

B.A. (Part-I) Examination

SUPPLEMENTARY ENGLISH

(Modern Indian Language)

Time—Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks—100

Note :— Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay of **400** words on any **one** of the following topics : 15
 - (a) India of my dreams.
 - (b) Internet : Uses and Abuses.
 - (c) Importance of Good Manners.
 - (d) Media : Its Role in Society.
 - (e) Status of Women in Indian Society.
2. Answer any **THREE** of the following : 45
 - (a) Describe in your own words the theme of Katherine Mansfield's story 'A Cup of Tea'.
 - (b) Summarize Russell's views on the role of the teacher.
 - (c) What, according to Robert Lynd, are the merits and demerits of Trains ?
 - (d) Bring out the chief features of the Hindu Collective Worship.
 - (e) Describe E.R. Braithwaite's ideal and his ultimate disillusionment.

3. Answer any **TWO** of the following : 30
- What is the significance of the title of the story, 'The Open Window'?
 - How does the story 'The Ant and The Grasshopper' present a contrast between the characters of George and his brother Tom ?
 - Why did the postmaster seek a transfer from the village Ulapur ? Describe Ratan's feelings at the hour of the postmaster's departure from Ulapur.
 - Describe the appropriateness of the title 'The Doctor's Word'.
4. Make a precis of the following passage in your own words and suggest a suitable title : 10

People moan about poverty as a great evil : and it seems to be an accepted belief that if people only had plenty of money, they would be happy and useful and get more out of life. As a rule, there is more genuine satisfaction in life and more obtained from life in the humble cottage of the poor man than in the palaces of the rich. I always pity the sons and daughters of rich men, who are attended by servants, and have governesses at a later age ; at the sametime I am glad to think that they do not know what they have missed.

It is because I know how sweet and happy and pure the home of honest poverty is, how free from perplexing care and from social envies and jealousies – how loving and united its members are in the common

interest of supporting the family that I sympathize with the rich man's boy and congratulate the poor man's son. It is for these reasons that from the ranks of the poor so many strong, eminent, self-reliant men have always sprung and always must spring. If you will read the list of "Immortals who were not born to die." You will find that most of them have been born poor.