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Answer two questions from the Section A and B. Your answer should be in no less than 500 words. Each question carried 10 marks.

Section A

1. Although the Indian Ocean comprised of integrative elements, the diversity of different kinds only seems to have reinforced the unity of the oceanic realm as an arena to facilitate the circulation of goods, ideas and peoples. Explain this statement with concrete examples.

2. The seafaring traditions of the Austronesian speakers testify to their momentous achievements. How did that tradition shape the Indian Ocean world of trade, migration and settlement, and cultural exchanges across different societies during the first millennium CE?

Section B

3. What were the key features of Emporia trade in the Indian Ocean? Explain this by giving examples of two or more port cities.

4. "Ecumenical trade" in the Indian Ocean suffered a setback with the arrival of the Portuguese. Explain this in light of the hardened religious stance taken by the Catholic Papal authorities such as St. Xavier and St. Francis.