

**R/A/A EXAM.
2021**

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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 on **any one** of the following topics in about 400 words : 20
- (a) Covid-19 and the state of Indian Economy
(b) Need for scientific temperament in Indian society
(c) Education and Arunachal Society
2. Attempt a précis of the given passage and add a suitable title to it : 15

Formerly, village life was very happy. People had very few wants and these wants could be met in their own villages. They got their food from their own fields. The other needs were looked after by the landowners. They made roads, set up schools and dispensaries and arranged for the religious and cultural entertainment of the villagers. Carpenters, weavers and smiths lived in the villages and served both the rich and the poor. So the villagers were self-sufficient and the people there lived a contented and happy life. But things were soon to change.

With the progress of industry, towns began to grow up. The landlords and other rich men began to live there. The lure of towns drew away other people also. Smiths, weavers etc., lost their customers and they had to come over to towns for a living. The result was that the villages were left neglected and became ruined. However, things are changing now. People have understood that it is not possible to improve the country without improving the villages. To solve the problem of food shortage for an ever-growing population, greater attention has to be paid to agriculture. For this, educated persons with knowledge of improved methods of agriculture should be drawn to the villages. Cottage industries must be developed in villages to make them self-sufficient like before. The Government has launched many community development projects for the betterment of villages. Roads are being constructed, dispensaries and health centres are being established, schools are being set up and provision for proper drinking water is being made. Loans are also provided to farmers and artisans at low rate of interest to develop these sectors. As a result, improvement is sure to usher in the villages and minimize the inequality existing between rural and urban life.

3. It has come to your notice that your office does not properly maintain the updated Income Tax record of the employees which may lead to a mismatch between the deduction of the dues during the last quarter of the financial year and their projected salary. Issue a circular to this effect detailing the problems likely to arise from such a situation.

4. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow :

In the modern civilization, education has come to play an important role. It is no longer restricted to privileged classes only. Opportunities are now open to every individual to educate oneself. As a result, common people take active interest in the happenings around them. With the broadening of outlook, modern civilization has strengthened the bonds of Nationalism and Internationalism at the expense of family ties. The old joint family system is gradually vanishing in most parts of the globe. The family units are narrowing down and as a result, the personality of individuals is undergoing a gradual change. The earlier solid and strong personalities are now getting replaced by individuals with insular ideas and fickle determination.

However, it is not to say that all is bad about the modern civilization. We must admit that modern civilization may be considered to be superior to and better than the older civilization in several ways. The trend towards individualism may be viewed as a threat to the joint family system, yet at the same time science and technology have brought the whole world and the human being very close by means of quicker and improved communication system. If mankind begins to think more constructively, it can harness the gifts of science and technology for the removal of poverty, ignorance, inequality and injustice. We must remember that civilization is never static. The passage of different ages in history is a proof to it. The Stone Age was succeeded by the Copper Age which was later followed by the Iron Age. We have also witnessed unprecedented developments in science and technology in the present age and probably we are now experiencing the age of Cyberspace. If the onward march of science and technology continues at this rate, we cannot imagine what greater feats may be attained in the coming decades. We have to be, however, aware of the responsible use of these benefits of science or else, we may be swiftly bringing down upon ourselves our own doom.

- (a) How has education in the modern civilization changed the perspectives of people? 3
- (b) According to the author, what are the changes that one can see in terms of changing human relationships in modern civilization? 2
- (c) How can science and technology benefit humanity? 2