

**I/LM/R-EXAM
2020**

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GENERAL ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours]

[Full Marks : 100

Notes : (i) Answer **all** the questions.

(ii) The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.

(iii) Answer short questions in **full sentences**.

1. Write an essay in about 400 words on any *one* of the topics given below : 25
- (a) India's position in the international sports scenario
- (b) Women's participation in the economic development of Arunachal Pradesh
- (c) Contemporary cinema and social reality

2. Write a précis of the given passage and add a suitable title to it : 13+2=15

Material success and peace of mind rarely go together. If a person succeeds on one front, he or she must lag behind in the other. With the emphasis on material success in our times, a person's worth has come to be counted on how much materially that person is successful. People notice only the material success and riches that one has gathered and not the intellectual and spiritual ability to be at peace with oneself and with the society. As a matter of fact, it is the society itself that puts too much pressure on the individual to succeed in terms of wealth and money. The result is that people are losing much of the humanism and sensitivity they had earlier and are turning into mere money-spinning machines.

The earlier bonds of friendship, familial ties, fellow-feeling and sympathy for fellow beings are gradually decreasing. People are becoming infected with the modern disease of sick hurry and unfinished goals. They float in search of more and more material gratification but mostly end up dissatisfied. The success of someone whom they know goads them into getting the same things and they unite their days and nights in an effort to achieve the desired material goal, little realizing that in the process they are entering into a rat race that knows no end. At the advanced stage, big houses, expensive cars, costly jewels and dining out in style do not fulfill the craving within and with every passing day people are becoming victims of several physical and psychological diseases. It would not be a surprise if many of us would be left alone in our mature years, with no one to talk to or share our feelings with. Indeed, pathetic would be the day if humanity were to lose those values that make us humans.

3. You have noticed that recently there has been an alarming rise in the number of stray dogs in your town. Draft a letter to the Municipal Chairperson of your town with a request to take steps for curbing the menace created by stray dogs. 15

4. Write a paragraph in about 100 words on any one of the following topics : 10
- (a) A rolling stone gathers no moss
 - (b) Sweet are the uses of adversity
 - (c) Action speaks louder than words

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

Thousands of years before the advent of man on earth, the planet was covered with plants and forests of various species. As is usual in nature, different natural phenomenon and disaster kept on occurring and the layers of the earth were churned many times. Earthquakes, floods and other turbulent activities rolled down large areas of forests which went either under the water or under the ground. The plants that were buried by tectonic movements and other natural occurrences were soon buried by layers and layers of soil, mud and dust. In due course of time, heat and pressure turned these deep-buried plants and animals into fossils. As time passed, the large areas of forests that were buried deep underground turned into fossil fuels, which we term as petroleum.

As human beings developed and science advanced, methods were devised to extract these treasures from the bowels of the earth and use them for different purposes. Today, from the fuel that we burn in our vehicles to the commonplace, Vaseline that we use are all derived from petroleum products. With the rise of population and the development of industries, more and more of such products were needed and the race started among nations to extract the maximum amount of viable petroleum products for their benefit. In fact, petroleum became one of the major empowering tools for nations that were affluent in its supply.

Such race for the extraction and exploitation of natural resources built through thousands of years soon had its dangers made visible to mankind. Mankind has realized that at present it has reached the threshold in the extraction of such treasure and the time is not very far away when it will be exhausted and all progress in human civilization will come to a standstill. Pollution also arose like a demon threatening the existence of biotic component of the environment. Therefore, today the world is devising possible methods for the utilization of alternative sources for the generation of energy—sources that are inexhaustible and non-polluting. The hope for a better tomorrow lies in the proper utilization of renewable sources of energy.

- (a) What are the forces that have contributed to the making of fossil fuels? 3
- (b) Why does the author say that most of our activities are dependent on petroleum products? 3
- (c) What led to the pressure for extracting crude petroleum products? 2
- (d) What are the threats mentioned by the author regarding the over-use of petroleum products? 3
- (e) What is the possible way-out of the future crisis of energy? 2
- (f) Suggest a suitable title for the passage. 2

6. Rewrite the following sentences correctly (any five) :

2×5=10

- (a) The climate is pleasant today.
- (b) He is a judicial person.
- (c) I want the length of my coat altered.
- (d) Bread and butter are my usual breakfast.
- (e) The child does not want to eat vegetable.
- (f) As she was trying to pluck the rose, the thorn pinched her finger.

7. Rewrite the following sentences as directed (any five) :

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- (a) The doctor arrived late. (Turn into negative without changing the meaning)
- (b) He is impatient. He is angry. (Combine into a single sentence)
- (c) The team played well. (Ask a question to get the given sentence as an answer)
- (d) The soldiers were surrounded by the enemy on all sides. (Change the voice of the sentence)
- (e) The instructor asked her trainees to listen to her carefully. (Change the form of narration)
- (f) Peter is the highest paid employee of this organization. (Rewrite the sentence using the positive degree of comparison)