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COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH  
(BASIC READING AND WRITING)

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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer ALL questions.

1. Give phonetic transcription for the following words :  $(20 \times \frac{1}{2} = 10)$

- (a) with
- (b) vein
- (c) near
- (d) please
- (e) measure
- (f) cheeta
- (g) hard
- (h) laid
- (i) theatre
- (j) judge
- (k) feel
- (l) bud
- (m) low

- (n) third
- (o) mine
- (p) fair
- (q) blithe
- (r) jail
- (s) feat
- (t) boy.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :  $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

The history of the modern world is a record of highly varied activity, of incessant change, and of astonishing achievement. The lives of men have, during the last few centuries, become increasingly diversified, their powers have greatly multiplied, their horizon has been enormously enlarged. New interests have arisen in rich profusion to absorb attention and to provoke exertion. New aspirations and new emotions have come to move the soul of men. Amid all the bewildering phenomena interest, in particular, has stood out in clear and growing pre-eminence, has expressed itself in a multitude of ways and with an emphasis more and more pronounced, namely, the determination of the race to gain a larger measure of freedom than it has ever known before, freedom in the life of the intellect and spirit, freedom in the realm of government and law, freedom in the sphere of economic and social relationships. A passion that has prevailed so widely,

that has transformed the world so greatly, and is still transforming it, is one that surely merits study and abundantly rewards it; its operations constitute the very pith and marrow of modern history.

Not that this passion was unknown to the long ages that preceded the modern periods. The ancient Hebrews, the ancient Greeks and Romans blazed the way leaving behind them a precious heritage of accomplishments and suggestions, and the men who were responsible for the Renaissance of the fifteenth century and the Reformation of the sixteenth century contributed their imperishable part to this slow and difficult emancipation of the human race. But it is in modern times that the pace and vigour, the scope and sweep of this liberal movement have so increased unquestionably as to dominate the age, particularly the last three centuries that have registered great triumphs of spirit.

(a) What has been the most dominant passion of the human race during the last three centuries?

(b) What, according to the author, is the history of the modern world a record of?

(c) In what period of the history of the world have the lives of men become increasingly diversified?

(d) In what areas do you think have the powers of men greatly multiplied during the last few centuries?

(e) What does the horizon of the lives of men has been greatly larged?

(f) What kinds of freedom have been mentioned in the passage?

(g) The operation of which factor constitutes the pitch and marrow of Indian history?

(h) What races, according to the author, have balzed the way of the spirit of freedom?

(i) At what time in history did the liberal movement enjoys its heyday?

(j) In what epochs of modern history have been especially contributed to the emancipation of human race?

3. (a) You have received a letter from your friend in London asking you to detail him about your village. Draft a letter to this effect.

Or

(b) Draft a letter to your brother congratulating him on his success in Indian Civil Services Examinations. (10)

4. (a) Write a letter of inquiry about the prescribed texts available to a book firm. (10)

Or

(b) Prepare a resume for the post of Senior Manager (Personnel) to the Chief Executive Officer, TANFAC, 4, Chamiers Road, Chennai - 18.

