

AJS, G-I MAIN EXAM, 2011
ENGLISH & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE
 GRADE - I

PAPER - I

Duration : 3 Hours.
 Total Marks: 100

PART – A

1. Write an essay on: 25
 " Judicial backlog : causes and remedies"
 or
 " Destination Northeast".

2. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow the passage :**

Sometimes Helen rose at dawn and stole into the garden while the heavy dew lay on the grass and flowers. Few know what joy it is to feel the roses pressing softly into the hand, or the beautiful motion of the lilies as she sways in the morning breeze. Sometimes she caught an insect in the flower she was plucking, and felt the faint noise of a pair of wings rubbed together in a sudden terror, as the little creature became aware of a pressure from without.

Another favourite haunt of her was the orchard, where the fruit ripened early in July. The large, downy peaches would reach themselves into her hand, and as the joyous breezes flew about the trees the apples tumbled at her feet. Oh, the delight with which she gathered up the fruit in her pinafore, pressed her face against the smooth cheeks of the apples, still warm from the sun, and skipped back to the house!

Her favourite walk was to Keller's Landing, an old tumble-down lumber-wharf on the Tennessee River, used during the Civil War to land soldiers. There she spent many happy hours and played at learning geography. She built dams of pebbles, made islands and lakes, and dug river-beds, all for fun, and never dreamed that she was learning a lesson. She listened with increasing wonder to Miss Sullivan's descriptions of the great round world with its burning mountains, buried cities, moving rivers of ice, and many other things as strange. Miss Sullivan made raised maps in clay, so that she could feel the mountain ridges and valleys and follow with her fingers the devious course of rivers. She liked this, too ; but the division of the earth into zones and poles confused and teased her mind. The illustrative strings and the orange sticks representing the poles seemed so real that even to this day the mere mention of temperature zone suggests a series of twine circles ; and She believes that if any one should set about it he could convince her that white bears actually climb the North Pole.

