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Maximum Marks : 100

Time of Dictation : 5 minutes

Time for Transcription : 1 hour

**Instructions :**

- (1) The following matter should be dictated to the candidate loudly and distinctly and only once, at the rate of 80 WPM.
- (2) Speed should be regulated at every quarter of a minute.
- (3) Before commencement of the dictation, the candidate should be asked to take down the matter in shorthand and transcribe into longhand in ink.

Some people talk rather loosely, and if I may so, rather foolishly, of India becoming the leader of this/or the leader of that or the leader of Asia. Now, I do not like that at all. It is a bad approach, this business of leadership. But it is // true that, because of the various factors I have mentioned /// a certain special responsibility is cast on India. India realizes it, and other countries realize it also. The responsibility (1) is not necessarily for leadership, but for taking the initiative sometimes and helping others to co-operate.

Now, foreign policy is normally/something which develops gradually. Apart from certain theoretical propositions we may lay down, it is thing which, if it // is real has some relation actuality and not merely to pure theory. Therefore, we cannot precisely lay down our /// general outlook or general approach, but gradually it develops. We are as an independent country a fairly young country at (2) present, although we are a very ancient country, and we have all the advantages and disadvantages of being an ancient/country. Nevertheless, in the present context of foreign policy is // gradually developing and there is no particular reason, why we should rush in all over the place and so something ///that comes in the way of this gradual development.

As I said, our general policy has been to try to (3) cultivate friendly relations with all countries, but that is something which anyone can say. It is not a very helpful/thought. It is almost outside, if I may say so, of politics. It may be just a verbal statement or // a moral urge. It is hardly a political urge. Nevertheless, something can be said for it even on the political /// plane. We cannot perhaps be friendly always with every country. The alternative is to become very friendly with some and (4) hostile to others. That is the normal foreign policy of a country, very friendly with close relations with some, with / the consequence that you are hostile to other. You may be very friendly to some countries and you cannot just // be equally friendly with all countries, naturally, you are friendlier with those with whom you have closer relations, but /// that great friendliness, is good, if it merely reflects hostility to some other country, then it is something different. (5)

