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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) Ecological Injustice
 - (b) Reading Habit and its Advantages
 - (c) The Advent of Internet and its Aftermath
- II. Make a precis of the following passage reducing it to one third of its length. (30)

The advance of the age of machinery has not been all game. In fact, against all that the machine has given us must be set one serious disadvantage – the decline of craftsmanship. In days goneby a furniture maker would use with care and pride the tools which over a period of years, had become almost a part of him and a chair took shape before his eyes. It was the work, not only of his hands but also of his mind and expressed something of himself. No other chair, even one made by his own hands, would be like that, so it was with all craftsman, everything they made was their own work, the result of their skill in the use of their tools, and they could look on it with pardonable pride.

What is the position today? In the large factories of the machine age, rows of men are engaged in producing not a whole article but only a part of the whole. The individual worker does not even have the satisfaction of feeling that part of the work of his own hands because it is made by a complicated machine. All he has to do is to feed the raw material into the machine, press a lever, and put the finished part on a moving belt, which will convey it to the assembly lines. Thus the modern worker is denied the joy of creation; his work is reduced to monotonous repetition of automatic movements that are carried out almost without the use of his conscious mind.

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Yet craftsmanship is not dead. In some country districts there are still people who prefer to make things with their own hands – they are not old men who have refused to move with the times, but to make beautiful things which have individuality. The fact that art classes in art schools all over the country are full suggests that the urge to create is a deep one and that even the machine age cannot kill it.

- III. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner explaining the menace, the straying Street dogs create in your area. (30)
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