

**HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**NAIB- TESSILDAR (MAIN) EXAMINATION-2010
PAPER-II (GENERAL ENGLISH)**

TIME ALLOWED: 1.30 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 50

I) Read the passage given below and answer the question that follow :

I was ever of the opinion that the honest man who married and brought up a large family did more service than he who continued single and only talked of population. From this motive I had scarce taken orders a year before I began to think seriously of matrimony and chose my wife as she did her wedding gown not for a fine glossy surface, but for such qualities as would wear well. To do her justice, she was good natured, notable woman; and as for breeding, there were few country ladies who could show more. She could read any English book without much spelling, but for pickling, preserving and cookery, none could excel her. She prided herself also upon being an excellent house maker though I could never find that we grew richer with all her efforts.

Questions:

- i) What are the views of the narrator about marriage and family?
- ii) For which qualities did he choose his wife?
- iii) What type of woman was his wife?
- iv) Give the substance of the passage in your own words?

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II) Make a précis of the following passage and also suggest a suitable title:

Books are a delightful society. If you go into a room filled with books even without taking them down from the shelves, they seem to speak to you, seem to welcome you, seem to tell you that they have something inside their covers that will be good for you and they are willing to impart it to you. Value them and endeavour to turn them to good account. As to the books which you should read there is hardly anything definite that can be said. Any good book that is wiser than yourself, will teach you something- a great many things directly or indirectly. If your mind be open to learn, you have to read it indicating that you are a person who likes to get good out of it.

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- III) Should there be an exam in English for the Civil services or not? Give a well-reasoned and logical answer.

OR

Should polythene bags be banned without providing a suitable alternative? Give a well reasoned answer.

(10)

- IV) Correct the following sentences:

- (i) I regret for my misbehavior
- (ii) You cannot pass unless you do not work hard.
- (iii) You ought to be ashamed of you.
- (iv) She hanged her coat over the back of her chair.
- (v) I take your leave now.

(5)

- V) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

- (i) He jumped the river.
- (ii) I caught her the arm.
- (iii) I objected his remarks.

(3)

- VI) Write the suitable form of the verb (given in brackets) in the following sentences :

- (i) She did nothing but (weep)
- (ii) The hen an egg (lay)
- (iii) He me in the face. (strike)

(3)

- VII) Correct the following sentences using suitable articles wherever necessary:

- (i) He kept me in dark.
- (ii) The day follows night.
- (iii) Mangoes are sold by dozen.
- (iv) Donkey is beast of burden.

(4)

- VIII) Distinguish between the following pairs of words by using them in sentences:

- (i) Rein/ Reign
- (ii) Fair/ Fare
- (iii) Adapt/ Adopt
- (iv) Principal/ Principle
- (v) Effect/ Affect

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