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FEG-1 : FOUNDATION COURSE IN
ENGLISH-1

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : Answer all the questions.

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

1. " The next ten years would be dedicated as a decade of innovation," were the words used by the president of India to conclude her address to Parliament on June 4. On June 7, US president Barack Obama, in his Cairo address, said: "Education and innovation will be the currency of the 21st century." Between June 3 and 5, the first Global Innovation Leaders' Summit (I-20) fashioned on G-20 was held in San Francisco. I was invited to represent India. I-20 accepted Norway's suggestion of Introducing a Nobel Prize for innovation. So from Delhi to Cairo to San Francisco the buzz was around innovation.

The buzz has been around for a while though. For instance, the names of the ministries of science and technology in Argentina, Australia,

Spain, South Africa, Malaysia, U.K., etc., have been changed with the word "innovation" explicitly included. So why is innovation suddenly gaining such currency ? Innovation-led growth, innovation -led recovery innovation-led competitiveness-all these are not mere slogans ; they are a hard reality.

Innovation is all about converting ideas into new or improved products, processes and services. India's world ranking on innovation is low. According to a survey, among 130 countries, India is ranked only 41 in the innovation index. Even Malaysia (25) and China (37) are ahead of India Singapore and Korea are among the top 10.

Look beyond statistics now. Ashok Jhunjhunwala of IIT, Madras develops the wireless local loop technology. It gets implemented first in Madagascar, Angola and Brazil before it does so in India! The CSIR's New Millenium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative gave the challenge and finding for the creation of a low-cost computer to entrepreneur Vinay Deshpande, who created a mobile personal computer. But the first such PC will be produced this year in Malaysia and Brazil and not in India. Due to limitations in India's patent laws, the phyto pharmaceutical breakthrough medicine on psoriasis by an Indian company will be commercialised first in the west and not in India. And one can go on.

(a) Read the following statements and say which statements are *true* and which are *false* : 5x1=5

- (i) The next hundred years would be dedicated as a century of innovation.
- (ii) Education and experiment will be the currency of the 21st century.
- (iii) I-20 countries accepted Norway's idea of introducing Nobel Prize for innovation.
- (iv) Innovation is converting ideas into theories.
- (v) India's world ranking on innovation is low.

(b) (i) What did the president in her address to the parliament say about next 10 years ? 5x2=10

- (ii) Who suggested that there should be a Nobel Prize for innovation ? Where was it suggested ?
- (iii) Mention any two areas where innovation has become a reality.
- (iv) What is innovation ? Give an example from the passage.
- (v) What is the major cause which limits the innovative practices in India ?

2. Do as directed :

2x5=10

- (a) "Its really enjoyable to travel by the Metro train" Pooja said to her Mother. (change into indirect speech.)
- (b) I visited my nephew in the hospital last week. (Change the voice)
- (c) She is very weak.
She cannot walk.
(Combine the above sentences into one sentence using ("too.... to").
- (d) He is going _____ a walk _____ a nearby park. (Use appropriate propositions)
- (e) Initially he tried to draw _____ cartoons of politicians and even hired _____ artist to do the work. (Use appropriate articles where necessary)

3. Correct the following sentences :

5x1=5

- (a) The cake may be distributed among Ram and Shyam.
- (b) He will have to pay with the dishonesty and corrupt practices.
- (c) I would prefer tea with coffee.
- (d) Most of the people does not eat chicken.
- (e) A pair of scissor is lying in the drawer.

4. Write an essay in about 200 words on any one of the following topics : 10
- (a) Conservation of water is the need of the hour.
 - (b) My supportive neighbours .
 - (c) Importance of festivals in one's life.
 - (d) Examinations do not judge a person's potential.
5. Write a dialogue in about 150 words on any one of the following situations : 10
- (a) Your younger brother wants to go to US to work, but you want him to stay here and study.
 - (b) Pooja wants to join a gym, but her father wants her to go for a walk in a park everyday. Write a dialogue.
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