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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper - I

Time allowed : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 200

- Note :** (i) All Questions are compulsory.
(ii) Marks allotted to each question are indicated at its end.
(iii) The parts of the same question must be answered together.
(iv) In letter writing don't write your name, address or roll number. If necessary candidates can write x, y, z.

1. (A) Make sentences of any five of the following words : 5 × 1
Bail; Court; Arrest; Contract; Adopt; Verdict; Will; Case.
- (B) Give the meanings of any five of the following phrases : 5 × 1
Rain cats and dogs; An Iron hand; Give up; To get rid of; To turn one's coat; To come to light; To fall out; To give way.
- (C) Give one synonym each for any five of the following words : 5 × 1
Sombre; Alert; Redeem; Abundant; Diligent; Power; Faith; Unhappy.
- (D) Give the antonyms of any five of the following words : 5 × 1
Alien; Confess; Absolute; Valuable; Sensitive; Chronic; Letting; Adversity.
2. Write an essay of about 750 words on any one of the following topics : 40
- (i) Importance of English in education.
(ii) Justice delayed is justice denied.
(iii) Social networking and youth.
(iv) Female foeticide: An evil

3. Make a précis of the following paragraph in about 150 words and provide a suitable title to it :

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According to the research findings of a team of American Scientists published recently, the sea-waves contain as much energy as the world is consuming at present. The Scientists have found that through the application of two major devices called land-based systems and offshore devices, this source of energy can provide huge amount of electricity, causing no pollution.

Land based systems include tapered channels and fixed Oscillation Water Column (OWC) devices whereas offshore devices include floating OWC devices, buoys, etc. Through these devices, the mechanical energy of the ocean waves is absorbed and converted into electrical energy. The wave power potential depends on numerous factors such as the device's capability to harness long wavelengths, duration of waves and depth of water when the waves arrive.

Compared to conventional power stations which require greater space and are difficult to maintain in critical situations, wave power devices are highly modular, cost effective and easier to upgrade. As the recent findings suggest, sea-wave energy has much greater potential to be used for electricity generation than the hitherto known sources of renewable energy. Moreover, most of the renewable energy systems require hundreds of square acres of useful land for their installation. But in case of wave energy devices, space-crunch can never be a serious problem.

The most popular of renewable energy sources are hydro-electricity and wind energy. The hydro-electricity involves negative intervention into the ecology of the project sites. Human colonies have to be displaced, trees have to be felled and an irreparable loss to the river fauna has to be calculated. Taking into consideration the aforesaid factors, the hydro projects have become time consuming and costly. Some of the projects if not monitored properly, can cause terrible natural disasters like floods and landslides. The hydro projects, albeit termed as sources of green energy, also suffer from the scarcity of water during the lean seasons. The wind energy, on the other hand, is not very cost effective. The blades needed for the wings of the windmills are monstrously heavy and large. Such fans can easily be installed in areas lying on the sea. However, in the hills where the velocity of wind is fiercest the wind stations and fans incur a very heavy cost and thus become financially non-viable. The second irritant in the enterprise is the transmission technology. Mammoth expenditure will have to be made on drawing such transmission lines in the mountains.

The third and easy option of renewable energy is the solar energy. The experiment has been very successful in Gujarat and several adjoining states. There is a large scope for generation of solar energy on the mountain slopes where the sun rays fall straight and diagonally. Solar energy has already become popular and reliable all through the country. Only a sizeable investment in the sector is awaited.

4. (A) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets : 5 × 1

- (i) When the principal entered the class a student _____ on the black-board.
(write)
- (ii) We hope that papa _____ soon. (come)
- (iii) A vegetarian is a person who _____ meat. (eat)
- (iv) When the doctor arrived, the patient _____. (die)
- (v) We _____ to the theatre last night. (go)

(B) Change the voice of the following sentences : 5 × 1

- (i) He wrote a letter.
- (ii) Who broke the glass ?
- (iii) Open the door.
- (iv) The students must respect their teachers.
- (v) Dr. Arushi won the first prize.

(C) Change the following into indirect speech : 5 × 1

- (i) She said to me, "Do you think it will rain" ?
- (ii) The teacher said, "Make less noise."
- (iii) He said to me, "Please give me your pen."
- (iv) He will tell you, "I am very tired."
- (v) Gopal said to me, "I saw you yesterday."

(D) Change the sentences as directed : 5 × 1

- (i) He confessed his crime. (Complex Sentence)
- (ii) In his boyhood Lincoln did not go to school. (Complex Sentence)
- (iii) He worked hard that he might pass the examination. (Simple Sentence)
- (iv) In absence of the cat, the mice will play. (Complex Sentence)
- (v) In spite of his popularity he cannot be called a great writer. (Compound Sentence)

(E) Correct the following sentences wherever necessary : 5 × 1

- (i) I like to eat fruits after meals.
- (ii) Both the brothers love one another.
- (iii) These kinds of oranges are bitter.
- (iv) Lion is the king of forests.
- (v) Each of the student should do their best.

(F) Insert into the blanks the appropriate Relative Pronouns : 5 × 1

- (i) I told you about the woman _____ lives the next door.
- (ii) Do you see the cat _____ is lying on the roof ?
- (iii) I was invited by the professor _____ I met at the conference.
- (iv) She does not like the table _____ stands in the kitchen.
- (v) Do you know the boy _____ mother is a nurse ?

(G) Change the following sentences by making use of infinitives : 5 × 1

- (i) Cooking is an art.
- (ii) Seeing is believing.
- (iii) Please continue working.
- (iv) She loves making dolls.
- (v) Reading Gita has become my habit.

(H) Change the following sentences by using gerunds in place of the infinitives : 5 × 1

- (i) To play cards is his hobby.
- (ii) How to dance, is not easy to me.
- (iii) To make excuses is your expertise.
- (iv) To come home late at night is a bad habit.
- (v) I know how to earn money.

- (I) Supply appropriate prepositions into the blank spaces : 5 × 1
- (i) The work must be finished _____ the end of the week.
 - (ii) He stopped working _____ sunset.
 - (iii) The train leaves _____ 2:30 P.M.
 - (iv) The two parties consented _____ living together.
 - (v) My daughter is fond _____ sweets.

- (J) Fill in the blanks with correct word out of the choices given within brackets : 5 × 1
- (i) If I _____ you, I would forgive him. (were/was)
 - (ii) If it rains, he _____ not come. (will/would)
 - (iii) If you boil water, it _____ into vapour. (turn/will turn)
 - (iv) If you are waiting for a taxi you _____ better go. (should/would have)
 - (v) If she _____ me I would have attended the function. (invited/had invited)

5. Translate the following passage into Hindi. 20

People should keep before them the ideal of simple living and high thinking . Only high thoughts can take us towards progress. We have to work hard for the fulfilment of high thoughts. Those who cannot work hard, cannot succeed in life. Hard work, simple living and high thoughts have a lot of importance in man's life. Those who do not realize this truth remain miserable all through their lives. Man's real happiness lies in satisfaction. The man who lives dissatisfied becomes a slave to his desires. The man who performs his duty always lives peacefully. It is necessary for mental peace that man's life should be simple and his thoughts be pure.

The antithesis of "simple living and high thinking" is consumerism which provokes the buyers to collect maximum number of commodities to facilitate their comforts. Production of every commodity demands supply of energy and raw materials. The demand, in turn, leads to exploitation of natural resources and emission of gases which have depleted and damaged the ozone layer slowly. With such depletions taking place in natural resources, the ecology of the earth will be disturbed and it will no longer remain an ideal habitat for living beings. Thus we can see the end of the chain reaction caused by human dissatisfaction and the hunger for ever new comforts.

Our Indian philosophy which inspired Mahatma Gandhi to embrace a life of simplicity and austerity can teach us to conduct our lives in such a manner that rather than confronting nature aggressively we may learn to live with nature. The spirit of cooperation, indeed, is the hallmark of meaningful existence.

6. (A) Write a letter to the S.D.O. (Electricity) of your area complaining about the frequent breakdown of electric power supply. 15

OR

Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper stressing the need for introducing moral education in schools.

- (B) Write a letter to an employee working under you, asking him why disciplinary action should not be taken against him for being disobedient to his superiors. 15

OR

Write a notice to the students of a college banning the use of mobile phones within the college campus.

7. Make a summary of the following passage in about 150 words : 20

A hundred years ago, there was much less specialisation in work than there is today. One furniture maker would make the whole of a table-indeed, perhaps, all the furniture needed to furnish a house and he worked in a simple workshop, probably entirely with hand tools. The furniture he made was very good and very beautiful, but it would take him a long time to make it. The output of one man was by modern standards small, and the cost of the furniture relatively high. Only the fairly wealthy could afford a great deal. Most modern furniture is made in factories with the aid of machinery. So nowadays a man working in a furniture factory will, perhaps, spend his day minding one machine which carries out one process only in the making of table legs. A great number of men will be taking part in the various processes which go to making the table, and by this division of labour a great many table will be made in a comparatively short time. A good workman, however, should understand all the processes which go to make the table, even though, he himself actually does only one of them. In the making of more complicated things, such as cars or elaborate pieces of electrical machinery, even this is not possible. It is very likely even that all the processes do not go in the same factory.

In modern life, therefore, everyone depends on everyone else's work, as well as on his own. The danger of this is that each person easily gets to think that his own particular contribution is of no importance, and that it can't matter very much whether he does his particular job well or badly. In the days when one person, or even two or three persons, carried through the whole of a piece of work – say, making a wagon, it was easy to tell who was responsible if the wagon was badly made, or who should get credit if it was well or quickly made. But when one individual's sole contribution to the making of an engine is tightening one bolt as the part passes by him on a conveyor, it is not easy for him to feel a sense of responsibility for the success of the engine as a whole.

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