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Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

- Note :**
- (i) This question paper has **four** sections : A, B, C and D.
 - (ii) All the questions are **compulsory** except those where internal choice is given.
 - (iii) All the answers have to be written in the answer script provided. (in all the sets)

SECTION - A : (Reading)**(Marks : 15)**

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

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The environment is something that we are all familiar with. It includes the air that surrounds the earth, the water that covers most part of the earth, the plants and animals around us and much more.

The responsibility of protecting the natural environment lies on individuals as well as various organisations. Environment is affected by various human activities. For example, waste production, air pollution, polluting water resources, damaging natural vegetation are some of the issues that affect the environment.

Environment protection depends on two interrelated factors : legislative provisions and individual interest. Each plays its part in protecting the environment by developing environmental values at individual level as well as at the national level. Discussions concerning protection of environment often focus on the role of the government for legislation and law enforcement. Every government passes laws to prevent damage to the environment. Truly speaking, protecting the environment is the responsibility of each individual and all people and not simply of the government. Most of the damages to environmental resources are not limited within individual countries and occur across their boundaries covering several countries or even across the globe. That is why attempts are made by the countries to develop agreements among multiple governments to prevent damage to the environment or manage the impact of human activities on natural resources. They include factors that affect climate, oceans, rivers and air. While some of the agreements are legally binding on nations, most of them are in the nature of voluntary responsibility or moral code of conduct.



Answer the questions given below on the basis of your understanding of the passage.

Choose the best options wherever given :

- (i) Complete the following sentence : 1
The air, water and vegetation around us make _____.
- (ii) What can make individuals concerned about environment ? 1
(A) lessons on environment
(B) strict application of law
(C) development of environmental values
(D) discussions on environment
- (iii) Who is responsible for protection of environment ? 1
(A) individuals
(B) group of individuals
(C) law makers
(D) individuals as well as the government
- (iv) Pick out the words from the passage which means similar to : 2
(A) material
(B) effect
- (v) Mention two human activities that pollute the environment. 1
- (vi) What is done, when damage to environment is not limited within one country ? 2

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : 7

The mangrove forest of Sundarban is spread over the delta region in the southern part of West Bengal. The mangrove forest is the habitat of Royal Bengal Tigers. The tigers of Sundarban are known for their man eating behaviour. They often stray from the reserved forest into the human habitation along the fringes of Sundarban forest and prey on cattle and human beings.

People living in the vicinity of the forest are heavily dependent on the forest for their livelihood. All types of resource collectors from the villages enter the core area of the forest for collecting honey, firewood and for fishing. The high level of disturbance by forest resource users provokes man eating behaviour of the tigers and they often kill the intruders into the forests. The villagers too kill stray tigers in revenge. As a result, there is a long-standing conflict between man and animal.

Survival of the tiger population depends upon the resolution of the age-old human-tiger conflict and conservation of the mangrove forest where the tigers live. Primarily, the villagers are to be kept out of the habitat of the tigers. Since poverty is the most dominant factor which forces villagers to enter the core area for collection of natural resources, there is urgent need to create alternative livelihood for fringe dwellers.



In order to prevent straying of tigers into villages, nylon net as well as goran chita fencing are erected along the forest - village interface. Straying animals are to be tranquilised, captured and then released into the forests. Above all, people living in the fringe are to be made aware of the need of conservation of tigers of Sundarban.

Answer the questions given below on the basis of your understanding of the above passage. Choose the best options wherever given.

- (i) Complete the following statement : 1
- The mangrove forest of Sundarban is _____.
- (ii) What is unique in the nature of the tigers of Sundarban ? 1
- (A) their ferocity
- (B) their closeness to human beings
- (C) their man eating behaviour
- (D) their ability to swim
- (iii) Why do the people living near the forest enter its core area ? 1
- (A) to capture living tigers
- (B) to kill tigers for their skin
- (C) to protect the tiger population
- (D) to collect natural resources
- (iv) Pick out the word from the passage, which is similar to the following word in meaning : 1
- home
- (v) What is to be primarily done for the conservation of the mangrove forests of Sundarban ? 1
- (vi) What has been done to prevent the tigers from entering the human habitation near the forest ? 2



SECTION - B (Writing)**(Marks : 25)**

3. Read the following telephone conversation : 4

Caller : I am Joseph calling from Dr. Sukla's hospital. Can I speak to Mrs. Sukla ?

Veena : Mrs. Sukla is not at home. I am Veena, Dr. Sukla's daughter. Any message for Mrs. Sukla ?

Joseph : Dr. Sukla is engaged in an emergency operation. He will stay overnight in the hospital. Please inform Mrs. Sukla of it.

Veena : I will.

Veena will not be at home, when Mrs. Sukla returns. Write a message to be left for her. Mention the date and the time of the receipt of the message.

4. Imagine you are Ranvir, a news reporter, living in Ganganagar colony. The residents of Ganganagar colony moved to stop the use of plastic bags. An awareness programme was organised to highlight the ill-effects of using plastic bags. The shoppers as well as the shopkeepers attended the programme and offered to give up using plastic bags. You attended the programme, as a news reporter. 7

Write a report on it in about 100 words. Highlight the efforts of the residents. Mention the place and the date of the event and give a suitable title to your report.

5. You are Rajesh living in Patna, Bihar. You have been selected for the junior national level team of Kabaddi and you are required to go to Delhi for training for three weeks before the competition. Write a letter to your father who is away on a business tour to Bombay, informing him of your selection and stay in Delhi for training. Do not forget to enquire about the well-being of your father. 7

6. Given below are three situations. Choose anyone of them and write a paragraph on it in about 100 words. 7

(a) Mobile phones have come to be an easy means of communication. Yet using phones poses several problems. Highlight the problems associated with using mobile phones.

(b) Much of the open land in the cities has been used in raising high rise buildings. Highlight its impact on life in the cities.

(c) Many of the television programmes are not suitable for family entertainment. Suggest measures to regulate the production and viewing of such programmes.



SECTION - C (Grammar)

(Marks : 30)

7. (a) Read the following paragraph :

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We painted our house in the summer vacation. They washed the exterior of the house with water and sealed all cracks and pores. Then they applied two coats of paint for a good finish.

Rewrite the paragraph by filling the blank spaces. The first sentence of the paragraph is done for you as an example.

Our house was painted in the last vacation. The exterior of the house (i) with water and all cracks and pores (ii). Then two coats of paint (iii) for a good finish.

- (b) Rewrite the following pairs of sentences as a one sentence. Use the appropriate words from the box. 3

[after, before, although, lest, because]

(There are more words than you may need)

Example :

(a) He works hard.

(b) He does not earn much.

Although he works hard, he does not earn much.

(i) (a) She had worked hard.

(b) She came first in the class.

(ii) (a) You must work hard.

(b) Otherwise you may fail in the examination.

(iii) (a) The party had started.

(b) I reached late.



8. Read the following passage. There are some numbered blanks in it. For each blank four options have been provided. 6

Choose the most appropriate ones to fill in the blanks. The first sentence has been done as an example.

For (i) many people leisure is a time to idle (ii) _____. But (iii) _____ people make good use of it. Those who are fond (iv) _____ reading utilise the time in reading books of (v) _____ choice. There are people (vi) _____ take up some creative activities or engage (vii) _____ in creative writing.

- E.g. (i) (A) many (B) few (C) all (D) a few
- (ii) (A) out (B) away (C) at (D) on
- (iii) (A) many (B) few (C) all (D) some
- (iv) (A) of (B) in (C) with (D) at
- (v) (A) his (B) their (C) theirs (D) our
- (vi) (A) who (B) which (C) that (D) whose
- (vii) (A) him (B) himself (C) them (D) themselves

9. Given below is a conversation between two friends on visiting the trade fair. Complete the dialogue with suitable words. 3

Rohit : I want to go to the trade fair (i) _____ come with me.

Rajesh : I can (ii) _____ you want to go to the fair ?

Rohit : We may go tomorrow.

Rajesh : I have some work tomorrow (iii) _____ we will go the day after tomorrow.

Rohit : Ok, we shall go the day after tomorrow.



10. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with suitable form of the verbs given in brackets. 6

Shimla (i) _____ (be) a beautiful hill station. My uncle (ii) _____ (live) there. Last month he (iii) _____ (invite) me to spend my summer vacation in Shimla. I (iv) _____ (take) the train to Kalka. From Kalka the train (v) _____ (move) very slowly. My uncle (vi) _____ (receive) me at the station.

11. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words : 3

The first one has been done for you as an example.

Father : Son, what would you like to do after the examination ?

Son : I (i) _____ spend some time with my friends.

Father : But you (ii) _____ prepare for admission to a college.

You (iii) _____ not waste any time.

12. The following is a conversation between Rajesh and Robin on the latter's not having job. 6

Rajesh : Hi, Robin. How are you ?

Robin : Not too well. I do not have a job.

Rajesh : What kind of a job are you looking for ?

Robin : I am interested in a marketing job.

Rajesh : Are you ready to work in villages ?

Robin : I am ready to work anywhere in India.

Rajesh greeted Robin and asked him (i) _____. Robin said in reply that he was not too well and added (ii) _____ not have a job. Rajesh asked him what kind of a job he (iii) _____ for. Robin said (iv) _____ interested in a marketing job. Rajesh asked in reply (v) _____ ready to go to the villages, Robin said (vi) _____ ready to work anywhere in India.



SECTION - D (Literature)**(Marks : 30)**

13. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow : 1x4=4

Weavers, weaving at break of day,
Why do you weave a garment so gay ?
Blue as the wing of halcyon wild,
We weave the robes of a new-born child.

(Indian Weavers)

- (a) What is the time of the day meant by 'break of day' ?
- (b) What are the weavers weaving ?
- (c) How do the time of the day and the birth of a child match ?
- (d) Pick out the word which indicates the mood of the occasion.

14. Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences each. 2x2=4

- (a) What, according to the child, is buried under the veil of dust ?

(My Only Cry)

- (b) What made the eight runners suddenly stop ?

(Nine Gold Medals)

15. Complete the following sentences by choosing the best options : 1x2=2

- (a) They used to laugh with their hearts, means :

(Once Upon A Time)

- (A) They enjoyed laughing loudly.
- (B) They used to laugh with true feelings.
- (C) Their hearts beat, when they laughed.
- (D) They were happy and playful in nature.

- (b) But words can mortify me, means :

(Truth)

- (A) Words can hurt me deeply.
- (B) Words can humiliate me.
- (C) Words remain in my memory.
- (D) Words touch my mind.



16. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : 1x4=4

We have 10 percent growth rate in most areas. Our poverty level is falling. Our achievements are being globally recognised. Yet we lack the self confidence to see ourselves as a developed nation, self reliant and self assured. Isn't this incorrect ? My second vision for India is development. For fifty years, we have been a developing nation. It is time we see ourselves as a developed nation.

(My Vision for India)

- (a) Who is the speaker of this extract ?
- (b) Mention the facts that support India as a developed nation.
- (c) Why couldn't we think ourselves to be a developed nation ?
- (d) What is required for India to be globally recognised ?

17. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : 1x4=4

Despite the fame that he got, Bismillah Khan always remained simple. He never accumulated wealth and other material possessions. He lived in humble surrounding in the holy city of Varanasi. His favourite mode of transport was the cycle rickshaw. He monopolised Shehnai recitals in the post-independence era and through them, kept alive the legacy of classical music.

(Ustad Bismillah Khan)

- (a) What was Bismillah Khan ?
- (b) What shows that he lived a simple life ?
- (c) What is his contribution to the world of music ?
- (d) Give the meaning of the word 'monopolised'.

18. Complete the following statements by choosing the most appropriate options given below : 1x3=3

- (a) Raja could not say that no snake had bitten him because :

(The Snake Bite)

- (i) Grandfather did not allow him to speak.
- (ii) The medicine man was reciting mantras.
- (iii) The medicine man would not believe him.
- (iv) He was in severe pain.



- (b) Bhagya decided to give up the job of working in an apartment of Lakshmi because :

(Caring For Others)

- (i) Bhagya could not take more work.
 - (ii) Lakshmi needed the job more.
 - (iii) Bhagya wanted to study in the afternoon.
 - (iv) Bhagya was required to work in the school in the afternoon.
- (c) Gandhiji went to Ramji's Mandir because :

(Stealing and Atonement)

- (i) He wanted to pray to the deity
- (ii) He wanted to make an offering
- (iii) He wanted to compose himself
- (iv) He wanted to confess his fault before the deity

19. Answer any two of the following questions in about **30-40** words each : **2x2=4**

- (a) Why did the head of the shoeshine's union agree to provide the storyteller the chance to join the group as a shoeshine ?

(The Shoeshine)

- (b) What did Jijabai do when she received the so called news of Shivaji's death ?
- (c) What made Kezia's father angry with her ? What lesson did he want to teach her by punishing her ?

20. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **100** words : **5**

- (a) Why do the villagers call the 'Neem' tree their village pharmacy ? How did grandfather justify it ?
- (b) What was the tiger's view about the human beings ? How did it change ?

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