

Time : 3 hr 15 mins

Max Marks-100

**General Instructions :**

1. The first 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Marks are indicated against questions.

**Section-A –Reading**

Q-1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-

The shift in the mindset of India's younger generation is quite visible. While they are patriotic, prepared to join any movement, march waving political flags, join Facebook groups, they are not, in most cases, convinced by India's culture. In fact, they ask questions that evidence their dissatisfaction with and disinterest in what we call culture, values and ethics. "Why do we live in a joint family?" "I believe in God but not in temples or pooja". "Why can my parents not understand me?" They are turning from obedient to rebellious young adults. It is an alarming note and all the same parents say, "What's wrong with our children? They are going astray."

If you ask an elderly Indian, "How are you?" the chances are your question will be answered, "By God's grace everything is fine." This is the fruit of culture. Deep satisfaction despite ups and downs of daily life. India's values have kept India strong and united despite thousands of years of invasions. However the youth of today are being raised differently from those in previous generations. Information is at their finger tips. Give them scientific, rational, pragmatic reasons. The values and the ethics of centuries ago are just as valid and applicable today as then. We only have to explain them differently.

Q-(a) What change in the mindset of the Indian youth is visible now a days? 3

Q-(b) What is the conflict between the parents and children? 3

- Q- (c) How has Indian culture affected our attitude? 3
- Q- (d) What should be done to bring the youth back to their cultural roots? 3
- Q-e (i) Find a word from the passage that means 'agreed'. 1
- (ii) Which phrase in the passage means 'a warning sign'? 1
- (iii) Which word in the passage is opposite of 'illogical'? 1

### **Section B-Writing**

Q-2 .Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100 –150 words- 10

- a) Digital India
- b) Joint Family System –Need of the Hour
- c) Freedom of Expression

Q-3. Write a letter to the Proprietor of ABC Sports, Palika Bazar, New Delhi to place an order for cricket kits. 10

**Or**

Write a letter to the Editor of a national newspaper to express your views on growing fitness craze in youth.

### **Section C- Grammar**

Q-4) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions- 5x2=10

a) The absence of government in a country is called-

- i) monarchy
- ii) patriarchy
- iii) anarchy
- iv) matriarchy

b) The phrase 'inching towards' means –

- i) to have an itchy feeling
- ii) to measure something
- iii) to move slowly in a direction
- iv) to move upwards

- c) The synonym of 'audacious' is –
- i) daring
  - ii) adventurous
  - iii) adamant
  - iv) both i) and ii)

d) Which of the following sentences is/are correct-

A-The excess production is usually imported abroad.

B-You must not exceed the prescribed word limit.

C-He is well acquainted to me.

D-Either you go or stay.

- i) Only A and D
- ii) Only A, B and C
- iii) Only B
- iv) Only B and D

e) The antonym of 'sacred' is –

- i) pure
- ii) clean
- iii) pious
- iv) profane

- Q-5 a) Change **any one** of the following in indirect speech- 2
- i) I said, "Don't waste your time."
  - ii) Rohit said to us, "Let's go for a picnic."
- b) Combine **any one** of the following as directed- 2
- i) I can give you a dress. My mother gifted it to me. (complex sentence)
  - ii) Do it. Leave it. (compound sentence)
- c) Transform **any one** of the following as directed- 2
- i) He has saved my life. (passive voice)
  - ii) This is the most effective remedy for this disease (comparative degree)
- d) Correct **any one** of the following sentences. 2
- i) You are senior than me.
  - ii) Cattles are grazing.
- e) Use **any one** of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear- 2
- i) mail – male
  - ii) teem - team

उन दिनों स्वामी विवेकानन्द अमेरिका में एक महिला के यहाँ ठहरे हुए थे जहाँ वह अपना भोजन खुद बनाते थे। एक दिन वह भोजन करने जा रहे थे कि कुछ भूखे बच्चे पास आकर खड़े हो गये। स्वामी विवेकानन्द ने अपनी सारी रोटियाँ उन बच्चों में बाँट दी। यह देख महिला ने उनसे पूछा, “आपने सारी रोटियाँ बच्चों को दे दीं। अब आप क्या खायेंगे?” उन्होंने मुस्कुरा कर जवाब दिया, “रोटी तो केवल भूख शान्त करने वाली चीज है। यह मेरे पेट में नहीं तो उनके पेट में सही। देने का आनन्द पाने के आनन्द से बढ़कर है”।

### Section D- Literature

Q-7) Answer the following questions in about 40 words each-

4+4=8

a) Who are the inhabitants of Seemapuri? What do they do for their survival?

**Or**

Who was Rajkumar Shukla? What did he do to bring Gandhiji to Champaran?

b) Why did Mr. Hamel blame parents and himself for not paying proper attention to the study of French?

**Or**

Why was Gemini Studios a popular place for poets?

Q.8. Answer **any one** of the following in about 80 words-

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a) ‘All we have to fear is fear itself’. Justify this statement on the basis of the lesson ‘Deep Water’.

b) ‘Sophie was the creator of her own disappointment’. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

Q.9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow - 3x2=6

And the old familiar ache,

my childhood’s fear,

But all I said was, see you soon Amma

All I did was smile and smile and

smile.....

- What is the fear that has always pained the poetess?
- What is the contrast between the poetess’ feelings and her words?
- Why did the poetess keep on smiling only?

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Q.10. Write the central idea of **any one** of the following poems-

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- a) Keeping Quiet
- b) A Thing of Beauty
- c) The Roadside Stand

Q.11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each-

4+4=8

a) What things on the third level were different from those on the other levels?

**Or**

Describe the environmental features of Antarctica.

b) Why did the Maharaja decide to suffer the huge loss instead of allowing the British officer to get photographed with the hunted tiger?

**Or**

How was Bama inspired by her elder brother?

Q.12. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 80 words-

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a) What brings Derry closer to Mr. Lamb?

b) What impression of Sadao, as a doctor and a human being, do you form on the basis of the story 'The Enemy'?