

MAHARASHTRA STATE COUNCIL OF EXAMINATION, PUNE

Government Commercial Certificate Examination

2 JULY, 2018

[Time : 14-00]

(Total Marks for Sections I and II : 100)

ENGLISH TYPEWRITING

(50 Words Per Minute)

SECTION - II

[Time Allowed : 7 Minutes]

Note : Please do not type the 'Speed Passage' again.

Type the following speed passage in SEVEN MINUTES. Use DOUBLE or ONE and HALF LINE SPACING and a Margin of FIFTEEN SPACES on the left.

[Marks : 40]

I had seen her at a road crossing for years. Wherever I had stopped at the red light she came bearing one child in her arms another following her, tugging at her dirty and torn-at-places dhoti. She always had a bundle of news papers in her arm and would tap at the closed windows of air-conditioned cars and ask the occupants to buy one. If she found an open window she would drop a copy and wait a while, then, without uttering an word go to another open window and repeat the trick. Most often it worked and some called her and gave her a coin or two, much higher than the price of the paper, and some, in their hurry as the traffic lights would give the go signal, would throw the coins or notes towards her and speed away. But there were some who would close their windows at her approach and other sit quietly or turn their faces the other way.

She seemed a very satisfied women and even if people rebuked her on occasions she would ignore it and continue to sell her papers without a second thought to the scolding.

Often I saw this woman sitting on the grass or dust of the road eating a meal and feeding her son with home-made bread.

Sometimes with lentil or otherwise just plain chapaties. I used to wonder why this woman, who must be earning quite well, was so indifferent towards her food. One day it so happened that my car stopped all of a sudden and I let it run along the side to avoid getting in the way of traffic.

I opened the hood of the car to see if it was something very minor which I could deal with. I tinkered with the battery terminals, checked the pipe going to the carburettor, meddled with the cut-outs start.