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COMMERCE EXAMINATIONS
ENGLISH SHORTHAND
JUNIOR GRADE – I Paper (Speed)

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Time : { Dictation : 10 Minutes
Transcription : 1½ Hours

[Max. Marks : 100

Instructions to Readers :

The following passage should be dictated to the candidates at the rate of 80 words per minute as marked herein and they should be asked to take down the same in the corresponding style of phonography and transcribe the same into longhand.

Ladies and Gentlemen,
It gives me great pleasure to be in your midst today and to inaugurate the Seminar on / the Changing Role of Women in India. In view of my various other engagements, I was till the last moment // not sure whether I would be able to make it to this elite gathering. But it is my good fortune /// that I am able to be here and address you all. The above subject is not

a new one to /1/ any body. We have all along sympathised with women. We have given women a very high place both in the / family and the society. Our ancestors have given the foremost place to women in family and that is how the // mother is considered first before the father, teacher and the god.

However, in recent times may be for the past /// four or five decades, women have not

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been given their due in the society. They have been relegated to a /2/ secondary role and men have been considered superior. The main reason for this, girls were not admitted to schools and / were largely trained to be housemakers. We should not forget here that a woman, whether she is a housewife, or // a teacher or any other has always guided the family and the society to a large extent. Gandhiji had advocated /// that women should be given equal status to that of men and his one dream was to see that every /3/ girl child is educated. Though he is not with us today, his dream has come true partly and the Governments / both at the Centre and the States are making all out efforts to provide full opportunities so that every

girl // child is educated whether she is in a village or town. It may not be out of place here to /// mention that in addition to the opportunities being provided to the girl child, the Central Government has been promoting the /4/ spread of literacy among the illiterate women through the National Literacy movement and the Operation Blank Board and various other / schemes. Though one may argue that these schemes are not solely aimed at educating women, rather than the men who // are mostly making use of these schemes.

Today, after four decades of sustained efforts by the Government eighty percent of /// Indian women are educated. One can see women today competing equally with

men in many fields. Women
 5 today are even /5/ not thinking
 twice before offering their
 services to the defence forces.
 Recently a batch of thirty women
 $\frac{1}{4}$ pilots passed out / of the Air
 Force Training Academy.

Participation of women in
 public life is not new. More
 $\frac{1}{2}$ recently, women have come //
 out to represent the people
 and we can find many lady
 members in Parliament and
 State Legislatures. There are
 $\frac{3}{4}$ many /// women entrepreneurs
 who have established and are
 running big industries.

Let us all who have
 6 gathered here take a pledge /6/
 that we will fight tooth and nail
 against all women atrocities. If
 each and every one of us fight
 $\frac{1}{4}$ for / equal status to them, then

I am sure the position of women
 would improve. Basically an
 Indian woman is yet // to $\frac{1}{2}$
 change. I have expressed my
 views as a layman. There are
 experts who would throw more
 light on this /// subject. While $\frac{3}{4}$
 I invite those experts on to the
 dais, I heartily thank you all for
 giving me patient hearing. /7/ 7

Dear Sir,

We are sorry to receive you
 letter of the Sixth September
 expressing your dissatisfaction
 with the results of / the colour $\frac{1}{4}$
 printing of your clothes.

We must however
 disclaim the responsibility. If you
 examine the conditions of the
 acceptance // which are printed $\frac{1}{2}$
 on the back of all receipts and
 displayed in each of our
 branches you will see that /// $\frac{3}{4}$

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we cannot guarantee the results of colouring the clothes as so much depends upon the quality of the clothes. Also /8/ there are no so many excellent imitation on the market that often customers are under the $\frac{1}{4}$ impression that the ready / made clothes are genuine clothes, in fact they are not.

Nevertheless, we do accept the responsibility if the damage $\frac{1}{2}$ is // caused due to negligence on the part of our staff. We have examined your clothes and find $\frac{3}{4}$ that they were /// quite old clothes. We have seen a copy of the receipt which was handed

to you on which there is /9/ a 9 note to the effect that the clothes were excessively soiled. When such a note is made, our assistants are / free to draw the $\frac{1}{4}$ attention of the customer to it and inform the customers that we cannot guarantee results.

It // you wish, we will $\frac{1}{2}$ endeavour to remove the whitish marks on the clothes of which you complain, but we cannot /// promise the success. $\frac{3}{4}$ If your desire, the work will be carried out at your own risk.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, /10/ 10

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