

GENERAL ENGLISH

110544

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 100

- Instructions :** (1) Read the instructions carefully and follow them.
(2) The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.
(3) Answer **all** questions.

1. Write an essay on any one of the following in about five hundred words : 30
- (a) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
 - (b) Cultural Heritage of Arunachal Pradesh
 - (c) India's Freedom Struggle Movement
 - (d) Space Research Programme in India
2. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of the Capital Complex of Arunachal Pradesh requesting him to take appropriate action so that the deplorable traffic problem and the growing accidents due to reckless driving in the Capital Complex region shall be addressed. 15

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of an esteemed local / regional newspaper requesting him to publish regular articles on "lucrative academic and professional career options / opportunities" so that the students from the region can be immensely benefitted.

3. Write a precis of the following using a suitable title : 15

The test of a great book is whether we want to read it only once or more than once. Any really great book, we want to read the second time and every additional time that we read it we find new meanings and new beauties in it. But, we cannot consider the judgment of a single individual infallible. The opinion that makes a book great must be the opinion of many. For, even the greatest critics opt to have certain dullnesses, certain appreciation.

Carlyle, e.g. could not endure Browning, Byron could not endure some of the greatest

English poets. A man must be many-sided to utter of the trustworthy estimate of many books. We may doubt the judgment of single critics at times. But, there is no doubt possible in regard to the judgment of generations. Even if, we do not at once perceive anything good in a book, which has been admired and praised for hundreds of years, we may be sure that by trying, by studying it carefully, we shall, at last, be able to feel the reason of this admiration and praise. The best of all libraries for a poor man would be a library entirely composed of such great works only, books which have passed the test of time.

This, then, would be the most important guide for us in the choice of readings. We should read only the books we want to read more than once. We should buy any stuff unless we have some special reason for so investing money. The second fact demanding attention is the general character of the value that lies hidden in all such great works. They never become old, their youth is immortal. A great book is not apt to be comprehended by a young person at the first reading except in a superficial way. Only the surface ; the narrative is enjoyed.

No young man can possibly see at first reading the qualities of a great book. But, according to a man's experience of life, the text will unfold new meanings to him. The book that delighted at eighteen, if it be a good book, will look to us different at 30 years of age. At forty, we shall re-read it wondering why we never saw how beautiful it was before. At 50 or 60 years of age, the same facts will repeat themselves. A great book grows exactly in proportion to the growth of the reader's mind.

4. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions :

The temples of Khajuraho, known worldwide for their exquisite carvings on stone, are crumbling and will soon vanish into dust, experts warn. The ravages of man and time have taken a toll on the tenth-century temples, 22 in all, built by the Chandella dynasty. The temples are famed for their carvings depicting Indian mythology in one of its finest forms.

Classified today by the United Nations as a World Heritage Monument, most of the temples are falling to pieces due to rumblings of airplanes, water seeping from the ground and leaking roofs. A senior official of the Archeological Survey of India said that this year, due to unusually heavy rains in the region, almost all the temples started leaking at the joints. "Due to capillary action, the water from the seasonal

canal situated barely 40 meters from the main group of temples is taken up into the structures,” he said quoting a report from Madhya Pradesh superintending archeologist A. K. Sinha.

The Archeological Survey of India, responsible for maintaining the monuments suggested to the Madhya Pradesh Government in 1994 that the canal be shifted, but the authorities instead of acting on a war-footing claimed that “the canal, which remains dry during the off-season, is too small to cause any problem”.

The airport at Khajuraho is surrounded by hills on three sides and to avoid them, the Indian Airlines and chartered flights fly very low above the temple complex while taking off and touching down causing irreparable damages to the structures.

The uncontrolled development and large-scale deforestation in the vicinity have also taken its toll on the monuments. During summer, winds carrying fine sand particles blast the monument damaging fragile sculptures on the outer walls. The temples have stood for a thousand years.

(a) Answer the questions in your own words : 2×5=10

- (i) Give a suitable title for the passage.
- (ii) How do you classify the above passage?
- (iii) What would be the significant attraction or speciality for Khajuraho temple?
- (iv) How is the aviation sector affecting the sustainability of the Khajuraho structure?
- (v) Why do you think the temples are falling into pieces and debris day-by-day?

(b) Match the words under ‘A’ with their meanings under ‘B’ : 1×5=5

A	B
(i) Exquisite	(1) Neighborhood
(ii) Crumbling	(2) Very beautiful
(iii) Toll	(3) Devastate
(iv) Vicinity	(4) Falling into pieces
(v) Ravage	(5) Suffer

5. Expand the idea contained in any *one* of the following in about 100 words : 10

(a) "As you sow, so shall you reap."

(b) "Empty vessel sounds much."

(c) "Rome was not built in a day."

6. Correct the following sentences (any *five*) :

1×5=5

(a) Mr. John is superior than Mr. David.

(b) The patient has died before the doctor came.

(c) Mr. Peter is working hard for preparing Civil Services Examination for last five years.

(d) Father advised his son that honesty was always the best policy.

(e) After long period of illness, Ramesh has joined his department last Monday.

(f) If I was a king, I would have help the poor in a better way.

7. Use the following idioms and phrases (any *five*) to frame sentences of your own :

2×5=10

(a) 'Straight from the horse's mouth'

(b) 'Beat around the bush'

(c) 'Come off with flying colours'

(d) 'Carrot and sticky policy'

(e) 'Leaps and bounds'

(f) 'A blessing in disguise'

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