

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

Test for recruitment to the post of Section Officer

Paper-I: Essay, Office Precise, drafting and Applied English Grammar

Max.time allowed:3 hours

Max.Marks:100

- Q.1 Write an Essay in about 500 words on any one of the following. (Essay should consist of introduction, body and conclusion): (25)
- (a) Spreading Greenery for a Healthy Living
 - (b) The Advantages and Disadvantages of Life in a great city
 - (c) An earthquake and a cyclone
 - (d) The pleasures and perils of speed
 - (e) Corporal Punishment

- Q.2 Write a précis of the following passage in about 100 words and suggest a suitable title. Also, ~~make~~ answer the questions at the end. (20)

One common mistake that many people have made this: they thought that it would be a very good thing if everybody had exactly the same amount of money, no matter whether they worked hard or lived quite idly. They forget that very few people would work at all if it were not for the money their work brings them, and that without work there would be no money. And, they have imagined that if all the money in the country were equally divided everybody would be rich. Now that is a very great mistake, because there simply is not enough money to make everybody rich. If it were shared equally all around every one then would, on the basis of the calculations made in 1935, receive only about Rs. 65 a year. Today, with a rise in the price level, it might be Rs 2000.00 a year. That may be more than you receive now or it may be less, but it would certainly not make you really rich. It is quite true that there are in this country a small number of very rich people; but they are so few in comparison with the whole population that even if they were to share out all their wealth among the rest, it would make very little difference. It is said that if you flattened out that great French mountain Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe, and spread it over the whole of France you would only raise the level of the land by about six inches. See if you can think out what that has to do with the question being talked about. Many people, unfortunately, seem to think also that Government can always pay out money quite easily and in any quantity, and they forget, or else they do not know, that the Government can only pay out money that it has received in taxes, money the tax-payer has had to pay for. And, now there is one final mistake that one should be warned against. Do not ever imagine that there is anything to be ashamed of, or anything undignified, to grumble about in having to work hard for your living.

Questions:

1. Why is it really necessary to work?
2. If all the money in the world were equally divided, everybody would be very happy. Do you agree? If not, why?
3. Which is the best job in the world? Why must you embrace it lovingly?

- Q.3: Give a single word substitute of the following: (5)

- (a) One who has long experience.
- (b) One who takes the bright side of things.
- (c) One who knows many languages.
- (d) Incapable of being conquered.
- (e) A person who always thinks of himself.

