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### General Instructions to the Examinees:

- Candidates must write their roll no. first on the question paper compulsorily.
- All the questions are compulsory.
- Write the answer of each question in the given answer book only.
- For questions having more than one part the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
- Write the serial number of each question before attempting it.

### SECTION-A (READING)

- Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:  
Married life has a significant place in our Indian culture. It is the life of a householder that nurtures and enhances society. The nation gets its future generation owing to this. Hence it is very important that married life is sweet, and pleasant. However, it is seen that there are more bitterness and tension in the relationship owing to incessant quarrels and differences of opinion. Husband and wife get disconnected from each other. The children become orphaned emotionally and the family disintegrates. There are small tips and habits which, when incorporated in daily life, can restore the sweetness of family life and may even lead to a blissful life of togetherness.  $1 \times 8 = 8$   
Each and every person leading a married life has his own individual life. One's habits, interests, way of life and perspective towards life can be temporarily changed, but cannot be modified permanently. This is the main reason for married life to be smooth for some time and unrest crawling in after prolonged periods. This is the very reason why each of them should allocate sufficient time to each other but also do a thorough self-introspection and lead a life of their own choice.  
Being honest in marriage is very important. This is the foundation for faith in the relationship. Honesty in talking, honesty in discharging one's responsibilities, honesty in fulfilling promises and honesty in all interactions is the key to strengthening the relationship and enhancing the personality of both husband and wife. For the couple to understand each other well, it is important that they are able to leave their fears and speak out their minds to each other. They should discuss freely, and even when they are upset with one another, it should be sorted out as soon as possible.  
There may be differences of opinion, but this should never lead to disruption of harmony in mind. There is one habit that is noticed largely in people. They seem to have many complaints against all things in the world. This is primarily because of a facet in their personality which makes them focus on the negative aspects of others rather than looking at the positive ones. If we are prone to this habit, then we should ensure that this is kept under check so that our personality is not perceived as dissatisfied and irritable.

- Why is married life important?
- What is called a kind of bad habit?
- What is the key to strengthening the relationship?
- What can be temporarily changed?
- What is important for society?
- What should never lead to a disruption of harmony in mind?
- Find out a word from the passage which means:
- Communications
- Give out

P.T.O.

2. Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answer 5 × 1 = 5
- Salt, a miraculous gift of nature, is one of the most useful and amazing minerals on the earth derived from the sea and rocks. Do you know that it is the only rock that humans can eat?

Salt has seasoned our history, language and food, besides making nutritious foods more palatable. It is used in all bakery products, prepared foods, sauces, soups, spices, cereals, dairy foods, meats, poultry. It is also an extraordinarily effective food preservative, retarding the growth of spoilage by micro-organisms and making food storage possible long without refrigeration.

How much salt is necessary for human consumption? Medical experts agree that everyone should practise some reasonable 'moderation' in salt consumption. For an average person, a moderate amount might run from 4 to 10 gm a day, or roughly half to one and one-third tablespoons. The equivalent of one to two gm of this salt allowance would come from the natural sodium in food. The rest would be added in processing, preparation or at the table. Common salt, chloride of sodium, is chemically represented by the symbol NaCl. The human body has a continual need for salt. Sodium chloride or the common salt is 39% sodium and 61% chloride. Forming a solution in the body, these two components separate into sodium and chloride ions, each with a different task.

Chloride maintains the balance of water between the living cell and its environment, plays a part in digestion, and pairs with sodium to maintain the blood's acid-base balance, critical for life. Sodium assists in regulating the volume of blood and blood pressure. It facilitates the transmission of nerve impulses and is necessary for heart and muscle contractions.

Although the popular conception is that salt is a flavour enhancer, a recent American study suggests that it functions as a flavour filter on food, selectively enhancing and suppressing various tastes. Other studies show that the use of salt suppresses the bitter taste of dark green vegetables like bitter melon.

Salt's functions in the body are already elucidated. Deficiency signs include lethargy, dizziness, cramps and palpitation. In women, excessive-salt intake promotes fluid retardation and can cause breast pain. But what the good salt can do, in the right dose, is unequalled. Snorers should try spraying their nose with salt water to make it easier to breathe.

- Salt is derived from the \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
(A) Sea (B) mountains (C) plains (D) Sea & rocks
- Food storage for long time without refrigeration is possible with the help of \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
(A) neem (B) sugar (C) spices (D) salt
- An average person should take salt \_\_\_\_\_ a day 1  
(A) 3 to 6 gm (B) 4 to 10 gm (C) 7 to 15 gm (D) 15 to 20 gm
- Common salt has a mixture of \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
(A) 38% of sodium & 60% of chloride  
(B) 40% of sodium & 75% of chloride  
(C) 39% of sodium & 61% of chloride  
(D) 37% of sodium & 63% of chloride
- Choose the opposite of "made or caused by human beings": \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) natural (B) unnatural (C) naturalize (D) nutrify

#### SECTION-B (WRITING)

3. You are Amitabh, the Games Secretary of Govt. Senior Secondary School, Dholapur. You are going to select a school cricket team to take part in the district level tournament. Draft a notice for the school noticeboard inviting students for selection as players & informing them about the match.

OR

Your parents & you are in search of a suitable match for your elder brother. Write an advertisement to be published in the matrimonial columns of a newspaper.



4. You are Monika/Mukul, reporter of The Indian Express. Draft a report on  
 Assembly Election which is going to be held in your city  
 Legislative Assembly election \_\_\_\_\_ model code of conduct \_\_\_\_\_ Election  
 Commission \_\_\_\_\_ election campaigns \_\_\_\_\_ posters & banners \_\_\_\_\_  
 candidates \_\_\_\_\_ door-to-door contact \_\_\_\_\_ polling day \_\_\_\_\_ voters.

OR

Write a paragraph in about 100 words based on given clues on "No Bag Day"  
 No Bag Day \_\_\_\_\_ saturday \_\_\_\_\_ activity \_\_\_\_\_ games \_\_\_\_\_ debate  
 culture \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ benefits \_\_\_\_\_ need \_\_\_\_\_

5. You are Neelam/Nikhil, principal of Mahatma Gandhi Govt. School, Alwar. A  
 district level games tournament is going to be held in your school. Write a  
 letter to Laxmi Mittal Trading Co. Pvt. Ltd. regarding supply of sports articles  
 for the tournament.

OR

You are Jyoti/Nawaj living in Jaipur. Write a job application for the post of  
 Post Graduate Teacher in English, to the Chairman, Swami Vivekananda Sr.  
 Sec. School, Jaipur. Also give your detailed resume to be sent along with the  
 letter.

## SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

6. Join the following sentences using the connectives given in the brackets :

2 × 1 = 2  
 (i) The boy was happy. He had found his lost book. (when) 1

(ii) The children began to cry. Their books were lost. (whose) 1

Join each set of sentences into one sentence as directed. 2 × 1 = 2

(i) Raghu is ~~very~~ honest. He cannot accept a bribe. (use "too ... to") 1

(ii) Dipeeka is an actress. She is a singer too. (use "both ... and") 1

8. Fill in the blanks by choosing correct words given in the brackets:

(i) Prachi is \_\_\_\_\_ poor that she cannot purchase a house. (so/too) 1

(ii) You should ~~either~~ pay a higher rent. ~~or~~ Should vacate the  
 house. (either \_\_\_\_\_ or/so \_\_\_\_\_ that) 1

9. Fill in the blanks with correct phrasal verb given in the bracket.

(i) A soldier must ~~carry~~ the orders of his officer. (carry) 1

(ii) Board of Secondary Education has \_\_\_\_\_ it journal recently. (Bring) 1

SECTION-D  
(TEXTBOOK)

10. Read the following passage carefully & answer the questions that follow :  
 Several days later, Gandhi received a written communication from the  
 magistrate informing him that the Lieutenant-Governor of the province had  
 ordered the case to be dropped. Civil disobedience had triumphed, the first  
 time in modern India. 5 × 1 = 5

Gandhi and the lawyers now proceeded to conduct a far-flung inquiry into  
 the grievances of the farmers. Depositions by about ten thousand peasants  
 were written down, and notes made on other evidence. Documents were  
 collected. The whole area throbbed with the activity of the investigators and  
 the vehement protests of the landlords.

In June, Gandhi was summoned to Sir Edward Gait, the Lieutenant-Governor.  
 Before he went he met leading associates and again laid detailed plans for  
 civil disobedience if he should not return.

Gandhi had four protracted interviews with the Lieutenant-Governor who,  
 as a result, appointed an official commission of inquiry into the indigo  
 sharecroppers' situation. The commission consisted of landlords, government  
 officials, and Gandhi as the sole representative of the peasants.

- (i) Who ordered the case to be dropped? 1  
 (ii) What did Gandhi do before he went? 1  
 (iii) How many interviews did Gandhi have with the Lieutenant-Governor? 1  
 (iv) What did the commission consist of? 1  
 (v) Find out the word from the passage which means "violent". 1

(4)

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Answer the following questions in about 60 words what form does the  
 workers in the bangle industry of Florence in poverty?  
 (Last spring) 2

OR

Write the character of Miss Edie.

(The Nettrap)

Answer the following questions in about 20-25 words

(i) What changes did the order from Berlin make in school that day?  
 (The Last lesson) 2

(ii) What is the "misadventure" that William Douglas speak about?  
 (Deep Water) 2

Describe the following stanza with reference to context

A flash of beauty is a joy forever  
 Its loveliness increases, it will never  
 Pass into nothingness, but will keep  
 A bower quiet for us, and a sleep  
 Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing

(R)

It would be an exotic moment  
 without rush, without engines,  
 we would all be together  
 in a sudden strangeness.

Answer the following question in about 60 words

Write a brief summary of the poem "Keeping Quiet" in your own words  
 (R)

Elaborate on the theme of the poem "Ann Lenoir's Tigers"

Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words

(i) Why has the model of the computer been called "the winter's moon"?  
 (My mother at sixty years)

(ii) What was the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand?  
 (A Road side Stand)

Answer the following question in about 60 words

Give a character of Dr. Sadao

OR

Describe the scene at the third level

Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words

(i) What was the reason that the Tiger King had come very close to losing  
 his throne?

(ii) How is Antarctica the perfect place to study environmental changes?

Choose the correct alternative :

(i) Zuhair Sa-bid herself in a dark room because she did not want to

(A) wear short clothes

(B) eat on chair table

(C) drink alcohol

(D) get her hair cut

(ii) Mr Lamb had lost one of his legs in a:

(A) train accident

(B) bus accident

(C) car accident

(D) bomb explosion

(iii) Yumi was the name of:

(A) American soldier

(B) Gardener at Sadao's house

(C) Maid servant at Sadao's house

(D) Messenger

(iv) "Students on Ice" programme was headed by

(A) Alexander Flemming

(B) Geoff Green

(C) Elbright

(D) Johnson

(v) From where did diwan manage an old tiger?

(A) People's park, Madras

(B) Tiger's Park, Madras

(C) Tiger Reserve, Madras

(D) Kuno National Park

(vi) According to Sam's letter, the people were singing the following song

(A) The happy life

(B) World beyond stars

(C) Seeing Nolly home

(D) Mysterious life



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