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ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

Answer all questions

Examinees are required to write their answers in their own words as far as practicable

Questions requiring short answers must be answered serially

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(Turn Over)

1. Developing the outlines given below, write an essay, in about 250 words, on any *one* of the following : 10

(a) A Fair You Have Visited

When and where the fair was held—
arrangements—kinds of articles brought
for sale—crowd—entertainment prog-
ramme—sanitary arrangement—food—
conclusion

(b) Energy Crisis

Introduction—low stock of conven-
tional energy—alternative sources—
solar energy—wind energy—preserva-
tion of energy—conclusion

2. Rewrite the following passage, correcting all *ten* grammatical errors in it : 1×10=10

Everyone complain of young people's inability to write clearly but effectively. Employers complain that the young men

and women who pass away of schools and colleges could not write properly. Teachers complain that students who came from high schools or middle schools are poorly prepared. We shouldn't forget that the students themselves are fully aware to their inadequacies. Many explanations could be offered for this state of affairs : lack of time for instruction in writing, the overcrowding of schools, admitting students in poor backgrounds etc. Granting the effects of all these in making our problem harder, we may still believe that our failure to teach students to communicate well is in large part the failure in our teaching.

3. Read the following extracts from the prescribed text and answer the questions that follow :

(a) Being a good team player implies respect for others, tolerance of different points of view and willingness to give. The ability to resolve conflicts

without either egotism or sycophancy is a very important aspect of being a team player : You have to agree to disagree. I find that people in India somehow tend to focus on achieving total agreement, which is almost always impossible. So before work begins people want everyone to agree on everything; instead they should say, "OK". This is what we agree on, so let's start working on this. What we don't agree on, we will resolve as we go along. For things to move forward, it's important to work on the agreed-upon aspects and not get bogged down in

the areas of disagreement. Yet another snake that kills teamwork is people's political agendas. You've got to be open, clear and honest to be a good team player. Most people have a hidden agenda—they say something but mean the exact opposite. I call it 'split-level consciousness'. To say and mean the same thing is a very critical part of a good work ethic.

Questions :

(i) What are the qualities of a good team player?

(ii) What is a very important aspect of a person to become a team player?

(iii) On what do the Indians focus?

(iv) What should be done to move things forward?

(v) What does the author mean by a 'hidden agenda'? 2×5=10

(b) He rode now as he never rode,
By rocky lane and fen;
The sick man's wife opened the door :
"Father! you come again!"

"And is the poor man dead?" he cried.

"He died an hour ago."

The old priest Peter Gilligan,

In grief swayed to and fro.

“When you were gone, he turned and died
As merry as a bird.”

The old priest Peter Gilligan,
He knelt him at that word.

“He who hath made the night of stars
For souls who tire and bleed,
Sent one of His great angels down
To help me in my need.

“He who is wrapped in purple robes,
With planets in His care,
Had pity on the least of things
Asleep upon a chair.”

Questions :

- (i) What does the expression “He rode now as he never rode” mean?
- (ii) Why did the sick man’s wife say, “Father! you come again!”?
- (iii) Why did the priest Peter Gilligan sway to and fro in grief?

(iv) Why did Peter Gilligan kneel himself at the word of the sick man's wife?

(v) What were Peter Gilligan's words of gratitude to God? 2×5=10

4. Read the following extract from the prescribed text and answer the questions that follow, in about 70 words each :

I dropped out of Reed College after the first 6 months, but then stayed around as a drop-in for another 18 months or so before I really quit. So why did I drop out?

It started before I was born. My biological mother was a young, unwed college graduate student, and she decided to put me up for adoption. She felt very strongly that I should be adopted by college graduates, so everything was all set for me to be adopted at birth by a lawyer and his wife. Except that when I popped out they decided at the last minute that they really wanted a girl. So my parents, who were on a waiting list, got a call in the middle of the night asking : "We have an unexpected

baby boy; do you want him?" They said, "Of course". My biological mother later found out that my mother had never graduated from college and that my father had never graduated from high school. She refused to sign the final adoption papers. She only relented a few months later when my parents promised that I would someday go to college.

And 17 years later I did go to college. But, I naively chose a college that was almost as expensive as Stanford, and all of my working-class parents' savings were being spent on my college tuition. After six months, I couldn't see the value in it. I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life and no idea how college was going to help me figure it out. And here I was spending all of the money my parents had saved their entire life. So I decided to drop out and trust that it would all work out OK. It was pretty scary at the time, but looking back it was one of the best decisions I ever made. The minute I dropped out, I could

stop taking the required classes that didn't interest me, and begin dropping in on the ones that looked interesting.

Questions :

- (a) What does the narrator say about his biological mother?
- (b) Why did the narrator decide to drop out from college? 5×2=10

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

Kalpana Chawla, India's first woman astronaut to go into space, was born in 1961 in Karnal to Banarasi Lal Chawla and Sanjyoti. Youngest in a family of four children, Kalpana had two sisters and a brother. Her father's people had come to India from Pakistan during the riots following the Partition. They carried with them nothing more valuable than their optimism and resourcefulness. The family was economically comfortable by the time Montu—as Kalpana was fondly called at

home—was born. Yet she, as well as her brother and sisters grew up with the remarkable hard work and perseverance that had got the family where it was. Speaking to a famous magazine before the launch of the Columbia in 2003, Kalpana said about her early years as a member of the Chawla family : “You couldn’t lose by working hard, and everyone seemed to follow the rule. It helped instil the notion that no matter what the circumstances, you can indeed follow your dreams”. It is thus easy to understand how the grit and determination, so characteristic of the family, left a deep and lasting impression on young Kalpana.

Questions :

- (a) Who were the parents of Kalpana Chawla?

- (b) Which things did the Chawlas carry with them while coming to India following the Partition?

(c) What was the financial condition of the Chawla family when Kalpana was born?

(d) What did Kalpana say to a famous magazine about her early years?

(e) Which virtues of the Chawla family left a deep impression on young Kalpana? 2×5=10

6. (a) Find the words/expressions from the passage in Q. No. 5, which have the following meanings : 1×3=3

(i) Person who travels in a spacecraft

(ii) Confidence in success

(iii) Continued steady effort to achieve an aim

(b) Use the following expressions in sentences of your own : 1×2=2

(i) Go into

(ii) By the time

7. The table below shows the number of books of different categories available in the library of your institute during the last two decades. Interpreting the data, write a paragraph, in about 70 words, making a comparative study of the books available :

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<i>Category of books</i>	<i>Years 2000-2009</i>	<i>Years 2010-2019</i>
Textbooks	1350	3075
Reference books	2035	4317
Religious books	347	895
Fictions	4375	9071
Miscellaneous books	1268	5328

8. Given below are five meanings of the word 'charge'. The meanings are followed by five sentences in which the word has been used. Match each meaning with its corresponding sentence :

1×5=5

Meanings :

- (a) A formal accuse
(b) Prices asked for goods

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(Continued)

- (c) Responsible possession
- (d) Responsibility
- (e) Rush forward and attack

Sentences :

- (i) His charges are very much reasonable.
- (ii) The outgoing Principal handed over charge to the new incumbent.
- (iii) He was arrested on a charge of murder.
- (iv) He assumed full charge of the firm in his father's absence.
- (v) A group of boys charged at the enemy.

9. As a news correspondent, you have visited a flood-ravaged area in your district. Write a report, in about 200 words, on your observation for publication in the newspaper you represent.

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Or

Assuming that you are the Secretary of an NGO working for the under-privileged children, write a report, in about 200 words, on the activities of your organization for submission to the District Collector.

- 10.** Make outline notes on the main ideas in the passage given below :

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Wealth generally means a thing that has some money value. It means everything that is regarded as valuable and good. In this sense, health is considered to be the most precious wealth. The life of a man broken in health is a burden to him. He finds no interest and no joy in life. He may have immense riches, but they don't bring him any happiness. Physical suffering brought on by ill health leaves him in no mood to enjoy beautiful sights and sounds. A poor but healthy man relishes his food and derives benefit from it. His movements are brisk; he is active and he can work hard.

It is the duty of all to take care of this precious treasure—their health. There are certain general means to preserve it. The most important of them is physical exercise. It keeps the body and the brain in proper working condition. The next thing necessary for sound health is proper food. This does not mean that the food should be rich and expensive. Such food is rather injurious to health. Good health requires that we should take only such food which we can easily digest to keep ourselves fit. Another thing necessary for good health is regular habits. We should not go to extremes in anything, whether in eating or in taking physical exercise. One should remember that too much of anything is bad.

- 11. Summarize the passage in Q. No. 10, developing the notes you have made.**

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