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DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS

**DEPARTMENTAL TEST FOR AUDIT SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS
DEPARTMENT – FIRST PAPER (PRECIS AND DRAFT)**

(Without Books)

Maximum Time : 2.30 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

- (1) Answer **ALL** questions.
- (2) Marks will be deducted for bad handwriting

- I. Write an essay on any **ONE** of the following topics in not more than 6 pages. (30)
- (a) Involvement of youth in crimes is increasing day by day. Throw some light on the causes and possible solutions.
 - (b) Traffic is one of the biggest challenges in the big cities. Give their advantages and disadvantages and also evaluate the solutions.
 - (c) A balance diet is the key to healthy life – discuss.

- II. Make a précis of the following passage reducing it to one third of its length. (20)

On the afternoon of the 14th of June 1727, two horsemen might have been perceived galloping along the road from Chelsea to Richmond. The foremost, cased in the jackboots of the period, was a broad-faced, jolly-looking and very corpulent cavalier, but by the manner in which he urged his horse, you might see that he was as bold as well as a skilful rider. Indeed no man loved sport better: and in the hunting fields of Norfolk, no squire rode more boldly after the fox or cheered Ring-wood and Sweet Lip more lustily than he who now thundered over the Richmond road.

He speedily reached Richmond lodge, and asked to see the owner of the mansion. The mistress of the house and her ladies, to whom our friend was admitted, said he could not be introduced to the master however pressing the business might be. The master was asleep after the dinner; he always slept after the dinner; and woe to be the person who interrupted him! Nevertheless our stout friend of the jackboots put the affrighted ladies aside, opened the forbidden door of the bedroom, wherein upon the bed lay a little gentleman; and here the eager messenger knelt down in his jackboots.

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He on the bed started up, and with many oaths and a strong German accent asked who was there and who dared to disturb him

I am sir Robert Walpole said the messenger. The awakened sleeper hated sir Robert Walpole

I have the honour to announce to your majesty that your royal father king George I died at Osnaburg on Saturday last, the 10th instant'.

'Dat is one big lie!' roared out His sacred Majesty king George II: but Sir Robert Walpole stated the fact and from that day till three-and-thirty years after, George, the second of the name ruled over England. (315 WORDS)

- III. (a) You had arranged to meet your friend at the airport but you could not do so. Write a letter of apology, explaining the lapse on your part. (1 × 15 = 15)
- (b) Write a letter to your son/daughter explaining the importance of the proverb that 'Time and Tide wait for no man'. (1 × 15 = 15)

IV. Make a note on the following passage (20)

The cosmetics industry is growing day by day. Big cosmetics giants make all promises of flawless skin, but on the contrary, there is an ugly side of these so-called beauty products. Many health hazardous monsters are hiding in these products. Studies and researches are showing that cosmetic usage is toxic; they contain chemicals which can cause cancer. Some brands of talcum powders which are used everyday contain asbestos.

Unfortunately, consumers particularly women, are carried away by the attractive advertisements. Very rarely they do read the contents of the cosmetics they use. For instance the skin lightening creams promise its' users I a lighter, spot free and fairer skin in a few months' time. Research has proved that these products contain potentially hazardous chemicals like ammonia, hydrogen peroxide, p-phenylenediamine and toluene diamines. It causes skin irritation, acne and blackheads etc.

According to a report by the UTUSAN CONSUMER, temporary dyes contain metallic substances like lead, which are toxic and can be absorbed through the scalp into the body. These dyes are made from Benzedrine, known to produce bladder cancer.

Likewise nail polish remover contains an ingredient called acetone which can cause your nail to become brittle and split. The basic ingredient used in nail polish is formaldehyde resin which can discolour the nails. It is a colourless gas with a strong irritating smell, used also as an antiseptic to kill the germs. Formaldehyde is also known by other names like methanol and methanaldehyde.

Of all the cosmetics, lipstick is the most toxic and dangerous for three reasons. Firstly, women who apply lipstick swallow the chemicals directly. Secondly it gets absorbed through the tender lip skin. Finally lipstick not only harms the user but also her mate.

