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Time : { Dictation : 10 Minutes
Transcription : 105 Minutes

[Max. Marks : 100

Instructions to Readers :

The following passage should be dictated at the rate of 100 WORDS PER MINUTE as marked hereunder and the candidates should be asked to take down the same in the reporting style of phonography (English Shorthand) and transcribe the same into longhand (in English) within the stipulated time.

My dear Physicians,

The poor state of health services in India, especially public health services available to the common people, is well known. So, $\frac{1}{4}$ the / findings of the Study done by the world's leading Medical Journal, the Lancet, which do not show India's health care facilities $\frac{1}{2}$ in a good light, // may not surprise anyone. The survey undertaken and written by renowned international experts, is to be published in the forthcoming issue $\frac{3}{4}$ of the journal. The /// editor-in-

chief, of the journal, has, in an interview criticised the Government, for not taking health care seriously. He wants India to take health /1/ 1 as an issue of national security but finds that there are no new policies, ideas, public commitment or necessary financial support to the health sector./ He has warned that $\frac{1}{4}$ India's economy will become unsustainable when increasing population combines with poor health services.

India spends only about one per cent of // its Gross Domestic $\frac{1}{2}$

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Product on public health while other countries spend even multiples of that. The allocations, low as they are, are not well spent, /// with wrong priorities and corruption taking away much from their utility. Reducing child and maternal health mortality, prevention of communicable diseases, access to basic and /2/ affordable health facilities for even the poorest and availability of specialised attention whenever needed are important requirements of a sound health care policy. But the / country's record on them is not creditable. Moreover, the contrast between the lack of investment in the public health system and the unregulated growth of // the private health sector, which creates an imbalance and works against the interests and needs of the common people.

The Government has tried to counter /// the criticism by denying all points made by the Editor. But its claims are not

convincing. Marginal improvements in certain areas do not mean a /3/ general improvement in health care. It is true that some initiatives have been taken and they may continue, but they are not enough. Anyone living / in India would rather agree with the Editor than with the Government on the issue. More importantly, there is a clear perception that health care // has slipped in the Government's priorities. Some of the magazine's contentions are supported by the findings of other agencies. Unfortunately, the Government tends to see /// them as part of an international conspiracy to create political controversies. But no country can aspire for good days if it ignores public health.

However, /4/ in a yet another aspect, that is, India-Africa ties touch a new high, Government deserves highness. In fact, the just concluded India-Africa summit at New / Delhi was a resounding

success. In terms of scale, this was
 the biggest of the three summits
 held so far. Compared to the Two
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Thousand // Eleven summit that
 saw participation of only five
 countries, forty one heads of State
 and Government and over a
 thousand delegates from all of
 $\frac{3}{4}$ Africa's /// fifty four countries
 came for the Delhi meet. The
 increased participation is
 heartening as it signals Africa's
 growing interest in engaging with
 5 India. In New /5/ Delhi, India
 reiterated its commitment to the
 continent's development with Prime
 Minister. However, there is reason
 for concern. Almost ninety per cent
 $\frac{1}{4}$ of African investment / in India
 comes from one country Mauritius,
 a tax haven. Besides, the nature
 of trade has triggered some
 unease in Africa. While much of
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Africa's // exports to India consist
 of raw materials such as crude oil,
 gold and diamonds, India's exports
 to the continent are largely high-
 $\frac{3}{4}$ end consumer goods. /// In

addition, Indian companies are
 investing in African land to grow
 cash crops for export. This is
 undermining Africa's food security.
 It has triggered criticism /6/ of 6
 India's "neo-colonial relationship"
 with Africa as its approach are
 unfair and emanate largely from
 envious western countries. No
 doubt Africa is an important
 market / for the Indian $\frac{1}{4}$
 pharmaceutical industry but low
 priced Indian drugs have benefited
 African masses. Importantly, India
 has focused on capacity building
 in Africa. While importing // rough $\frac{1}{2}$
 diamonds for instance, it has
 engaged in capacity building there,
 helping it move up the value chain
 in the diamond business. Still India
 needs /// to tread carefully. As it $\frac{3}{4}$
 sets out to match China's
 enormous clout in Africa, it must
 bear in mind that principles rather
 than profits alone. /7/ 7

Dear Mr. Bhaskar,

Thank you very much for your
 immediate response by way of

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facsimile communicate by quoting your rates in connection with performing a / Pooja and to cater food needs to the proposed invitees numbering one hundred.

First of all, your quote that Rupees Two Hundred and Twenty per // plate is itself a little costlier. Please let me know is there any relaxation on this issue. In addition to this, I would request you /// to clarify some of the points which you have not mentioned in your offer, may be by oversight. Whether tables, chairs, use and throw plates, /8/ tumblers, paper rolls and banana are included in the package amount. Also let me know are you proposing to serve the drinking water to the / invitees with five hundred milli litre packed water bottles. Whether cloth covering surrounding the eating area including top is also included in your proposed rate.// Will it be possible to serve the food on

plantain leaf instead of user friendly plates ? Can you include another sweet for serving in addition /// to the one you have already agreed, without charging extra ? Will it be possible to serve the food with uniform by your team ? If so, /9/ is there any extra cost to be included in the proposed rate ? What precautions you propose to take to serve the food hot, please let / me know. In fact, your name has become a nickname for the delicious food and memorable functions. There are quite a good compliments that without // Bhaskar function is not a complete one. So, I am eager to have your acceptance at an early date. Please also let me know what /// amount to be advanced in case you accept the proposal. Also, let us meet and finalise the deal.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours very truly, /10/ 10