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GENERAL ENGLISH
Assistant Programmer

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Time : 1½ hours]

[Full Marks : 50

- Note** : (i) Answer the questions as directed.
(ii) The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. You have noticed that some areas of your office building are dirty and do not look good. Now write an application to the Controlling Officer seeking permission to organize an Office Cleanliness Drive. 10
2. Write a paragraph in about 100 words on *any one* of the following topics : 10
 - (a) Discipline
 - (b) Punctuality
 - (c) Corruption
3. Read the given passage and answer the questions :

The proverb, "Every dark cloud has a silver lining", is proved in the way Nature has responded during the Covid-19 crisis. While people were driven inside homes, the streets, the markets and the other places of public gathering were turning desolate, Nature began to heal herself. The absence of people from crowded places meant less burning of fossil fuels and consequently, less pollution. The lockdown that has been imposed by the Government to check the spread of the virus seemed to work in the favour of nature. Within a matter of days, the pollutants in air were considerably lower in comparison to the earlier level. Air was now purer, and hence, safer to breathe. The low amount of carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide in the air cleared the atmosphere. Things and places that were not visible from a distance earlier could now be seen in clear manner. People were thrilled to see the mountain ranges and the hills which they could not see earlier because of heavy air pollution. The absence of airplanes further helped to clear the air. Soon there was news of the ozone layer surrounding our planet of healing itself. It is said that several large gaps in the ozone layer are now repaired and this is good news for our planet. People are getting time to spend together in families. The rush in the outside world has been checked and there is time to catch up with people who mattered in life and who could not be contacted earlier because we had abandoned ourselves to the rat race of modernity. Let us take this time to rethink and meditate upon the finer things of life that are around us.

- (a) Why does the author say that there is something good in everything? 1
- (b) In what ways have the nature been benefited from the absence of human activities? 3

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- (c) What are the immediate changes in nature that people have noticed during their stay at home? 2
- (d) What should people do during the period when they are in their homes because of the virus? 3
- (e) Suggest a suitable title for the given passage. 1

4. Rewrite the following sentences correctly (*any five*) : 2×5=10

- (a) Because of his fault he could not master enough courage to confront his senior.
- (b) Both the President and Secretary refused to attend the meeting.
- (c) No matter what that he does, he cannot satisfy everyone in his family.
- (d) The simple man was deceived by the crook.
- (e) I was wondering if could you help me with this project.
- (f) This is the most cheapest shirt that I have ever bought.

5. Re-write the sentences using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets : 1×5=5

- (a) The birds (fly) away on hearing the gunshot.
- (b) She was (pant) after the long race.
- (c) They will (finish) the work by this time tomorrow.
- (d) The sun (shine) mercilessly upon the travelers as they crossed the desert.
- (e) When I saw the child, he was (play).

6. Make sentences with *any five* of the given phrases : 1×5=5

- (a) Change of heart
- (b) In a nutshell
- (c) Sixes and sevens
- (d) Down the road
- (e) Make yourself at home
- (f) In touch
- (g) Fit as a fiddle

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