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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

Answer ALL questions.

Marks will be deducted for bad handwriting.

- I. Write an essay on any ONE of the following topics in not more than 6 pages. (40)
- (a) Corruption in India.
 - (b) Challenges in Transportation and Road Safety.
 - (c) Alternate Energy sources.
- II. Make a precis of the following passage reducing it to one third of its length. (30)

Today, with certain exceptions, there is little political oppression; all men are equal before the law and in many countries have a voice in deciding how and by whom they shall be governed. But the distribution of money-which means the sharing-out of food and clothing and houses and books and so on-is still very unfair. In England alone one-half of all the money which is divided every year (called the national income) is received by one-seventeenth of the population; which means that one-half is divided among every sixteen people, and the seventeenth person gets the other half so, while some few people live in luxury, many not even have enough to eat, drink and wear. Again in England today thousands of people live in dreadful surroundings. There are many families of five or six persons who live in a single room; in this room they sleep

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and dress and wash and eat their meals, in this same room they are born, and in this same room they die. And they live like this not for fun, but because they are too poor to afford another room.

It is, I think, clear that until everyone gets his proper share of necessary and delightful things, our civilization will be far from perfect.

- III. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your concern over the conversion of agricultural lands into housing sites and industries. Suggest ways and means to eradicate this problem. (30)
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