



SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TIME: 2 hrs

MM: 125

Instructions:

1. Read all the questions thoroughly before answering.
2. Use blue / black ball pen to answer the questions.
3. The question paper can be retained by the candidates post examination.
4. The question paper comprises three sections.

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| (a) | Reading Section | - 25 Marks |
| (b) | Writing Section | - 60 Marks |
| (c) | Grammar | - 40 Marks |

SECTION A – READING (25 MARKS)

Q.1 Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

[15 Marks]

It does not sound appropriate for anybody to use the profession they belong to as the most important thing on earth to define who they are or what they are. Of course, one must be proud of one's profession, but to consider a particular profession to be head and shoulders above others is definitely preposterous. Indeed every profession is equally important; however it is the nature of time and space that attaches more importance to a particular profession. For instance, when we think of giving our children, the best education possible, teachers are very important; when we fall ill, doctors are very important; when we think of the security of the nation, people in uniform - the army, the navy, the air force and the police - are very important; and when we watched the football world cup, many of us wished we were footballers.

It is not the profession that makes us great; it is we that make our profession great. If a patient dies in a hospital due to the carelessness of a doctor, the society won't feel great about his/her profession; or, if a scientist starts about developing a deadly virus to destroy mankind, people of his profession might be seen by the world as viruses.

On the contrary, when we think of Anand Kumar's Super 30 programme that has sent many underprivileged students to IITs, the profession of teaching is seen as something second to none; when we think of how Captain Vikram Batra and Captain Manoj Kumar Pandey laid down their lives for the country, we have the highest respect for those who protect the nation; cricket has almost become a religion in India because of people like Kapil Dev, Sunil Gawaskar, Sachin Tendulkar, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, etc; and during the pandemic, the world put the healthcare professionals on the pedestal because they risked their lives to save millions of covid patients around the globe.

Young boys and girls who have started to go to school must know that they should have big dreams and they must pull out all the stops to achieve their dreams. However, if they do not become responsible and productive citizens of their country after they have achieved their dreams, they cannot be considered assets of the society.

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| (a) | How do we make our profession great? Give an example. | [03] |
| (b) | Can any profession be considered the best? Why? | [03] |
| (c) | What advice is being given to the young students by the passage? | [02] |
| (d) | How do we make our profession look bad? Give an example. | [02] |
| (e) | Find the words from the passage which mean the following: | [03] |
| | (i) Ridiculous (ii) Wealth (iii) Deprived | |
| (f) | Find the phrases from the passage which mean the following: | [02] |
| | (i) To be a lot better than others (ii) Make a lot of effort | |

Q.2 Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow:

[10 Marks]

I have taken a road
I have travelled some distance
The ride has been bumpy
Should I go ahead or not?
Should I blame myself for the road I have taken?
No, I used to love it
Though the reality is a little harsher.
Should my family be blamed for the road I have taken?
No, they thought this is
Where I would travel fastest
They say the other roads
Though appear smoother and greener
Have their own puddles.
It's done with a design.
Each road is a life
And is not a bed of roses
Believe that your road is the best
And always look forward to the best.

- (a) Give a suitable title to the poem. [1]
(b) Why does the poet feel hesitant to go ahead? [1]
(c) Why won't the poet blame his family? [1]
(d) Why won't the poet blame himself? [1]
(e) What is the message given by the poem? [2]
(f) Name the literary devices used in the poem. Explain with examples. [2]
(g) Find the words from the poem which mean the opposite of the following [2]
(i) Bumpy
(ii) Disbelief

SECTION B – WRITING (60 MARKS)

Q.3 You are Manisha, a resident of South Delhi. Write a letter to the editor of The Times of India telling him/her how every resident of Delhi could contribute to creating a healthy environment in the city in 175 words. [10 Marks]

Q.4 Write an article on "The Impact of ChatGPT on Education" in about 175 words. [10 Marks]

Q.5 Write a paragraph each on any two of the following topics in about 75 words. [05 x 2 =10 Marks]

- (a) Child is the father of man.
(b) One swallow does not make a summer.
(c) A rotten apple spoils the barrel.

Q.6 Look at the picture given below and write a story in about 175 words. [10 Marks]



Q.7 Write a descriptive paragraph about your favourite video game and why you like it. [20 Marks]

Instructions: In this question, you are required to write a descriptive paragraph about a video game you enjoy playing. Your paragraph should be at least 350-400 words long and should describe the video game in detail. Make sure to use vivid and descriptive language to bring the experience to life for the reader. You will be assessed on your ability to organize your thoughts, use appropriate vocabulary and grammar, and create a clear and engaging piece of writing.

SECTION C – GRAMMAR (40 MARKS)

Q.8 Identify the parts of speech of the words underlined in the following [1 x 4 =4 Marks]

- (a) Though he was angry, he remained calm.
- (b) I have never met a miserly person like him.
- (c) Each of you will be rewarded.
- (d) Each boy will be given a pen.

Q.9 Re-write the following using correct tenses. [1.5 x 4 =6 Marks]

- (a) I have taken breakfast two seconds ago.
- (b) The Prime Minister will leave for London tomorrow.
- (c) He came to my house after I had my lunch.
- (d) She came to my house while I read a novel.

Q.10 Transform the following sentences by making use of the instructions given within brackets: [1 x 10 =10 Marks]

- (a) Lionel Messi is the best footballer in the world. (negative sentence)
- (b) We do not know where the girl lives. (simple sentence)
- (c) Despite his poverty, he continued to have big dreams. (compound sentence)
- (d) Mahender Singh Dhoni is admired by everyone. (interrogative sentence)
- (e) The fearless soldier was able to kill five terrorists single-handedly.(complex sentence)
- (f) As soon as we reached the stadium, the coach shouted at us. (negative sentence)
- (g) The chef cooked the meal. (passive voice)
- (h) Raju said that he had completed the assignment the previous day. (direct speech)
- (i) Why did your sister not like the car? (passive voice)
- (j) Meena said to Tina, "Let's go to the theatre tomorrow." (Indirect speech)

Q.11 Write the idioms or phrases which mean the following: [1 x 5 =5 Marks]

- (a) To be excited or nervous
- (b) Quickly or very fast
- (c) To avoid or shy away from danger
- (d) To do something to get the attention of others
- (e) Of a feeling being felt by everyone.

Q.12 Write one word each for the following expressions: [1 x 5=5 Marks]

- (a) Study of handwriting
- (b) Fear of books
- (c) A place for keeping bees
- (d) A person who helps a golfer
- (e) A figure of speech which consists in saying something which is just the opposite of what is intended.

Q.13 Identify the underlined grammatical particles in the following sentences.

[1 x 5=5 Marks]

- (a) This car is mine.
- (b) This is my car.
- (c) The door was left open.
- (d) The cake was eaten by them.
- (e) What is your name?

Q.14 The following words have two or more meanings. Give two different meanings for each of the word and frame sentences using them.

[1 x 5=5 Marks]

- (a) Match
- (b) Watch
- (c) Ring
- (d) Point
- (e) Bear

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