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Compulsory Paper
General English

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

IMPORTANT NOTES / महत्वपूर्ण निर्देश

- (A) Please fill up the OMR Sheet of this Question Answer Booklet properly before answering. Please also see the directions printed on the obverse before filling it.
प्रश्नोत्तर पुस्तिका में प्रश्न हल करने से पूर्व उसके संलग्न ओ.एम.आर. पत्रक को भली प्रकार भर लें। उसे भरने हेतु उसके पृष्ठ भाग पर मुद्रित निर्देशों का अध्ययन कर लें।
- (B) The question paper has been divided into three Parts - A, B and C. The number of questions to be attempted and their marks are indicated in each part.
प्रश्न-पत्र अ, ब और स तीन भागों में विभाजित है। प्रत्येक भाग में से किये जाने वाले प्रश्नों की संख्या और उनके अंक उस भाग में अंकित किये गये हैं।
- (C) Attempt answers in **English**.
उत्तर अंग्रेजी भाषा में दीजिये।
- (D) Answers to all the questions of each part should be written continuously in the script and should not be mixed with those of other parts. In the event of candidate writing answers to a question in a part different to the one to which the question belongs, the question shall not be assessed by the examiner.
उत्तर पुस्तिका में प्रत्येक भाग के समस्त प्रश्नों के उत्तर क्रमवार देने चाहिये तथा एक भाग में दूसरे भाग के उत्तर नहीं मिलाने चाहिये। एक भाग में दूसरे भाग के प्रश्न के उत्तर लिखे जाने पर ऐसे प्रश्न को जाँचा नहीं जा सकता है।
- (E) The candidates should not write the answers beyond the limit of words prescribed in parts A, B and C; failing this, marks can be deducted.
अभ्यर्थियों को भाग अ, ब और स में अपने उत्तर निर्धारित शब्दों की सीमा से अधिक नहीं लिखने चाहिये। इसका उल्लंघन करने पर अंक काटे जा सकते हैं।
- (F) **In case the candidate makes any identification mark i.e. Roll No./Name/Telephone No./Mobile No. or any other marking either outside or inside the answer book, it would be treated as resorting to using unfair means. In such a case his candidature shall be rejected for the entire examination by the Commission.**
अभ्यर्थी द्वारा उत्तर पुस्तिका के अंदर अथवा बाहर पहचान चिह्न यथा – रोल नम्बर / नाम / मोबाईल नम्बर / टेलीफोन नम्बर लिखे जाने या अन्य कोई निशान इत्यादि अंकित किये जाने को अनुचित साधन मान जायेगा। आयोग द्वारा ऐसा पाये जाने पर अभ्यर्थी की सम्पूर्ण परीक्षा में अभ्यर्थिता रद्द कर दी जायेगी।



Note : Attempt all questions. Follow the instructions regarding the word limit. Marks for each question are indicated alongside the question.

- 1 Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow, using your own words as far as possible : 10

The Right to Education Act is a landmark legislation created by well-meaning people. It has five features but its great weakness is the total neglect of outcomes. More than half of our children in class V cannot read or do simple arithmetic that is expected of them in Class II. The focus of the law makers, presumably, was to get all children into school. Oddly enough, more than 95% of primary school age children are already in school. The crux of the problem is high dropout rates and this relates to high teacher absence. The Rs. 43,500 crore required by this new law will mostly finance government teacher salaries that are now seven times India's per capita income against the global norm of two. High teacher salaries are good in principle but only if they are accompanied by performance.

To want to close down institutions that generally serve the needs of the poor seems bizarre, ridiculous, and immoral to say the least. Their critics dismiss these schools as being of very poor quality and claim that the poor are being 'duped' by unscrupulous elements'. But what about the poorer quality of government schools?

No democracy can allow tens of thousands of schools to close down. The new law will merely raise the amount of bribe paid to inspectors. This, in turn, will force schools to hike fees, and the burden will fall on the poor parents. Imagine the law that makes people dishonest and harms the poor! Our democracy is a work in progress, and the answer is not to close schools but understand their situation and suitably amend the law. Considering these schools charge such low fees, let us have a graded system of recognition, as we have first and second class tickets in railway trains. Allow these schools the freedom to pay market salaries to teachers and have smaller playgrounds to ensure that their fees remain affordable for the poor. Don't treat them like illegal brothels but see them as heroic examples of people solving their own problems. Make them safe from rapacious inspectors. They are symbols of India's unique economic model of a nation rising despite the state.

- (a) Attempt a precis of the above passage (word limit 100) 10



(b) What, according to the author, is the major weakness in the RTE Act ? 2



- (c) What alternative(s) does the passage suggest instead of closing schools that serve the needs of the poor ? 2

- (d) What is the main argument against the high teacher salaries? 2

- (e) Use the following words/expressions in your own sentences to bring out their meanings clearly: 4

bizarre _____

unscrupulous elements _____

rapacious _____

presumably _____



काल तथा ज्वारभाटा किसी की भी प्रतीक्षा नहीं करते; इस कहावत का शाब्दिक अर्थ अत्यन्त स्पष्ट है । काल का प्रवाह निरन्तर है । इस भाँति प्रबल समुद्री-प्रवाह पर किसी का नियन्त्रण नहीं। इस लोकोक्ति का यही अभिप्राय है कि जब कभी भी अनुकूल अवसर आपके मार्ग आये तो सतर्क तत्परता से उसको झापटो । अवसर सदैव द्रुतगति से भागते हैं तथा एकबार खोने पर पुनः नहीं लौटते । जो कार्य तुम आज कर सकते हो उसे कल तक कदापि नहीं टालो। प्रत्येक क्षण बहुमूल्य है एवं हमें इसका महत्तम उपयोग करना चाहिये । जिस प्रकार हम अपनी सीमित पूंजी का सर्वाधिक लाभ हेतु बुद्धिमत्ता से निवेश करते हैं, समय का अविवेकपूर्ण खर्च धनहानि से कहीं अधिक महंगा साबित हो सकता है ।



Note : Attempt all questions. Marks for each question are indicated alongside the question.

3 Rewrite the following sentences into indirect speech : 3

(a) She said to me "You will not believe me if I tell you the real secret".

(b) Ram said to me "Is that women standing in the corner your wife?"

(c) "Let us read her palm to tell her whether she is going to pass or not" said my friend.

4 Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice : 3

(a) We did not expect him to win.

(b) Something may delay the declaration of our result this year.

(c) Educated people do not generally believe the rumours that anti-social elements spread.



5 Supply the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets :

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(a) She suddenly remembered that she (not lock) the gate that evening.

(b) When the doctor examines you, he will tell you what (be) wrong with you.

(c) We (have) nothing to eat since 8 O' Clock this morning.

(d) When I came in the cat (sleep) in my chair.

(e) Raju already (work) for four hours when I arrived here.

6 Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

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(a) The thief came in _____ the open window.

(b) Nothing he did was actuated _____ fear or greed.

(c) My brother had worked very hard, still he did not get _____ the examination.

(d) The patient died _____ the swine flu.

(e) The teacher spoke _____ you very highly.



7 Rewrite the following sentences correctly choosing the appropriate words given below : 5
amateur, blind alley, meagre, excruciating, versatile.

- (a) Shakespeare was a/an _____ genius.
- (b) The festering wound is giving me _____ pain.
- (c) She is performing so well; she cannot be a/an _____ artist.
- (d) He finds it difficult to maintain his family with his _____ income.
- (e) She has found herself in a/an _____. Can she come out of it?

8 Use each of the following phrases in a sentence of your own so that the meaning of the phrase is clearly brought out : 5

(a) With a pinch of salt

(b) trifle with

(c) in the soup

(d) trafficking in

(e) fall from grace



9 Do as directed :

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- (a) Cut down your expenses. You want to have a big bank balance.
(Combine into one sentence)

- (b) The union has called off the strike. The news is false.
(Combine into one single sentence).

- (c) He was rude to say that.
(Rewrite the sentence starting with 'It'.)

- (d) I expect to see you soon.
(Use 'look forward' in place of 'expect').





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11 Draft a claim letter to an Insurance Company to reimburse the repair expenses of your car damaged in an accident. 10

OR

Draft a report for a National Daily Newspaper suggesting ways and means to make rural India an equal partner in economic growth.

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12 As a Secretary of your local Residents Welfare Association, write to the Municipal Authorities offering to take up the development and maintenance of a neglected and disused public park in the locality.

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