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PAPER - IV

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100 PM : 35

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

Attempt all questions.

1. Give a précis of the following passage adding a suitable title. **(20)**

The ease with which democratic Government has given way to authoritarian regime in one Asian Country after another has made many persons ask in despair whether the parliamentary system based on the western model is suited to underdeveloped countries. People who do not know how to read and write, they argue, can hardly know how to vote. Popular elections often brings incompetent men to the top, they contend and the division of party spoils, breeds on corruption. What is worse, the system of perpetual party warfare obstructs the business of Government.

They point to the dismal results of the last ten years. The pace of social and economic change has been far too slow and the Governments in most of the under developed countries have failed to come to grips with the problems which face the people. What they say is, no doubt, true to some extent but it is pertinent to remember that every alternative to democracy while it in no way guarantees integrity or efficiency in the administration, lack even the saving merits of regimes which are based on suffrage of the best people, leave it to the people to find out, by trial and error, who is their best friend. The people can peacefully get rid of democratic Government which has failed to keep its promise. They can overthrow a dictatorial regime only through a violent resolution. Those who feel sore over the ills from which democratic regime suffers should be aware, therefore of suggesting a cure which is likely to undermine the democratic structures of the State. The people can at least raise their voice in protest against the injustice of a democratic government, they can only suffer in silence the tyranny of a regime which is responsible to no one but itself.

2. Write an essay (in about 1000 words) on any one of the following topics. **(20)**

- The problems faced by the Educated unemployed in Mizoram.
- The Spread of HIV has made drug addiction a menace to the health, life and peace of many families.
- Mizo culture is under great stress because our youths are exposed to Globalisation of Western Culture.

3. The Parliament Secretariat has six posts of Assistant requiring to be filled by experienced men. Candidates must be graduate of a recognised university, have worked in a government department for at least two years as an Assistant or five years as Upper Division Clerk. Must have sound general knowledge of current affairs, good personality and initiative, selected candidates will be required to attend an interview in New Delhi at their own expense. Two testimonials in original must be submitted. Application to be in candidate's own handwriting. Pay and allowances at prescribed rates. Canvassing will disqualify. Age between 23 and 30.

Prepare an Office Memorandum for circulation to all Ministries and Departments of the Government of India. **(10)**

4. Read the passage and answer the following questions given below.

Much blood has been shed in the name of religion. God is one but the ways of worships are different. Paths of our entry or exits from the world are the same. On Earth man has to perform certain sublime deeds, but here he becomes a tyrannical beast ever ready to destroy life which is so sacrosanct and in that process he himself meets his doom when he departs from this earthly sojourn. Religions are necessary for existence upon Earth as these are paths of spiritualism and the gateways to the Divine Providence, but any strife in the name of God is a beastly action which must be condemned with all the force at our command. We should live like honest human beings everyday to render selfless service to humanity and rather the whole creation. Life of all sorts must be held sacrosanct. Beautiful animals created by God should be allowed to exist on our beautiful Earth planet as they are part and parcel of the Divine Plan. Therefore, we should try to lead a holy life and should live like a pilgrim on this Earth ever ready to help all with whatever we can.

- (a) What is the religion according to the above lines? (2)
- (b) Why has man been termed as a tyrannical beast? (2)
- (c) How can we serve the humanity? (2)
- (d) Give a suitable title heading to the above passage. (1)

5. Make sentences with **any five** of the following words. (5×1=5)

- (a) Forgo.
- (b) Hoard.
- (c) Honorary.
- (d) Petrify.
- (e) Venial.
- (f) Prudent.
- (g) Ignenuous.

6. Make illustrative sentences with the following Idioms and Phrases (**Any four**). (4×2=8)

- (a) Fall into a rage.
- (b) Off the hook.
- (c) Shot in the locker.
- (d) Rake over old ashes.
- (e) Weal and Woe.
- (f) Get into hot waters.
- (g) Close shave.

7. Write the one word substitution for **any five** of the following sentences. (5×1=5)

- (a) That happens at the same time.
- (b) One who is all powerful.
- (c) The right of Self Government.
- (d) A remedy for all diseases.
- (e) A fault that may be forgiven.
- (f) One who acts against religion.
- (g) One who studies the pattern of voting in Election.

8. Expand the idea in **any two** of the following in about two paragraphs. (2×5=10)

- (a) 'Paths of glory lead but to the grave'.
- (b) 'Failures are stepping stone to success'.
- (c) 'Speech is silver, Silence is Gold'.
- (d) 'Sweet are the uses of adversity'.

9. Fill in the blanks with suitable **Adverb**. (5×1=5)

- (a) I _____ for a walk every morning.
- (b) The widow _____ worried and terrified.
- (c) Parents _____ their children.
- (d) _____ you beat his brother?
- (e) She _____ at my words.

10. Change the voice into **Active** in the following sentences.

(5×1=5)

- (a) It is said that honesty is the best policy.
- (b) Let not anyone be hated.
- (c) He was taken for a cheat.
- (d) Has anything been done by him?
- (e) Could I be helped by you, Sir?

11. Fill in **appropriate Preposition**.

(5×1=5)

- (a) This fellow is good _____ nothing.
- (b) Cut the rope _____ a knife.
- (c) No wasteland is being brought _____ cultivation.
- (d) They are talking _____ her behaviour.
- (e) No noble act is prompted _____ selfish motives.

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