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Time Allowed : One and half Hours]

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[Maximum Marks : 50

विशेष अनुदेश : (1) सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं।

(2) प्रत्येक प्रश्न के अंक उसके सामने अंकित हैं।

(3) प्रश्नों की शब्द सीमा, जहाँ उल्लिखित है, को माना जाना चाहिए।

Specific Instructions :

(1) All questions are compulsory.

(2) Marks are allotted against each question.

(3) Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

1. Write an essay in **English** on any one of the following topics, in about 250 words. 20

- a) Gender equality in the 21st Century.
- b) The future of humanity in a technological world.
- c) Sustainable development : Myth or Reality ?

2. Make a precis of the following passage in your own words in about one-third of its length and suggest a suitable title to it. (8+2=10)

Democracy is often regarded as the most equitable form of governance, as it grants citizens the power to choose their representatives. However, the effectiveness of democracy depends not merely on electoral processes but on the awareness and



participation of the populace. When citizens become indifferent or uninformed, democracy risks degenerating into mere formality. Political manipulation, misinformation, and populist rhetoric can exploit such apathy, undermining the very principles of democratic governance. Therefore, the survival of democracy requires not only institutions but also a vigilant and responsible citizenry committed to critical engagement and informed decision-making.

Furthermore, the role of education becomes crucial in nurturing democratic values and fostering a sense of civic duty among individuals. Without a foundation of ethical awareness and rational inquiry, citizens may fall prey to divisive ideologies and short term promises. In such circumstances, democracy may continue in structure but lose its spirit, functioning without truly representing the will of the people. (153 words)

3. Translate the following passage into English :

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बाजीराव पेशवा मराठा-सेना के प्रधान सेनापति थे । एक बार वे अनेक लड़ाइयों में विजय हासिल करके अपनी सेना सहित राजधानी लौट रहे थे । रास्ते में उन्होंने मालवा में अपनी सेना का पड़ाव डाला । बहुत दूर से चलते-चलते आ रहे उनके सैनिक थककर चूर हो गए थे । वे भूख-प्यास से व्याकुल थे और उनके पास खाने के लिए पर्याप्त सामग्री भी नहीं थी ।

बाजीराव ने अपने एक सरदार को बुलाकर आदेश दिया, तुम अपने साथ सौ सैनिकों को लेकर जाओ और किसी खेत से फसल कटवाकर छावनी में ले आओ ।

सरदार सेना की टुकड़ी लेकर गाँव की ओर चल पड़ा । रास्ते में उसे एक किसान दिखाई दिया । सरदार ने उससे कहा, देखो, तुम मुझे इस इलाके के सबसे बड़े खेत पर ले चलो । किसान उन्हें एक बहुत बड़े खेत के पास ले गया । सरदार ने सैनिकों को आदेश दिया, सारी फसल काट लो और अपने-अपने बोरों में भर लो ।



4. Translate the following passage into Hindi :

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None of them knew the colour of the sky. Their eyes glanced level, and were fastened upon the waves that swept forward them. These waves were of the hue of slate, save for the tops, which were of foaming white, and all of the men knew the colour of the sea. The horizon narrowed and widened, and dipped and rose, and at all times its edge was jagged with waves that seemed thrust up in points like rocks.

Many a man ought to have a bath-tub larger than the boat which here rode upon the sea. These waves were most wrongfully and barbarously abrupt and tall, and each troth-top was a problem in small boat navigation.

The cook squatted in the bottom and looked with both eyes at the six inches of gunwale which separated him from the ocean.

