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GENERAL ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours]

[Full Marks : 100

- Notes:** (i) Answer the questions as directed.
(ii) The marks in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.
(iii) The answers must be in full sentences.

1. Write an essay in about 400 words on *any one* of the following topics : 25
 - (a) Ecological diversity of Arunachal Pradesh
 - (b) Crafts of Northeast India
 - (c) Empowering women in the 21st century
2. For some days you have noticed that some of the pipelines in your colony have developed leakage and there is constant flow of water from these damaged pipes. Write a letter to the Chairman, Municipal Corporation requesting for an immediate solution to the matter. 10
3. Expand the idea contained in *any one* of the following expressions in about 200 words : 10
 - (a) Service to one's fellow beings is service to God
 - (b) Peace hath her victories, no less renowned than war
 - (c) Knowledge is the enemy of truth
4. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow in your own words :

Thrift means regulating expenses in such a way that there may be some saving from income. There can be no hard and fast standard for what should be one's expenditure and saving. It must vary according to one's circumstances. A rich man may neglect the duty of saving on special occasions because he has the power of making up for this neglect but the case is quite different for persons of limited income. The need for thrift is the greatest for them.

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No doubt such people find it difficult to make both ends meet. Still it is their duty to make regular savings for evil days. There is the need for old age and sickness provisions – one's wife or children may require unexpected expenditure for some reason or other. How to meet these demands unless one has made savings from before? This may mean some present inconveniences but they are nothing in comparison with the good it assures. It gives strength to the mind by relieving it of anxieties about the future. Therefore, every man, irrespective of the size of income, should save something if he is really serious about it. Many times it has been seen that good housewives in poor families are still found to lay aside a handful or two of rice from the daily quota. This does not affect any member of the family yet it gives a good quantity of rice at the end of the month. Saving boxes and piggy-banks at home in many houses into which people put small coins often result in good amount of savings at the end of certain period. At the end of the year, these saving boxes result in a good sum of money. All these are excellent lessons in thrift.

Sadly, many people do not know how to regulate expenditure. They are more concerned with the present than with the future. Sometimes, a false sense of prestige makes people spend a good amount of their earnings in unnecessary expenditures. So the Government encourages thrift through legal means. One such example is Provident Fund. Life Insurance, Old Age Pension, sickness, accident insurances and other small savings that qualify as tax-saving tools are some of the ways in which people are encouraged by the Government to save money. Let us hope that our Government also introduces lucrative savings schemes to boost the tendency to save among the people.

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| (a) How is the manner of expenditure different for a rich man and a person with less income? | 3 |
| (b) Why is it necessary to save money? | 3 |
| (c) What example does the author provide to show how keeping aside small amounts can result in good savings? | 3 |
| (d) Why do some people find it difficult to save money? | 3 |
| (e) How can the Government of a country encourage the habit of savings among people? | 3 |

5. Rewrite the sentences using correct tense of the verbs given in the brackets : 1×5=5

- (a) He looked as if he (not eat) for days.
- (b) I wish I (know) Joram's address.
- (c) If there is smoke, there (be) fire.
- (d) We (not see) him for a month.
- (e) My friend (write) a story when I met her in the morning.

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct words :

1×5=5

(a) The employees _____ the decision of the officer.

(resented / grunted)

(b) He will call on me at a more _____ time.

(convenience / convenient)

(c) It seems that no one was aware of the _____ conspiracy.

(premeditated / predecessor)

(d) Why did you _____ your last job?

(quite / quit)

(e) Can you run an _____ for me?

(errand / errant)

7. Rewrite *any five* of the following sentences correctly :

2×5=10

(a) Neither of the three boys have passed.

(b) If I will meet him today, I shall give him the letter.

(c) Smith is more intelligent than any student of his class.

(d) The question has given me lot of trouble.

(e) I am going to foreign next month.

(f) One should help poors.

(g) They excepted the defeat gracefully.

8. Use the following pairs of words in separate sentences so as to bring out the difference in their meanings :

2×5=10

(a) Starting, Startling

(b) Storey, Story

(c) Pity, Piety

(d) Soar, Sore

(e) Staff, Stuff

9. Rewrite *any five* of the following sentences as directed :

2×5=10

(a) I wrote a long letter to my father.

(Change it into passive voice)

(b) He bought a car which was imported.

(Change into a simple sentence)

(c) John asked his friend when he had arrived.

(Change into the direct form of narration)

(d) The book is too heavy for the child to lift.

(Replace 'too' with 'so')

(e) You are now old; you should know what is good for you.

(Rewrite using 'enough')

(f) Is virtue not its own reward?

(Turn into an assertive sentence)

(g) Let us have a coffee now.

(Rewrite using the right tag question)

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