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PAPER III – INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH
PART – II

Time: 2 hrs

INDEX NO _____

Max Marks: 180

General Instructions

1. This Question Paper has 5 questions in 2 pages. All questions are compulsory.
2. Give your answers on the separate sheets provided for this part of the exam.
3. Marks are indicated against each question.
4. Write in a legible handwriting.
5. Answer in serial order.
6. Do not write anything on the Question Paper except your Index Number in the space provided.

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words. (60)
 - (a) Army- 'The Ecological Saviour'.
 - (b) Kashmir- the way forward.
 - (c) Global warming and melting glaciers.
 - (d) South China Sea- the Indian perspective.
 - (e) China-Pak Economic Corridor and its impact on India
2. Write a letter on any one of the following topics. (30)
 - (a) Write a letter to the M.P of your constituency asking for sports training facilities in your locality.
 - (b) Write a letter to your friend telling him about the pollution caused by exploding crackers on Diwali.
 - (c) Write a letter to the National Highway Authorities complaining against cutting of trees and suggesting measures while construction of National Highways.
 - (d) You are a resident of Shanti Enclave, Chennai. Write a letter to the Editor, "The Hindu" drawing attention of concerned authorities towards poorly maintained roads in your area.
3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the question that follow :-

The public distribution system (PDS), which provides food at low prices, is a subject of vital concern. There is a growing realization that though India has enough food to feed its masses, two *square* meals a day, the monster of starvation and food insecurity continues to haunt the poor in our country.

Increasing the purchasing power of the poor through providing productive employment leading to rising income, and thus good standard of living is the ultimate objective of public policy. However, till then, there is a need to provide assured supply of food through a restructured, more efficient and decentralized PDS.



Although the PDS is extensive –it is one of the largest such *systems* in the world– it has yet to reach the rural poor and the far off places. It remains an urban phenomenon, with the majority of the rural poor still out of its reach due to lack of economic and physical access. The poorest in the cities and the migrants are left out, for they generally do not possess ration cards. The allocation of PDS supplies in big cities is larger than in rural areas. In view of such deficiencies in the system, the PDS urgently needs to be streamlined. Also, considering the large foodgrains production combined with food subsidy on one hand and the continuing slow starvation and dismal poverty of the rural population on the other, there is a strong case for making PDS target group oriented.

However, what is most unfortunate is that out of the large budget earmarked as food subsidy, a major part of it is consumed in meeting administrative costs and wastages. A small portion of the above budget goes to the real consumer and an even lesser portion to the poor who are in real need.

It is true that subsidies should not become a permanent feature, except for the *destitute*, disabled widows and the old. It is also true that subsidies often create a psychology of dependence and hence is habit-forming, killing the general initiative of the people. By making PDS target group oriented, not only the poorest and deserving would be reached without additional cost, but it will actually *cut* overall costs, incurred on large cities and for better off localities. When the food and food subsidy are limited, the rural and urban poor should have the priority in the PDS supplies. The PDS should be closely linked with programmes of employment generations and nutrition improvement.

(a) Answer the following questions in not more than 50 words. (2x5 = 10)

- (i) What is the main reason for insufficient supply of enough food to the poorest?
- (ii) What according to the passage is the main purpose of public policy in the long run?
- (iii) Why are the poorest in the cities and migrants not in a position to benefit from PDS?
- (iv) Why are subsidies not considered as a good administrative step?
- (v) What should be an appropriate step to make the PDS effective?

(b) Write the synonyms of the following words which have appeared in the above passage :- (1x5 = 5)

- (i) square
- (ii) power

(iii) system

(iv) cut

(v) destitute

(c) Write a summary of the passage in not more than 80 words and also suggest a suitable title. (15)

4. Write short note in 100 words on any two of the following:- (30)

(a) Digital India.

(b) Rain water harvesting.

(c) Need for the young to take care of the old.

(d) Benefits of Social Media.

5. Write two stories of your own imagination using pictures given below. (Word limit Approximately 100 words) (15x 2=30)

(a)



(b)

