

English – 2011

(This question paper contains EIGHT questions. You have to answer FIVE question in all. Each question carries 14 Marks. Question No. 1 is Compulsory All parts of a question they will not be valued)

1. a) Answer any FIVE of the following in 25 to 30 words each. (5x2=10)
 - i) What were the causes for the eclipses of the moon according to Aristotle?
 - ii) Why does Marice Marzog call Annapurna "the mountains of my dreams"?
 - iii) What risk did Datta take while working on the photograph?
 - iv) What was the disaster that occurred in Datta's shop?
 - v) Why is the study of the nature and properties of water of the highest scientific interest?
 - vi) Give two instances to prove that Kalpana Chawla always chose the difficult to the easy.
 - vii) In the story 'A Service of Love' about great art or great love?
 - b) Answer ONE of the following in paragraph not exceeding 15 lines. (1x4=4)
 - i) What was the experience during the climb onto mount Annapurna?
 - ii) How does O. Henry create a sense of sweet poignancy in 'A Service of Love'?
2. Write an essay on any ONE of the following in about 40 lines. (1x8=8)
- a) i) Summarise Newton's theory of Gravity.
 - ii) Why does the life of Kalpana Chawla become an inspiration to others?
 - b) Annotate any TWO of the following (2x3=6)
 - i) "Our mission was accomplished. But at the same time we had accomplished something infinitely greater.
 - ii) "What have you done?" he demanded
 - iii) "What have you been doing for the last two weeks, Dele?" he asked.
3. a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (5)

Whether one conquers one's opponent by force and might or by love and affection is purely a matter of choice. However, lasting peace is possible not by spreading love and affection. Differences may exist. They exist between friends, relatives and even among members of the same family. This is nothing unusual. Sorting them out is an art which requires the right kind of attitude. A good deed always gets a good deed in response. If we display strength even a weak person would want to prove his might. If we spread love. We are likely to get positive response. Therefore though we have a choice-whether to show strength or love, it is not

every difficult choice to make.

- i) How can a person conquer his opponent?
- ii) What is not 'unusual' according to the author?
- iii) How is it possible to achieve lasting peace?
- iv) What is needed to resolve differences?
- v) What is a matter of choice?

b) Correct and rewrite any FIVE of the following sentences. (5)

- i) Her knowledge of English are very limited.
- ii) Tax evaders should be heavily fined as they are doing it intentionally.
- iii) My brother-in-law with his wife no in Chennai were present at the function.
- iv) If I was you, I would not have left him with a fine for health.]

c) Give the meaning of any FOUR of the following phrases. (4)

- i) a priori
- ii) Bona fide
- iii) Coup de grace
- iv) IPSO facto
- v) Nota bene
- vi) Modus operands
- vii) de facto.

4. Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a title.

An organization must feel the need to change if it is to transform itself extensively. Typically, the first people in the organization to sense this need are those who are in continuous contact with the external environment. They could be the company's front-line employees, working in the sales, marketing or purchase functions or they could be senior executives involved in interacting with regulatory authorities. Whatever their function, these people are the harbingers of change. They communicate the message to the top management, either through formal structured meetings or unstructured personal encounters. The senior management team has to be convinced of the need to change. Very often, this process of building conviction is fraught with disagreement.

b) Write one word substitutes for the following: (5)

- i) One who studies the stars
- ii) All that surrounds us
- iii) Washing away of soil particles
- iv) a statement assumed to be true for the sake of an agreement.
- vi) One who is in charge of a museum

c) Give the meaning of any THREE of the following idioms/phrases (3)

- i) To beat around the bush
- ii) to be all over

- iii) to be blue in the face
- iv) Not your cup of tea
- v) Coming out of one's shell.

5. a) Make notes on the following. (5)

To write the history of a man, or the history of an epoch, are two distinct undertakings, different both in name and technique. The attempt to combine them has been in vain. Plutarch renounced the one and Carlyle renounced the other. That is why both these masters were able to achieve their respective tasks.

b) Each word is followed by FOUR alternatives. Choose the word nearest in meaning to its. (2)

i) Validate

1) profitable

2) interest

3) mandate

4) authentic

ii) Parable

1) a comparison in story form

2) miracle worker

3) identification of disease.

4) fond of display

c) Pick out the word that is the opposite in meaning of the given word.

i) Nervous

1) Confident

2) hearty

3) humourous

4) dirty

ii) Optional

1) Choose

2) mandatory

3) forgiving

4) optimal

d) Write an e-mail to your friend requesting him to give you a list of books that you can refer to for completing your project work.

6. a) Respond to an advertisement given in the Hindu for the post of Management Trainees in Sri Industries. Draft your resume. Attach a cover letter to the Personal Manager./

i) Soar - Sore

ii) Judicious - Judicial

iii) Authority - Authorities

iv) Air - Airst

v) Stationery - Stationary

7. a) Write a memo to the staff of your organization to request them to save power in the office.

b) Draft the 'Minutes of the Meeting' for a meeting held in your office to celebrate Engineers Day.

- c) As the Treasurer of an organization draft a notice asking all the members to donate money to make a medical camp successful.
8. a) Answer any ONE of the following : (6)
- i) Draft a letter to the manufacturer complaining about the washing machine that you bought recently.
 - ii) Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner about the establishment of a factory and the associated problems that it could create to your locality.
- b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles/prepositions.
- i) _____ honest man is _____ rarity today
 - ii) _____ the two sisters, sharing the property is not difficult.
 - iii) I have known her _____ a long time.
- c) Use the correct form of the verb.
- i) He _____ - (go) to the market once a week.
 - ii) Each of boys _____ (do) his homework at different times.
 - iii) They _____ (wait) on the platform since 9 a.m.
 - iv) Iron _____ (be) a useful metal.
- d) Write an essay on any ONE of the following (7)
- i) Women today put in more work than men.
 - ii) Advertisements create a false sense of need.
- e) i) Write a report on the recent automation done in your College library. (5)
- Or
- ii) Write a report on the status of your college playground. Suggest improvements.
- f) Write the meaning of any TWO of the following phrasal verbs and use them in your own sentences.
- i) Come along
 - ii) Call off
 - iii) Lon on
 - iv) get into