

(i) But most of my fellows do not enjoy what I regard as essential requirements. And I cannot be completely happy while they are unhappy.

(j) The true reward of all my hopes and efforts was a light slender thing with a single stem like a tulip made of silver paper. I anointed it with tears of disappointment.

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ENGLISH – PROSE

(For those who joined in July 2003 and after)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

SECTION A — (4 × 20 = 80 marks)

Answer any FOUR questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) Examine the irony and veiled humour in P.G. Wodehouse's "My Gentle Readers".

Or

- (b) How does Chesterton expose the modern method of flattery in "The worship of the Wealthy"?

2. (a) On what context Inge calls the practice of betting a disease?

Or

- (b) Discuss Lippman's observations on Mahatma Gandhi.

3. (a) Analyse Cardus's comparison of the umpire in a cricket game to the geyser in the bathroom.

Or

- (b) How does Russell emphasize the need for wisdom in the modern world?

4. (a) Summarise Nehru's advice to the young graduates of Allahabad University.

Or

- (b) How does Spencer give us a great insight of Vinoba Bhava and his Bhoodan movement?

5. (a) What, according to Haldane, are the requirements of life?

Or

- (b) Describe the circumstances that made Dr. Cronin a novelist.

SECTION B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

6. Annotate any FIVE of the following passages choosing not more than THREE from either Group.

GROUP A

- (a) "And when I go home tonight," she added, "and tell them that I have actually sitting at dinner next to Edgar Wallace, I don't know what they will say."

- (b) Are not the Himalayas in themselves a sufficiently inspiring spectacle – all the more inspiring. Indeed if some peak still remains unscaled mysterious?

- (c) They must work with concrete and with the plainly and generally intelligible thing.

- (d) Often is the phrase "A Bad Decision" heard amongst cricketers, but how seldom any of us talk about and praise a good decision.

- (e) All these men testify to the creed which I have been trying to express; a negative creed but necessary for the salvation of this crowded jostling modern world.

GROUP B

- (f) I had reached the promised land and resolved that I would make the greatest efforts to fit myself to do good work in the great world.

- (g) No harm was done, nor any blow struck; but the papers next morning described a scene of violence and destruction that left nothing to be desired by the most sanguinary schoolboy.

- (h) He decided to return to his own five acres of land and wait, leaving behind in Hyderabad workers who could distribute the land and help the village people to make a better life for themselves.

