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COMMERCE EXAMINATIONS
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PROFICIENCY GRADE – III Paper
(Condensation of Notes)

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Time : { Dictation : 10 Minutes
Condensation : 1½ Hours

[Max. Marks : 100

Instructions to Readers :

1. The passage given below should be dictated at the rate of 150 words per minute.
2. The candidates should be asked to take down the passage in the reporting style of phonography and prepare in longhand a condensed report of the same in INDIRECT FORM. The condensed report should consist of not more than 540 words.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT
OF INDIA, SHRI RAM NATH
KOVIND ON THE OCCASION OF
TWENTY SIXTH CONVOCATION
OF THE NORTH EASTERN HILL
UNIVERSITY

I am very happy to be here
in this beautiful campus of the
¹/₄ North/ Eastern Hill University
to participate in its Twenty Sixth
Convocation.

My heartiest
congratulations to the students

and scholars who have received
their degrees and medals, after
successfully completing their
academic programs. It is also an
occasion to// acknowledge the ¹/₂
contribution of faculty and
parents whose affection,
guidance and help enabled all
successful students to reach this
milestone. I convey my
appreciation for the entire North
Eastern Hill University fraternity
whose efforts have strengthened
the University. /// ³/₄

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I feel especially happy to note that out of all medal awardees in today's convocation, as many as Seventy Six per cent are girls. In almost all the universities where I have attended convocations, I have
 1 observed that /1/ girls have been outshining boys. This reflects our society's progress and points towards our bright future as a developed nation.

I am glad to note that this University has drawn faculty and
 1/4 students from all parts of / the country. I am also glad to know about growing international links of the University. It makes me happy that some of the departments of your University have started enrolling students from Thailand, Bangladesh,
 1/2 Bhutan, Africa and // the Middle-East. This promotes cultural cohesion and cross-pollination of learning.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Shri Kanubhai Tailor, a 'Padmashri' awardee, who is a 'Divyang', for bringing hope to many physically challenged people by his compassionate service./// I 3/4 appreciate this university for conferring upon him and thus highlighting the value of humanitarian service for our society and nation.

This is my first visit to Meghalaya since assuming office as the President of India. Long ago, /2/ I had come to 2 Meghalaya when I was a member of Rajya Sabha. I had enjoyed my trip to Cherrapunji, receiving highest rainfall. The beauty of Meghalaya, the 'abode of clouds' is matchless. The natural splendour of/ this place and the 1/4 warmth of its people attracted Swami Vivekananda and Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore who frequently visited this land.

This land has given birth to great freedom fighters who have been immortalized at the martyr's column// in Shillong.

I am sure that Meghalaya will continue to build upon its strengths under the guidance of the Governor and the young Chief Minister.

While in Meghalaya, it is natural to remember life-story of Shri P. A. Sangma which is very inspiring./// He showed extraordinary strength of character to scale great heights of achievement. As we all know, he rose to become Chief Minister of Meghalaya and later, Speaker of Lok Sabha. It was a coincidence that he happened to /3/ be the Speaker when I was member of Rajya Sabyha. We had interacted on several occasions. I think that the young students sitting here can draw strength from his example.

Students of this University can also seek/ inspiration from illustrious alumni like Mr. Alphons, who joined the Indian Administrative Service, became Rajya Sabha Member and a Union Minister and Professor David who became Chairman of Union Public Service Commission. North Eastern Hill University has// impressive alumni who have made their mark in several fields in India and in many developed countries.

Dear Students,

There is a lot to learn from the traditional wisdom of the tribal brothers and sisters of Meghalaya. The /// progressive society of Meghalaya gives primacy to women. The people of Meghalaya also teach the value of cleanliness. For several years, it has been regarded as the cleanest village in Asia.

Speaking of cleanliness, it is
 4 worth mentioning /4/ that
 brooms made in Meghalaya from
 the local broom grass are in
 great demand across the
 country. Pristine waters of
 State's rivers reflect not only
 beauty of nature but also the
 wisdom of Meghalaya's people.

$\frac{1}{4}$ Tribes of / Meghalaya had
 developed the unique art of
 building root bridges. Roots and
 branches of fast-growing trees
 are shaped along both banks of
 rivers and valleys in such a way
 that they meet to form a bridge.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Root // bridges take around
 fifteen to twenty five years to
 build but these bio-engineering
 wonders are estimated to last
 five hundred years. This
 environment friendly inter
 generational way of building a
 natural infrastructure is full of
 $\frac{3}{4}$ messages for entire ///
 humanity.

Passion for sports, specially
 football, among the youth of
 Meghalaya is well known. I am
 glad that Meghalaya is
 implementing 'Mission Football'
 to encourage talented
 youngsters, including girls. The
 energetic and talented youth of
 the North East, /5/ including 5
 Meghalaya have earned goodwill
 as sound professionals in the
 fields of information technology,
 healthcare, hospitality and
 several other areas. I will appeal
 to the youth to maintain and
 further strengthen their image
 as excellent sports persons, / $\frac{1}{4}$
 artists and professionals, and
 not become victims of habits or
 substances which are injurious
 to health.

Dear students,

North Eastern Hill Univesity
 has emerged as a premier centre
 of learning. It is heartening to
 note that, besides// imparting $\frac{1}{2}$

higher education in all the major disciplines, the university is also giving special emphasis on the development of this region which has significant tribal population. Institutions of higher education like North Eastern hill University can also be instruments of social and economic transformation. The university can help Meghalaya in achieving better ranking of Human Development Indices.

More than Eighty five per cent population of Meghalaya is dependent on agriculture. By helping improve agricultural productivity, North Eastern hill University can play a catalytic role in promoting socio-economic development of Meghalaya and the North-East. Students and teachers of North Eastern Hill University's departments of 'Rural Development and Agricultural Production', 'Agri

Business and Food Technology' and 'Horticulture' can help enhance farmers' income. The 'Department of Forestry' being set up here will also have major opportunity to contribute to growth and development of the people of Meghalaya and other states in the region.

I have been told that the University community has completed several research projects related to development of the people in this region. I expect North Eastern Hill University to continuously explore areas of relevant learning covering local to global issues.

Efforts of the University for promoting employability and self-employment need utmost encouragement. I am happy to note that 'Deen Dayal Upadhyay Community College' has been established by the University to

impart skill based education.
 7 North/7/ Eastern Hill University
 has set up an incubation centre
 in collaboration with the
 Government of Meghalaya to
 strengthen the start up
 ecosystem and thereby
 encourage the culture of
 commercial and social
 entrepreneurship.

Dear students,

$\frac{1}{4}$ Now you are/ entering a
 world full of opportunities and
 challenges. Higher education is
 a privilege not available to a lot
 of people in our country. I appeal
 to all of you to help improve the
 $\frac{1}{2}$ condition of such under//
 privileged fellow citizens. I also
 urge upon you to give back to
 the society in whatever way you
 can.

In the Conference of
 Governors held in June, Two
 thousand eighteen, I had called
 upon the stakeholders to

focus/// on 'University Social $\frac{3}{4}$
 Responsibility'. In order to fulfil
 University Social Responsibility'
 obligations, students of this
 univesity may spend time at
 some villages and also stay the
 night, if it is workable. They
 should help the villagers deal
 with /8/ their problems. They 8
 may make the villagers aware
 about the importance of
 sanitation, literacy, vaccination
 and nutrition of children. This
 exposure will not only help the
 villagers but also make the
 students more aware and
 sensitive to/ ground realities. $\frac{1}{4}$

I like the motto of the
 university : 'Rise up and build'.
 Its message is simple and clear.
 Every student should internalise
 this motto and translate it into
 action. You must rise up as a
 person// with commitment, $\frac{1}{2}$
 compassion, courage and
 competence. You must build

your career, your character, your community and your country.

Technology is, of course, an area where the young have an edge over the experienced. The government is making great use of technology to make tax collection more efficient and less intrusive. I am sure you will put your technology skills and bring at University level to good use and consolidate such initiatives.

As you are about to begin your career at University, allow me to share a pertinent point with you. In various services of the government, you try to be conscious about honesty and integrity and remain concerned about your commitment and dedication to people. There is a risk of

slackness and human weakness setting in, for asking small favours as a part of the privileges of the service.

I am confident that you will serve the nation as a disciplined student in the University but I also hope each of you in the University will strive to become a good individual with high morals of whom the nation and family will be proud.

I once again congratulate all the students for their success in academic pursuits. I give my best wishes for a very happy and successful life. May you bring glory to your parents and your nation as a whole.

Thank you, Jai Hind