

**R/C/P/EXAM
2021**

140086

GENERAL ENGLISH
(Computer Programmer)

Time : 3 hours]

[Full Marks : 100

Notes : (i) Answer **all** questions as directed.

(ii) The marks in the right-hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics in approximately 400 words : 20
 - (a) The Need for Computer Literacy
 - (b) Self-awareness and Post Covid-19 world
 - (c) Art and Crafts of Arunachal Pradesh
2. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper regarding the usefulness of introducing e-office in important Government offices. 15
3. Write a paragraph on *any one* of the following topics in approximately 100 words : 10
 - (a) Life is action, not contemplation
 - (b) Birds of the same feather flock together
 - (c) Need for honesty
4. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow :

From time immemorial, mankind has used cow dung and firewood as the main sources of energy. Later it shifted to coal and petroleum, and most recently to nuclear and solar energy to provide him with the source of energy. The rise in consumption of petroleum and its products during the last two decades has increased manifold and the stock of petroleum may last for

another thirty years at the present rate of consumption. In fact, the world has become panicky over the energy crisis. There is perhaps no other subject with the possible exception of politics, about which there is so much discussion and concern throughout the world as energy crisis. The oil-producing countries have held the whole world at ransom and have increased the price of oil exorbitantly. This has adversely affected the developing and underdeveloped countries. As a result, people travel only when needed and not for luxury. Weekend trips have become a luxury and all this has affected the automobile and ancillary units all over the world.

The crisis of conventional energy source is standing in the way of socio-economic growth in the developing and underdeveloped countries. Of petroleum products, diesel and kerosene are much more extensively used in India to run pump-sets and tractors in agricultural fields and domestic usages. Steep rise in prices of these essential commodities lead to sharp rise in the price of agricultural products, which in turn hits the pocket of the average and low-income group people of the country. Under such situation, it is heartening to note that the steps taken by scientists and technologists to face the crisis are yielding dividends. Both short and long term policies and programmes are coming into force. In the rural areas, people are being advised to use less firewood and produce fuel from agricultural wastes and bio-gas. Bio-gas plants are being encouraged for cooking and lighting purposes. With our joint efforts, it is not impossible to overcome energy crisis.

- (a) Which is the biggest crisis faced by mankind in the present scenario? 2
- (b) How is energy crisis economically affecting the underdeveloped and developing nations? 3
- (c) In your own words, discuss the problems that India will face due to rise in petroleum products. 4
- (d) What steps are being taken for the preservation of petroleum energy in the rural sector? 2
- (e) What hope does the author express at the end of the passage? 2
- (f) Provide a suitable title for the passage. 2
- (g) Find the antonyms of the following words from the passage : 1×5=5
 - (i) use
 - (ii) frightened
 - (iii) controlling
 - (iv) encouraging
 - (v) producing

5. Rewrite the sentences using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets :

2×5=10

- (a) The tree is ____ (bend) in the middle.
- (b) I ____ (hang) a picture on the wall.
- (c) He has ____ (drink) the whole cup.
- (d) I asked her if she ____ (see) him before.
- (e) She ____ (work) in the kitchen when I met her.

6. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate prepositions and rewrite the sentences :

1×5=5

- (a) He aimed ____ the flying bird.
- (b) My feeling for him is akin ____ pity.
- (c) You should drive your vehicle at a speed compatible ____ safety.
- (d) Commit the passage ____ memory.
- (e) She is senior ____ me in service.

7. Frame sentences to bring out the idiomatic uses of the following (any **five**) :

2×5=10

- (a) in short
- (b) full swing
- (c) on account of
- (d) rank and file
- (e) with open arms
- (f) neck and neck

8. Give a summary of the following passage :

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History is a very important subject of study. In fact, it is said to be the storehouse of wisdom. But the benefit of history to be derived from it, depends upon how it is written and how we study it. Formerly, history was mostly a record of the reigns of kings and their conquests. Very little was said about the life of the common people. This led to a wrong notion among the people, that kings and great men were the only persons worth studying, and other persons and things were of no importance to society. This naturally gave a despotic outlook to kings and conquerors and made the people meekly submit to them as their duty. But really, History is the story of creation through the ages. And creation means all men, great and small, as well as everything else that concerns them—their arts and literature, manners and customs. In short, it is the story of civilization.

Modern histories are written on this ideal. They touch the achievements of great men and also give pictures of common life and the state of things in the countries concerned. They further point out how and why nations rise and fall, and how the lives of the individuals of a nation are bound up with one another in weal and woe. These act as morals of History to inspire and guide all mankind.
