

## DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS

### DEPARTMENTAL TEST FOR AUDIT SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT – FIRST PAPER (PRECIS AND DRAFT)

(Without Books)

Maximum Time : 2.30 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

N.B. (1) Answer **ALL** questions.

(2) Marks will be deducted for bad handwriting.

I. Write an essay on **any ONE** of the following topics in not more than 6 pages. (40)

- (a) Drug Abuse
- (b) Cyber Safety
- (c) Renewable Energy Sources.

II. Make a précis of the following passage reducing it to **one third** of its length. (30)

The social and economic implications of an aging population are becoming increasingly apparent in many industrialized nations around the globe. With populations in places such as North America, Western Europe and Japan aging more rapidly than ever before, policymakers are confronted with several interrelated issues, including a decline in the working-age population, increased health care costs, unsustainable pension commitments and changing demand drivers within the economy. These issues could significantly affect the high living standard enjoyed in many advanced economies.

A rapidly aging population means there are fewer working-age people in the economy. This leads to a supply shortage of qualified workers, making it more difficult for businesses to fill job vacancies. An economy that cannot fill in-demand occupations faces adverse consequences, including declining productivity, higher labour costs, delayed business expansion and reduced international competitiveness. Given that demand for health care rises with age, countries with rapidly aging populations must allocate more money and resources to their health care systems. With health care spending as a share of gross domestic product (GDP) already high in most advanced economies, it is difficult to increase spending while ensuring care improves and other social needs do not deteriorate in the case of publicly funded or government-administered health care systems.

III. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper mentioning about the potholes on the roads in your area. (30)