

**F/I/R/M EXAMS  
2020**

**GENERAL ENGLISH**

Time : 3 hours ]

[ Full Marks : 100

- Notes :** (i) Read the instructions carefully and follow them.  
(ii) Write legibly and in your own words as far as possible.  
(iii) The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics in about 300 words : 20
- (a) Prospects of Eco-tourism in North East India  
(b) Changing family values in modern days  
(c) Changing climate conditions and the role of NGOs
2. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper asking him/her to start a column on health tips for the benefit of the general public. 15

Or

Write a letter to the Sanitary Inspector of your locality asking him to arrange for the timely disposal of garbage from the market area.

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

Commonly, movies are taken as a prime means for entertainment but whether we are aware of it or not, movies play an important part in our lives. Apart from providing us with entertainment, movies also introduce us to several of our existing problems and issues that may require our immediate attention or need to address them in near future. Products of imagination and creativity, they are wonderful records of pre-occupations during different periods of history in different parts of the world.

Boardly categorized into commercial and art cinema, it is almost customary for the average cinema-goer to search for a greater dose of entertainment in commercial movies and more of philosophical matter in art movies, there by reinforcing the category of 'light' and 'serious' movies. This, I seriously feel, is a misconception on the part of the average audience since the so-called 'light' movies also incorporate some amount of philosophy and the 'serious' movies also contain a fair amount of entertainment principle.

Considering the large number of movies produced and the equally baffling number of people who watch it, a question may naturally arise in our mind—“Why do people watch movies?” Well, the obvious answer would be that people need entertainment and diversion from the humdrum activities of everyday life but there are other reasons involved too. One such reason is that the plots of movies express our inner suppressed desires on the celluloid screen and we are bound to them, in spite of the fact that we are well aware that what we watch on the screen is a world of make-believe. For some, it is the only release from the harsh cruelty of daily living. Such activity purges us greatly of our frustrations and temporarily fixes us to face our humdrum life again. While for an adult it would be watching a drama of the fulfillment of one’s long cherished dreams, for a child it would be a flight into the world of fantasy and contact with his innermost desires that he lives several times during his playtime. It is by appealing to our senses and our desires that the world of movies has survived.

- (a) How are movies important for us? 3
- (b) What is the general perception about categorizing movies? 3
- (c) How does the author refute the categorizing of movies by the common people? 3
- (d) According to the passage, why do people watch movies? 3
- (e) What does a child recognize in a movie? 3
- (f) Find out words with similar meanings from the passage : 1×5=5
- (i) giving
- (ii) dividing
- (iii) include
- (iv) addressing
- (v) wishes
4. Expand the idea contained in any *one* of the following topics in about 100 words : 10
- (a) Barking dogs seldom bite
- (b) An aimless life is like a rudderless boat
- (c) Morality in Education

5. Write a précis of the given passage and add a suitable title to it : 15

Science has been almost invariably hailed as the magical knowledge that has transformed the way humanity and the world has changed down the centuries. It has helped in uplifting human condition from the days of hunters and food-gatherers to our times when several things can be done simultaneously and at the click of a button. Science has helped in conquering distance, sickness and removed several ignorant notions and superstitions that had earlier enslaved men.

The modern man is not only equipped scientifically and technically, but it also empowered to do many such things that our forefathers would not have even dreamt of, such as the splitting of atoms and transfer of information at such a fast pace.

Science has helped in removing the affect of epidemics to a great extent by discovering the causes of many diseases and today, even if it cannot cure a person completely, it can at least let the person die a less painful death. The lessening of the fear of pain helps in lessening the fear of death considerably from the mind of the patient. The application of scientific knowledge in the field of agriculture has helped to tackle famines and the impact of other natural disasters. In the present day scenario if people are going hungry in some parts of the world, several other factors are to be blamed rather than the failure of science. The will to help and the strength to desist from harmful politics will pave a greater way in overcoming such suffering from humanity. Human beings must remember that mere advancement in scientific knowledge and technical expertise will not solve any prolem until and unless people learn to feel the suffering of the lesser privileged and develop the will to extend a helping hand—and that too not for gaining any personal or political mileage but out of the sheer understanding that as human beings on this earth, we are all tied by an invisible bond of compassion and responsibility towards one another.

6. Rewrite any *five* of the following sentences as directed : 2×5=10
- (a) Dictatorship denies basic rights to the citizens. (Turn into an interrogative sentence)
  - (b) The master said, "Aren't patience and forgiveness the only means to peace?" (Rewrite in indirect speech)
  - (c) The doctors performed the operation immediately. (Change the voice)
  - (d) Couldn't he have done better? (Turn into an assertive sentence)
  - (e) He ran fast. He missed the train. (Combine into a simple sentence)
  - (f) Robots do not make mistake. (Rewrite the sentence substituting a single word for the underlined words)
  - (g) He is more energetic than any other employee in the office. (Rewrite the sentence using the superlative degree of comparison)
7. Correct any *five* of the following : 2×5=10
- (a) He committed suicide himself.
  - (b) I have great deal of work to do.
  - (c) You mistake in thinking this.
  - (d) His all books are lost.
  - (e) It is a clouded day.
  - (f) The child quoted the lines from heart.
  - (g) The police caught the thief by hand.