

CLASS : 12th (Sr. Secondary)

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ENGLISH (Special)

ACADEMIC/OPEN

(Only for Fresh/Re-appear Candidates)

Time allowed : **3 hours**]

[Maximum Marks : **80**

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- Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are **4** in number and it contains **4** questions.
 - The **Code No.** on the right side of the question paper should be written by the candidate on the front page of the answer-book.
 - Before beginning to answer a question, its Serial Number must be written.
 - Don't leave blank page / pages in your answer-book.
 - Except answer-book, no extra sheet will be given. Write to the point and do not strike the written answer.
 - Candidates must write their Roll Number on the question paper.
 - Before answering the question, ensure that you have been supplied the correct and complete question paper, **no claim in this regard, will be entertained after examination.**
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Note : (i) **Attempt all questions.**

(ii) Marks are indicated against each question.

1. Write a letter to the mother of your friend whom you visited during summer vacation thanking her for her affection and hospitality. 15

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school to get a water purifier installed in the school.

2. Write a paragraph in about **100** words on any **one** of the following : 15
- (a) Ever-increasing unemployment.
 - (b) Need for tolerance and fellow-feeling among different sections of society.
 - (c) Urgent need for electoral reforms to curb the menace of money power in elections.
 - (d) Universal Education.
3. Write a paragraph in about **100** words on any **one** of the following : 15
- (a) Men make houses, women make homes.
 - (b) Marry in haste, repent at leisure.
 - (c) Unwillingness easily finds an excuse.
 - (d) Beauty is but skin-deep.

4. Make a precis of the following passage in about **one-third** of the original length and suggest a suitable **title** : 35

Nationalism, of course is a curious phenomenon which at a certain stage in a country's history gives life, growth and unity but, at the same time, it has a tendency to limit one, because one thinks of one's country as something different from the rest of the World. One's perspective changes and one is continuously thinking of one's own struggles and virtues and failing to the exclusion of other thoughts. The result is that the same nationalism which is the symbol of growth for a people becomes a symbol of the cessation of that growth in the mind. Nationalism, when it becomes successful, sometimes goes on spreading in an aggressive way and becomes a danger internationally. Whatever line of thought you follow, you arrive at the conclusion that some kind of balance must be found.

Otherwise something that was good can turn into evil. Culture, which is essentially good becomes not only static but aggressive and something that breeds conflict and hatred when looked at from a wrong point of view. How are

you to find a balance, I don't know. Apart from the political and economic problems of the age, perhaps that is the greatest problem today because behind it there is a tremendous search for something which it cannot find. We turn to economic theories because they have an undoubted importance. It is folly to talk of culture or even of God when human beings starve and die. Before one can talk about anything else one must provide the normal essentials of life to human beings. That is where economics comes in. Human beings today are not in the mood to tolerate this suffering and starvation and inequality when they see that the burden is not equally shared. Others profit while they only bear the burden.

