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[Time : 11-30]

(Total Marks for Sections I and II : 100)

ENGLISH TYPEWRITING

(50 Words Per Minute)

SECTION - II

[Time Allowed : 7 Minutes]

Note : 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]

Ever since man first walked on the earth, he has suffered from disease. People have tried to fight disease in many ways, by taking special herbs, by avoiding certain foods and even the practicing magic. Yet all the time that they were doing these things, they did not know how disease was caused. Today, we know that it is caused by very small living things which we call germs. These germs harm us when they enter into our bodies. They do this in different ways. For example, the germ which causes malaria in us lives in the blood. When a mosquito bites someone who has malaria, it sucks in some of those germs. Later when it bites someone who is healthy, it passes the germs on to him. Flies too, carry the germs from an infected person to a healthy man.

Fortunately, we have good natural defense against many germs. Our bodies are made up of millions of very small cells just as a building is made up of many tones or bricks. Some of these cells move about, eat away germs to stop them from harming us. We also make special substance

on our bodies which attack germs for us. Some of these substances are always present in our bodies. For example, our tears contain some to protect our eyes and or saliva contains some to protect our mouths. Other substances are made inside our bodies when certain kinds of germ attack us. These substances are called antibodies and each protect us against only one kind of germ. As it happens, we cannot produce antibodies against every kind of germs.

Another way of protecting ourselves against sickness is to stop the germs from ever reaching us. For this we have to be hygienic in the way we live.
