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COMMERCE EXAMINATIONS
ENGLISH TYPEWRITING
JUNIOR GRADE – I PAPER (Speed)

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{ Time : 15 minutes
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Instructions to the Candidates :

1. Type the following passage in DOUBLE LINE spacing.
2. Set the margins at 10 and 75 degrees.
3. Type only on ONE SIDE of the paper.
4. Special attention should be paid to accuracy and neatness of execution.

During the period of settling some people go to the nearby towns to get corn and other go into the desert to graze their camels on dried grass and thorny bushes. The women get busy drawing water from wells. They sing happily as they draw water from the well and put it into leather troughs. At the sight of water the camels rush quickly to the leather troughs to drink it. As soon as it starts raining the tribes pack up and start moving again. During this

period they get up at dawn, when it is cool, to start their journey for the day. As soon as they get up some get busy rolling up their tents and loading them quickly on baggage camels and others start saddling their riding camels.

They leave after saying their prayers. Some ride ahead to look for grazing places and the others follow slowly. At mid-morning they stop for breakfast. The camels are allowed to graze for some time. In the late

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afternoon, when the heat of the sun is less they start moving and continue till evening. Before it grows dark they camp for the night. As soon as a camp site is selected they get busy pitching tents. A bowl of fresh camel's milk is passed round before supper and all drink it eagerly. Supper is finished with black and sweet coffee. After supper the sound of voices and the grunting of camels gradually cease and the camp sinks into sleep. This way nomads move for miles and miles across the desert during their wandering period. Their life is hard. Sand storms are frequent during this period. The nomads come to know of a sand storm when they see a great cloud of dust moving slowly towards them. As it

approaches them the wind increases and a lot of sand sweeps over them. During storms the camels kneel down with their backs to the wind and close their nostrils. The people cover their heads and lie down in the shelter of the camels.

During the storm the sun is completely hidden. In about an hour the sun is seen shining again. In the oases, people live a different life. Their life is easy compared with the nomads. They cultivate the soil and supply travellers with food and drink. Just as the camel is useful for the nomads the date palm is useful for the camels as the people. Dates are eaten both by men and animals in desert.