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- Note: (i) This question paper is divided into four sections — 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D'.
(ii) All questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.

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SECTION 'A' (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow—

Urbanisation is a process which has taken place at a rapid scale in recent years in different countries due to the influence of a variety of reasons. Urban area is an outgrowth of the existing rural populace. Hence, migration plays a key role in the growth of cities in any country. It is the chief factor which has helped urban growth in almost all countries in the modern times. In fact, the cities could grow only because of the flocking of large number of unskilled labourers to their centres from the village. Usually, migration is from rural to urban centres and centres of lower culture to centres of higher culture.

Migration is of various kinds. Most common is migration of peasants, workers and villagers to towns in search of work. They are compelled by their own miserable conditions and are allowed by attractions and temptations (that they have most heard about) of city life. This is known as rural to urban migration. This is very common in third world countries. Long distance migration between cities in search of education and employment has also increased and this adds to the growth of a particular city. In fact, most of the people of our urban middle class and clerical occupations have a rural base or come from a rural background.

- (a) What role does migration play for cities ? 2
(b) What is urbanisation ? 2
(c) Why do rural people migrate to urban centres ? 2
(d) Where do most of the people of our urban middle class come from ? 2

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow—

A democratic government is considered to be an achievement of the modern world. Thomas Jefferson was the President of United States from 1801 to 1809. Conditions have changed since Jefferson's time. But the subject of democracy is one of permanent importance. To Jefferson, the core of democracy was the idea of liberty. He said, "It is my principle that the will of majority should prevail." The merits of a democratic government are as follows :

There is no difficulty in showing that the best form of government is one in which power is shared by the many. A democratic government is run by a collective decision which will be much better than the one taken by one man. Sometimes it is said that the ordinary people are ignorant and unfit to take decisions on matters of a complex nature. To this Jefferson's reply was that only infants need the nurses, adults make decisions by themselves, without other people to help them.

History tells us that generally monarchs were cruel and power loving or they were inefficient, surrounded by courtiers who equally were without much virtue. They promoted their own selfish interests. The dictators ruthlessly suppressed the liberties of people.

