book. Write only the letters corresponding to the sentences in the proper order.  $2 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 5$**

**SET - A**

- 20.
- (a) He learnt to use a toilet and loved to watch TV and drink coffee and beer with his owners.
  - (b) No other chimpanzee has been studied as extensively as Oliver.
  - (c) He also helped in household chores like feeding the dog.
  - (d) His ears and jaw - line were somewhat different from other chimps, and above all, he walked upright like a man.
  - (e) Captured in the jungles of the Congo at a young age in the 1970s, he stood out from among the other chimps because of his appearance and behaviour.

**SET - B**

- 21.
- (a) The flight frequency was once a week.
  - (b) It landed on the creek in 1937.
  - (c) The fee for each landing and take-off was just Rs. 5!
  - (d) To land in Dubai, British Imperial Airways paid Rs. 440.
  - (e) The first aircraft to land in Dubai was a flying boat of the British Imperial Airways.

22. Read the following advertisement which appeared in a newspaper.

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Are you young, dynamic and innovative ?  
Do you have an excellent command over English ?  
Do you have a flair for writing ?  
Welcome then !  
We are a leading software firm and we are looking for  
technical writers.  
Come join our team.  
pruthvi.com  
Road No. 2, Film Nagar, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad,

Write a letter to the address above applying for the job. State your qualifications and any other details that you consider necessary.

23. Read the following dialogue. Then write a paragraph expressing your views on the topic discussed in the dialogue. 5

**Sreeram** : A woman's place is in the kitchen.

**Swathy** : Oh, no ! That's such an old - fashioned view. Our mothers were trained to be housewives. In contrast, the present day women are educated and they want to enter the professional world.

**Sreeram** : But we have not stopped cooking and eating, have we ?

**Swathy** : No, we haven't. That's why a man also should help his wife in the kitchen, so that she can cope better with her professional and domestic responsibilities.

(24, 25) Read the newspaper report given below :

### ***Mughal - e - azam***

**Hyderabad, November 24** : The city was witness to a unique event yesterday evening. An auction was held at the Parade grounds to sell the original costumes belonging to the artistes of the film *Mughal-e-azam*. This film was digitally coloured recently and shown to packed houses all over India. Dileep Kumar's coat was sold for more than Rs. 20,000/-. Madhubala's glittery dress went for a whopping 2 lakhs !

24. Imagine that you are one of the people who participated in the auction. Write to your cousin in New Delhi describing the programme and how you feel about it. 10

25. Imagine that you are a reader of the newspaper in which this news item appeared. Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper expressing your views about the auction. 5

