

Maximum : 100 marks

[Time for dictation : 5 Minutes

Time for Transcription : 1 Hour]

Instructions :

1. The following matter should be dictated to the candidates loudly and distinctly and only Once, at the rate of 80 words per minute.
2. Speed should be regulated at every quarter of minute.
3. Before commencement at the dictation, the candidate should be asked to take down the matter in short-hand and transcribe into longhand in ink.

The last decade has been strange happenings in India. New forces and ideas have arisen and have come into play / even in our ancient country. They threaten not only the present political structure, under which India has suffered so long, // but also the social and economic structure. In the political field, we have seen the ideology and the practice of direct /// action displace the slow and ineffective methods of an earlier generation. We have seen the growth of a great movement (1) which shook the foundations of British rule in India and then weakened and gave place to reaction and mutual strife. / We see it again gathering its strength for another and more powerful and determined move forward.

But great as has // been the political achievement of the last decade, no less remarkable has been the growth of the labour movement in /// India. None of us can call our trade union movement today strong or ready for successful battle. But no one (2) can deny that during a few years we have covered ground which it took generations in our countries to achieve. / In spite of the great poverty of the worker and the fear born of slavery that possesses him and makes // it difficult to organize him, in spite of political difficulties which a foreign government is ever placing in his way, /// in spite of the engagement of the country as a whole with the national struggle, there has developed rapidly a (3) class-conscious and strong and aggressive spirit in the Indian worker. This spirit has led him to numerous strikes sometimes / ill-conceived, often with failure as certain goal, but he has gone ahead without much worry. If he has weakened // It has been due to the weakness of some of his leaders.

It is, however, a fact that the movement /// is weak and the work that has been done is very little. The fact that I stand here today and (4) address you as your President is itself a sign of your weakness. I am only a newcomer to the labour / movement and one who, whatever his sympathies may be, is not one of you and has not suffered as you // have done in field and factory. Why should I preside over your meeting? At your command, I am here and /// I am grateful for this honour and the confidence which it implies. But, you could have given no greater sign of the infancy and weakness of your movement (5).
