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2017

ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours]

[Max. Marks : 100

- Instructions : (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.

SECTION 'A' (Reading)

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

When Mr. Jones went to a restaurant one day, he left his coat near the door. There was nothing in the pockets of the coat when he left it, so he was very surprised when he took his coat after his meal and found the pockets full of jewellery.

There was a waiter near the door, so Mr. Jones said to him, 'Somebody has made a mistake. He has put some jewellery in my coat. Take it, and when he comes back, give it to him.' The waiter took it and went away. Suddenly another man came in with a coat just like Mr. Jones. 'I am sorry' said the man, 'I made a mistake. I took your coat and you have got mine. Please give me my coat and jewellery.' Mr. Jones answered, 'I gave the jewellery to the waiter. He will give it to you.'

Mr. Jones called the Manager of the restaurant; but the manager said, 'We have no waiter here. We have only waitresses.' 'You gave the jewellery to a thief !' shouted the other man. I shall send for the police. Mr. Jones was frightened and paid the man a lot of money for the jewellery.

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| (a) Why did Jones go to the restaurant ? | 2 |
| (b) What did Jones think about the jewellery in his pocket ? | 2 |
| (c) What did the other man want Jones to do ? | 2 |
| (d) What did Jones do to save himself ? | 2 |

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

A stamp is, to many people, just a slip of paper that takes a letter from one town or country to another. They are unable to understand why we stamp collectors find so much pleasure in collecting them and how we find the time in which to indulge in our hobby. To them it seems a waste of time, a waste of effort and a waste of money. But they do not realize that there are many who do buy stamps, many who find the effort worthwhile and many who, if they did not spend their time collecting stamps, would spend it less profitably. We all seek something to do in our leisure hours, and what better occupation is there to keep us out of mischief than that of collecting stamps ? An album, a packet of hinges, a new supply of stamps and the time passes swiftly and pleasantly.

Stamp-collecting has no limits and a collection never has an end; countries are always printing and issuing new stamps to celebrate coronations, great events, anniversaries and deaths.

