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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.

1. Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics in about 500 words : 30

(a) Moving towards a self-reliant India (*Atmanirbhar Bharat*)

(b) Role of agriculture in Indian Economy

(c) Empowering women in Arunachal Pradesh

2. Write a letter to be published in the Readers' Forum of a local newspaper advising people to be careful while investing their hard-earned money in schemes that promise unimaginable rates of return. 15

OR

You have noticed that incidents of alcohol and substance abuse have increased lately among the unemployed youth in your neighbourhood. Write a letter to the Officer-in-Charge of the Police Station of your locality drawing his/her attention towards the menace created by such situation. 15

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3. Write a précis of the following passage and provide a suitable title :

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Since time immemorial, roads have played important role in deciding the fates of civilizations across the globe. The civilizations that boast of being labeled as the more advanced civilizations in the history of humanity have always been marked by improved road and transportation networks. It is an undeniable fact that no civilization can survive for long until its communication and transportation is developed. Even today the importance of good road network is felt in times of emergencies when the need arises for movement and bulk transportation of men and material.

During times of peace, good roads facilitate trade and commerce while during emergencies, the movement of troops, machines, heavy vehicles, relief material, evacuation of the wounded and the affected, management of food and medicines are all dependent upon the existence of good roads. In the absence of good roads, agriculture products would rot and the surplus produce will not yield any benefit. Given a vast country like India, the proper distribution of surplus products from the productive belts and areas is very important for feeding its large population as well as assuring the equal distribution of the national produce. Industries and factories are also dependent on the existence of good network of roads and communication and transportation facilities. There exists a reciprocal relationship between the development of industries and the development of roads. It has been observed that factories and industries cluster in areas that have developed transportation facilities and their growth results in furthering the communication and transportation in these areas.

The importance of roads along border areas is understood best at times when the nation faces threats of external aggression. The existence of a good network of roads along the border boosts up the movement of troops and war-machinery to face any unwanted advancement by the enemies. It also guarantees a continuous flow of troops and rations if any war-like eventuality were to take place. Good roads guarantee the well-being and the integrity of the nation.

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

Besides medicines and clinical intervention, most patients require a caring approach and a sympathetic understanding of their ailments by the caretaker. While medicines help the body to fight the illness, a caring approach and sympathy prepares them mentally to ride over their sickness and hope for joining the group of the healthy very soon. It has been observed that in the absence of sympathy and understanding of the mental requirements towards a patient, the time needed for recovery is much longer than when love and care are attached with clinical approach.

Even patients who are suffering from terminal disease need a lot of care and attention. The very fact that the disease they are suffering from an incurable sickness weighs heavily upon them and every waking moment they have to fight against the dreadful feeling of inching slowly towards their death. They are also aware that the existing medical facilities can offer them only comfort for some time and relief from their pain. During such times, the availability of care and sympathy for such patients relieves them from much of the burden of moving eventually towards their death. It is not an exaggeration to say that the touch of a loving hand is more soothing than a boxful of tablets and other medicines.

If one were to look back into history, it would be no surprise to see that the name of Florence Nightingale shines brightly because of her dedication and sympathy for the wounded and the dying in the war. When one remembers the sacrifices that she had made to bring relief to the wounded and suffering soldiers, we can just smile with gratitude at her great work. It will not appear to us a wonder then that soldiers kissed her shadow in gratitude as she passed among the rows of wounded and ailing soldiers with a candle in her hand. Florence Nightingale is probably the best example of the importance of love and sympathy in the life of the suffering and the sick.

- (a) What does the author say about the importance of sympathy and care for patients? 4
- (b) What special issue does the author point out regarding patients suffering from terminal diseases? 4
- (c) What makes a sympathetic approach more important for patients suffering from incurable diseases? 4
- (d) What example from history does the author cite to support his point that care is as important as medicines? 4
- (e) Find out words with similar meanings from the passage : 1×4=4
- (i) Joined
  - (ii) Horrible
  - (iii) Overstatement
  - (iv) Gratefulness