

ENGLISH
(302)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

- Note : (i) This question paper consists of two Sections, viz., 'A' and 'B'.
(ii) All questions from Section 'A' are to be attempted.
(iii) Section 'B' has got more than one option. Candidates are required to attempt questions from one option only.

SECTION – A

1. Read the following extracts carefully. Chose any one extract and answer the questions that follow :

(a) Providence had helped me to retain my true identity, and, in the process, charter the course of my life. I have often wondered what would have happened if nature had not 'marked' me out, and given me my 'guard' by giving me that small hole on my left ear lobe; and if Nan-kaka had not noticed this abnormality. Perhaps, I would have grown up to be an obscure fisherman, toiling somewhere along the west coast. And, what about the baby who, for a spell, took my place ?

- (i) What was the identity mark that nature had provided the speaker with ? 1
(ii) What would have been the speaker's fate if nature had not 'marked' him out? 1
(iii) What role did Nan-kaka play in the speaker's life ? 1
(iv) Who has been referred to as the 'baby'? 1
(v) Which words in the passage mean the same as – 1
"instance that shows the way in which God or nature cares for and protects all creatures;" "not easily or clearly seen or understood" ?

OR

(b) It was good that I lost my sight when I did, because having no memories of seeing, there was nothing to look back to, nothing to miss. I went blind in November, 1937. At that time we were living in Gujrat, in the province of Punjab in northern India. After my sickness we moved to Lahore, a few miles away, but the number of relatives who came to sympathise made my father ask for another transfer, this time to Karnal, where we had neither friends nor relatives.

- (i) What does the speaker want to convey through the following line ? 1
... "there was nothing to look back to, nothing to miss."
(ii) When did the speaker become blind ? 1
(iii) Where did the family move after the speaker's sickness ? 1
(iv) Why did the speaker's father decide to ask for a transfer to Karnal ? 1
(v) Which words in the passage mean the same as – 1
"sharing the feelings of other"; "any of the main administrative divisions in certain countries" ?

2. Answer the following in about 60-65 words : 5
What does Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru wish for India's future ?
(India, her past and future)

OR

Who is more intelligent of the two-Gerrard or the intruder ? Give reasons for your answer.

(If I were You)

3. Answer any three of the following in about 20-25 words each : 2x3=6
- (a) Tembu was not afraid of anything. Why ? Give only two reasons.
(Tiger in the Tunnel)
- (b) What kind of relationship did Madan and Jagdish Babu have ?
(Big Brother)
- (c) Why did Dr. Benson reach for his pistol ? What did he do with it ?
(A Case of Suspicion)
- (d) What did Aradhana's mother ask her to do to prove her love for her parents ?
(I must Know the Truth)

4. Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words each : 2x2=4
- (a) Why is the air in grandmother's house described as frozen ?
(My Grandmother's House)
- (b) What were the mother's first words ? What does it show ?
(Night of the Scorpion)

5. (a) Use the correct form of the verbs given in brackets : 5
Those who _____ (take) their lives for granted _____ (be) secretly afraid of death. Those who _____ (take) their youth for granted _____ (dread) the thought of growing old. Those who take their health for granted _____ (stun) when they fall ill.

(b) Combine the following sentences into single sentences using the words given in brackets : 5

- (i) He had no money. He had to go without food. (since)
- (ii) They did their best. They lost the match (although)
- (iii) Get ready fast. You will miss the train. (otherwise)
- (iv) St. Francis loved all birds and animals. He lived in the small town of Assisi in Italy. (who)
- (v) A huge balloon stood on a platform. It was made of linen and paper. (which)

6. Do as directed : 5
(a) He said to me, "Roma has got a job".

(Change into indirect speech)

(b) Achla told Rashmi that she had been running the office since the previous month.

(Change into direct speech)

(c) The Wright Brothers built the first aeroplane.

(Change into passive voice)

(d) An important discovery about the planet Jupiter was made by Galileo

(Change into active voice)

(e) Siya is too honest to cheat anybody.

(Remove 'too')

7. Write a paragraph of about 100 words on any one of the following : 6

(a) My Idea of Happy Life

(b) Moral Education in Schools – the Need of the Hour

(c) My Resolutions for the Year, 2005

8. Write a letter to the editor of 'Hamara Patra' expressing your views on the need to curb the menace of growing indiscipline among the teenagers. 8

OR

You are Inder/Indu living in Chandigarh, your friend Shariar Khan lives in London. Write a letter to him sharing your joyful experience of a wedding in the family.

9. Read the passage given below and do the activities that follow : 6

First of all, what is youth ? For one thing, it is often a time of worry. As you advance toward an unknown future, you are bound to come up against numerous troubles. In fact, we might say that youth is characterized by a succession of worries. There are many kinds of worries : for instance, worries concerning society, worries about your future, worries about how to live, worries about your parents and family, worries about your own character. Your worries vary widely according to your circumstances; this is the reality of youth.

A fledgling ready to leave its nest may see everything in its environment – including the forest, the skies, the clouds and the rain – as obstacles or sources of worry. Its small heart trembles with anxiety and fear. However, to a full-grown eagle, such things cause neither worry nor fright. The same holds true for human beings and their lives. It is important that you grow to become like the majestic bird. For this purpose, you should, on your own initiative train yourself, polish your life, and study hard.

There can be no true perfection or victory in your life if you avoid this crucial challenge and merely lament over your severe environment. If you miss this particular point, your worries will only increase. With this in mind, I want each of you to be the kind of person who can be heartily grateful for and show joy to those who help you polish and train yourself.

(a) Make notes on the above passage using headings and subheadings. 4+1

(b) Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. 1

- 10.** The following passage has 6 mistakes. The mistakes are of spelling, wrong use of words, punctuation and incorrect grammar. Spot the errors and write the correct forms. One has been done for you : 5

	ERROR	CORRECT FORM
Example :	Messive	Massive

A messive task of relief and rehabilitation lie ahead. It would take months, huge amount of money and the collective effort of the entire nation to rebuilt the lives of those who have survived.

- 11.** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Johann Wofgang Von Goethe was a great German writer. His greatest passion was to become a poet. That was the secret desire he cherished. He had begun writing poetry at the age of 7, and he loved poetry from childhood. He also had a fascination with theatre, and at around the age of 10 began staging plays and writing scripts.

During his student days, Goethe quietly decided to undertake his own education and cultivate his powers as a writer. He was driven by the desire to touch people's hearts, have an impact on the world, and build a new age through his writings.

To achieve his goal, Goethe spent his student days greedily imbibing a vast range of learning – literature, art, science, languages, and history among them.

A person who decides to change the world, to move people's hearts, for the sake of human happiness and lasting peace, is strong. I hope you will each strive to be just such a person.

Goethe ready every work of literature he could get his hands on. He did not waste his time on silly, shallow books. He is famous for having read deeply through all the classics, including foreign literature such as Shakespeare and Rousseau. He also composed a large number of his own poems and plays. In other words, he wrote and wrote.

- (a) Who was Goethe ? What was his greatest passion ? 2
- (b) Which words in the passage suggest that Goethe had a fascination for poetry and theatre from childhood ? 2
- (c) What did Goethe decide to do while he was still a student ? What was the driving force of his decision ? 2
- (d) What did Goethe do to achieve his goal ? 2
- (e) What is Goethe famous for ? 2

OR

In the above passage, there is a message for the readers. What is it ?

- 12.** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Christopher Reeve, the actor whose superhuman courage in real life overshadowed his portrayal of Superman on celluloid, died of hear failure at age 52 in a New York hospital.

Paralysed neck down from a horse-riding accident in 1995 and confined to a wheelchair, Reeve came to symbolize indomitable human spirit as he endured suffering and became an advocate for spinal cord research.

The son of a novelist and a newspaper reporter, Reeve played the title role in the 1978 movie Superman after a series of lesser-known films.

Reeve broke his neck when his horse stopped abruptly before a hurdle at an equestrian competition in Culpepper, outside Washington DC, throwing him off. The injury, he would confess later, almost drove him to suicide. But with his loyal and tireless wife Dana Morisini beside him, he fought his way back into public life, this time as an advocate for physically disabled people and scientific research.

Even though his 6'4 frame was confined to a wheelchair, his blue eyes sparked with life when he spoke of medical issues. He set up the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation to champion development of treatments and cures for paralysis caused by spinal cord injury and other central nervous system disorders.

- (a) Name the person described in the above passage. How and where did he die? 2
- (b) Quote the words which suggest that this person's courage as Superman was greater in real life than on the screen. 2
- (c) How did this person's neck get injured ? What was the effect of this accident on his life ? 2
- (d) In the context of the information given in the passage, explain the line "...Reeve came to symbolize indomitable human spirit..." 2
- (e) What helped him to right his way back into public life ? What was the cause that he advocated ? 2

OR

What did he do to support the cause of people suffering from paralysis ?

SECTION-B

- Note :
- (i) Attempt any one option.
 - (ii) All the questions should be attempted from the same option.

OPTION-I
(E.S.P. SCIENCE)

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

In these calorie-conscious times, people pay a lot of attention to what they eat and how it affects their body. But seldom do people realize that the same food can help keep their brain healthy and young.

As the brain ages, it loses the ability to protect itself from inflammation and oxidation, a process which allows damaging free radicals to attach themselves to cells.

While it is not entirely clear what causes Alzheimer’s disease, amyloid plaque—a goopy, fibrous substance akin a fur balls in the brain—plays a key role. As the plaque builds up, it causes more oxidation and inflammation, and begins to kill off brain cells.

While research in the field of aging and nutrition is still in its infancy, scientists have found that diet may help minimize the brain’s sensitivity to oxidation and inflammation. One of the most intriguing areas of research involves the role of anti-oxidants, potent chemicals in plants that protect against free radicals, that are highly active molecules that damage cells.

Many fruits and vegetables, primarily valued for their powerful anti-oxidants, may in fact provide multiple benefits for the aging brain. They may not only slow oxidation, but also act as anti-inflammatory agents, making the brain less vulnerable to amyloid plaque. In addition to particular fruits and vegetables, scientists believe that curcumin, a spice used in our cuisine and known for its anti-inflammatory effects, may prevent memory loss. Curcumin is what gives yellow curry its bright colour and is frequently used as a natural food dye.

- (a) Which words in above passage suggest that nowadays people are figure-conscious ? 1
- (b) What does brain lose as it ages ? 1
- (c) How does the process of inflammation and oxidation affect the brain ? 2
- (d) What is amyloid plaque ? In what way is it harmful ? 2
- (e) What are antioxidants and what is their role ? 2
- (f) What is curcumin ? In what way is it useful for brain ? 2

14. Read the passage given below and tell whether the following statements are True or False : 6

Four people were able to control a computer using their thoughts and an electrode-studded ‘thinking cap’, according to the US researchers. They said their set-up could some day be adapted to help disabled people operate a motorized wheelchair or artificial limb. While experiments have allowed a monkey to control a computer with its thoughts, electrodes were implanted into the animal’s brain.

The experiment, reported in the ‘Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences’, required no surgery and no implants. “The results show that people can learn to use scalp-recorded electroencephalogram rhythms to control rapid and accurate movement of a cursor in two dimensions,” said Jonathan Wolpaw and Dennis McFarland of the New York State Department of Health and State University of New York in Albany. They tested their device on four people—Two partly paralysed men who used wheelchairs and a healthy man and woman.

- (a) ‘Thinking cap’ is an electrode-studded device which has helped four people to control a computer using their thoughts.

- (b) According to the US researchers, their set-up has helped many disabled people to operate a motorized wheelchair.
- (c) Experiments have allowed a monkey to control a computer with its thoughts without using any device.
- (d) This experiment was reported in the 'Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences'.
- (e) Jonathan Wolpaw and Dennis Mcfarland belonged to the British Academy of Sciences.
- (f) Jonathan and Dennis tested their device on two partly paralysed men, and a healthy man and woman.

15. Read the passage given below and do the activities that follow :

Fleas : Fleas are parasites and generally harmful. Their powerful posterior legs enable them to jump across long distances. Their complete development takes only a few weeks. As their eggs are deposited in dust and dirt, they can be banished if vigorous hygienic precautions are taken.

Some fleas attach themselves to a particular host; others, like the rat flea, may if the rats die, transfer themselves to human beings, thus carrying a number of disease, including plague, from rats to men.

The bubonic plague, the 'black death', and other diseases were spread in just this fashion. The fleas left the stricken rats, on which they had been feeding, and promptly settled on the nearest human beings, continuing their existence as parasites and infecting the new hosts.

The Hymenoptera : This order contains over 70,000 species, some of them very common. They fall into three groups – the plant eaters, the parasitic species, and the winged species.

Activities :

(a) Match the halves in the following table to make correct statements : 2

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
(i) Fleas are ...	1. contains over 70,000 species
(ii) Some fleas attach...	2. takes only a few weeks
(iii) The Hymenoptera...	3. parasites and generally harmful
(iv) The complete development of fleas...	4. themselves to a particular host

(b) Read the passage again and completed the following statements : 2

- (i) The eggs of the fleas are_____.
- (ii) When the rats stricken with plague die, then the rats fleas quickly _____.

- (iii) The eggs of the fleas can be banished if _____.
- (iv) The species of Hymenoptera fall into_____.

OPTION-II
(E.S.P. RECEPTIONIST)

13. You are Achla, working as a receptionist in Larkspur Hotel, Mumai. You have received a request from Mr. Manoj Kaul, Managing Director, Radiance Enterprise, Bangalore, for the reservation of a single-bed deluxe room from January 12th (at 10 a.m.) to January 16th (at 11 a.m.). His phone number is 2956789.

Fill in the above details in the Reservation Voucher.

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RESERVATION VOUCHER

LARKSPUR HOTEL

WE ARE PLEASED TO CONFIRM THE RESERVATION FOR		
MR/MRS/MS		
ADDRESS/COMPANY		
TELEPHONE NO.		
DESIGNATION		
ARRIVAL DATE	TIME	BOOKING RECEIVED FROM
DEPARTURE DATE	TIME	NAME
ROOM REQUIREMENT	RATE	ADDRESS
BILLING INSTRUCTIONS		
		TELEPHONE NO.
MODE OF RESERVATION		RESERVATION MANAGER
REMARKS		

14. Frame requests tow which following are the replies :

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- (a) Mrs. Taruna Goel is in the cards room.
- (b) I have already sent the bill in your room.
- (c) Room number 111 is right there in the corner.
- (d) Most certainly.
- (e) Please go along the corridor, the pay phone is to your left.
- (f) In the hotel itself there's a parlour next to the cards room.

15. Change the following replies into their polite forms :

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- (a) No, we don't have a conference room.
- (b) I'll have it sent.
- (c) Ten percent discount is offered only to groups of ten.
- (d) We don' have a swimming pool.

OPTION-III

(E.S.P. OFFICE USE)

13. Following advertisement appeared in the Times of India dated 10.12.2004 : 10

Power Engineering Pvt. Ltd. Requires a Maintenance Engineer. Qualifications : Degree or diploma holders in mechanical engineering with 5-7 years experience. Apply immediately giving complete bio-data, present emoluments and salary expected to : The Personnel Manager, Power Engineering Pvt. Ltd., 130 Pearl Avenue, Mumbai-61.

Write a letter of application in response to the above advertisement. Sign yourself as Hans Raj.

14. Imagine that you have been called for an interview for the post of Customer Care Executive by a prestigious company. Rehearse the interview by writing brief points for your answer to the following questions : 6

- (a) Why should the company hire you ?
- (b) What is important to you in a job ?
- (c) What are your greatest strengths ?

15. As a senior supervisor, hospitals; you have made a surprise visit to a hospital. Write a report on the working of the hospital. You may use the following points :

Cleanliness and hygienic condition of the hospital; Stock of medicines; Number of doctors and nurse on duty; Cashbook; etc.

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