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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. $(1 \times 40 = 40)$

1. Reading Habits among Youth.
2. Social Media: A Boon or a Bane?
3. Sustainable Development and Individual Responsibility.

II. Make a precis of the following passage reducing it to one third of its length. $(1 \times 30 = 30)$

I have found by experience that it is possible to live on very little. One can live fully only when one lives simply. The idea of simple living is closely connected with self-restraint. Without restraint, life becomes restless and distracted.

Civilization, in the modern sense, has encouraged multiplication of wants. Man's happiness really lies in contentment. When desires increase, discontent also increases. The more we possess, the more we feel the want of possession. This race for material comfort has led to exploitation and inequality.

Simple living is not a sign of poverty but of discipline. It frees the mind from unnecessary worries and strengthens the moral sense. A person who lives simply can afford to be honest and fearless. Truth becomes easier to practise when one is not burdened by luxury.

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I believe that a life of voluntary simplicity is necessary for moral and social progress. When individuals reduce their wants, society as a whole benefits. Resources are shared more fairly, and the gap between the rich and the poor is reduced.

Self-discipline is essential for freedom. Without control over our desires, we become slaves to them. True freedom lies in mastery over oneself. A nation that wishes to be free must first learn self-control.

Simple living also promotes harmony with nature. Excessive consumption damages the environment and disrupts the balance of life. By limiting our needs, we learn to respect the earth that sustains us.

Thus simplicity is not merely a personal virtue but a social necessity. It leads to truth, non-violence and justice. Only through simplicity can humanity hope to achieve lasting peace.

$(1 \times 30 = 30)$

III. (a) Write a letter to the Editor drawing attention to the growing menace of road accidents caused by rash driving in your city.

Or

(b) Write a letter to the Water Supply Board complaining about contaminated water supply in your locality.