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GENERAL ENGLISH

Time : 3 hours]

[Full Marks : 100

- Notes :** (i) Read the instructions carefully and follow them.
(ii) The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.
(iii) Answer **all** questions.
(iv) Answers must be given in complete sentences.

1. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics in about 400 words : 20
- (a) Youth and Internet
 - (b) Role of Festivals in Preserving Tradition
 - (c) Cultural Diversity of North-East India

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in your own words :

The survival of any species greatly depends upon its harmonious relationship with nature. Any minor change in the eco-system is bound to have far-reaching effects upon all life forms on this planet. It is not a hidden fact how several of the earlier species including dinosaurs and giant sea-creatures became extinct due to changes in temperature and other natural factors. It is also feared that the changes that are taking place in the present-day world will have devastating consequences upon several existing species. All life forms, including human beings will be greatly affected in future if nature is not properly preserved.

As the most intelligent life form on this planet, it is the responsibility of human beings to ensure that the balance in nature is maintained. Human beings should seek this goal not just because we are the most intelligent and innovative species and capable of doing so, but also for our own survival. Everyday the newspapers are filled with reports of melting ice-caps and the threat to cities that are near to the seas and oceans. Towns and cities are getting submerged and it is feared that several of the important cities of the world will meet this unfortunate fate within a short span of time if appropriate measures are not adopted in time.

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We must realize that we have only one planet to live on and we must ensure that it is kept in the best condition. Human greed should be controlled so that the optimal utilization of resources can be done in a sustainable manner. Sustainable development goals should not be just talks and discussions but they should be given priority in chalking out designs for developmental activities. It is encouraging to see that in the present time the importance of preserving the ecology and the environment has found its way into the textbooks of students. Though late, people have begun to realize the significance of clean air and clean water. There is still time for us to protect our planet, our only home in this universe, if we put our future needs above greed.

- (a) How does the author see the relationship between living beings and nature? 3
- (b) What examples does the author cite regarding the harmful effects of imbalance in nature? 3
- (c) Why does the author say that human beings should take up the issue of preserving nature seriously? 3
- (d) What should be our response towards the preservation of environment and nature? 3
- (e) What hope does the author express towards the end of the passage? 3
- (f) Find the antonyms of the following words from the passage : 1×5=5
- (i) Extinct
 - (ii) Foolish
 - (iii) Result
 - (iv) Destroyed
 - (v) Slightly
3. Write a letter to the Readers' Forum of a local newspaper expressing your views on the need of outdoor games for children. 15

OR

Write a letter to the appropriate authority expressing your concern over the capturing of footpath in the capital complex by unlicensed vendors.