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English (Qualifying Paper)

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 150

ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ (ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ)

ಸಮಯ : 2 ಗಂಟೆಗಳು

ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂಕಗಳು : 150

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟ ಸೂಚನೆಗಳು

- (i) Candidates have to attempt all questions.
ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಉತ್ತರಿಸಬೇಕು.
- (ii) Marks carried by each question are indicated at its end.
ಪ್ರತಿ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯ ಕೊನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗುವ ಅಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

PART - A

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of words using the words given in the brackets : 5×1=5

- (a) The teacher appreciated her _____ in the debate. (*perform*)
- (b) His sudden _____ surprised everyone at the party. (*arrive*)
- (c) She showed great _____ towards the poor. (*kind*)
- (d) The athlete's _____ helped him win the race. (*prepare*)
- (e) The government took strict action against _____. (*corrupt*)

2. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the pair of words given in the brackets :

5×1=5

- (a) His words did not _____ my decision. (effect / affect)
- (b) He gave her a nice _____ on her speech.
(complement / compliment)
- (c) We must always _____ our mistakes and learn from them.
(accept / except)
- (d) The principal will _____ with the speech after the introduction.
(proceed / precede)
- (e) The poor always _____ the burden. (bear / bare)

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate idiom from the options given below in the brackets :

5×1=5

(break the ice, on cloud nine, burn the midnight oil, spilled the beans, hit the nail on the head)

- (a) She couldn't keep a secret and _____ about the surprise party.
- (b) The new manager tried to _____ by introducing himself warmly.
- (c) His explanation was perfect — he _____.
- (d) She is always _____ when she wins a competition.
- (e) We need to _____ to complete the project on time.

4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate collective noun from the options given below in the bracket :

5×1=5

(Fleet , Team, Bouquet, Pack, Swarm)

- (a) _____ of wolves
- (b) _____ of flowers
- (c) _____ of bees
- (d) _____ of players
- (e) _____ of ship

5. Make the right collocation by matching the adjectives in List A with the appropriate nouns in List B : 5×1=5

List A		List B	
(i)	Heavy	(a)	coffee
(ii)	Strong	(b)	learner
(iii)	Fast	(c)	rain
(iv)	Deep	(d)	future
(v)	Bright	(e)	sleep

6. Write the opposite of the following words using the appropriate prefixes given in the brackets : 5×1=5

(In, Mis, De, Un, Dis)

- (a) _____ happy
 (b) _____ agree
 (c) _____ correct
 (d) _____, understand
 (e) _____ activate

7. Substitute the underlined phrases by selecting a single word from the options given below in the brackets : 5×1=5

(pseudonym, biography, ambidextrous, teetotaller, paediatrician)

- (a) He is a doctor who specializes in children's health.
 (b) She is a person who abstains from consuming alcohol.
 (c) A false name is used by an author to conceal his/her identity.
 (d) Some athletes are capable of using both hands equally well.
 (e) The life story of a person is written by someone else.

5×1=5

8. Complete the proverbs by matching List A with List B :

List A	List B
(i) A stitch in time	(a) there's a way
(ii) Where there's a will,	(b) before they hatch
(iii) Actions speak	(c) saves nine
(iv) Don't count your chickens	(d) two in the bush
(v) A bird in the hand is worth	(e) louder than words

PART - B

5×1=5

9. Rewrite the following sentences as directed :

- (a) The teacher explained the lesson in the classroom.
(Frame a 'Wh' question to get the underlined word as the answer)
- (b) success/key/hard work/the/to/is.
(Rearrange the segments to form a meaningful sentence)
- (c) She is coming to the party.
(Add a question tag)
- (d) She loves reading mystery novels; however she also enjoys science fiction.
(Use a comma in the correct place and rewrite the sentence)
- (e) Rahul completed his homework.
(Change the sentence into a question beginning with the right form of 'do')

10. Rewrite the following sentences in passive voice :

5×1=5

- (a) She has written a novel.
- (b) The teacher has given us homework.
- (c) The chef has prepared a delicious meal.
- (d) They have decorated the hall beautifully.
- (e) The manager has approved the proposal.

11. Correct the following sentences and rewrite them :

10×1=10

- (a) She is an best player in the team.
- (b) He is married with his childhood friend.
- (c) The quality of the apples are not good.
- (d) Yesterday went I to the market.
- (e) She returned back to her hometown.
- (f) She is good in mathematics.
- (g) Each of the boys have a book.
- (h) He explained me the problem.
- (i) Neither of the boys were present.

12. Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verbs using the words given in the brackets :

5×1=5

- (a) The sun _____ in the east. (*rise*)
- (b) They have _____ their project successfully. (*complete*)
- (c) She _____ a book when I called her. (*be + read*)
- (d) By next year, he will have _____ his degree. (*finish*)
- (e) The children _____ in the park right now. (*be + play*)

13. Fill in the blanks with the correct linkers from the options given below in the brackets :

5×1=5

(so, because, although, therefore, but)

Ravi wanted to go for a picnic, _____ the weather was not suitable. He waited for a few hours, _____ he hoped the rain would stop. _____ he was excited about the trip, he finally decided to cancel the plan. _____, he stayed at home and watched a movie. _____, he made the best of his day despite the disappointment.

14. Match the expression with its corresponding language function : 5×1=5

Expressions	Functions
(i) May I come in ?	(a) Expressing gratitude
(ii) I don't think that is nice	(b) Making a request
(iii) That was very kind of you.	(c) Complimenting
(iv) This is my cousin, Riya.	(d) Disagreeing
(v) You did a great job on the project!	(e) Introducing

PART - C

15. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it. 25

Arun had always been a creature of habit. Every morning, he woke up at precisely six o'clock, went for a brisk walk in the park near his house, and returned home to have a cup of tea while reading the newspaper. His life was simple, predictable, and, in his opinion, perfectly balanced. But one rainy morning, everything changed.

That day, as he stepped out for his usual walk, dark clouds loomed overhead. He considered turning back, but something urged him to continue. The park, usually bustling with morning joggers, was deserted. As he walked along the path, enjoying the fresh scent of rain-soaked earth, he noticed a small, crumpled piece of paper lying near a bench. It was unusual for the park to be littered, so he picked it up, intending to throw it in the dustbin, But as he unfolded it, his curiosity got the better of him.

The paper contained a hastily written note : **“Meet me at the old bookstore at 10 a.m. Urgent.”**

Arun frowned. He wasn't one to involve himself in other people's affairs, but something about the note intrigued him. Who had written it ? And for whom ? He knew the old bookstore — it was a quiet place tucked away in a narrow lane, a place he hadn't visited in years. On an impulse, he decided to go.

At exactly ten o'clock, he reached the bookstore. It was dimly lit, filled with the scent of old books and wooden shelves that had aged gracefully. Arun looked around, feeling slightly foolish. He had no idea what he was expecting. Just as he was about to leave, a voice stopped him

“You found my note.”

Arun turned to see an elderly man, his face lined with wrinkles, eyes sharp and intelligent. “I — uh, I found it in the park,” Arun admitted.

The man smiled. "I had almost lost hope. I left that note for my grandson, hoping he would find it. But perhaps it was meant for you instead."

Arun was puzzled. "What do you mean?"

The old man sighed. "My grandson and I used to visit this bookstore often. He loved books, but as he grew older, he lost interest. I wanted to remind him of this place, of the joy he once found here. But maybe you were meant to remember something too."

Arun felt a strange sense of nostalgia wash over him. As a child, he had loved books, but in the routine of adult life, he had forgotten that passion. He looked around once more, this time with fresh eyes. Perhaps the note had indeed been meant for him.

That day, Arun left the bookstore with a book in his hands and a realization in his heart — sometimes, the most unexpected journeys bring us back to what we truly love.

A. Answer the following questions in a word, a phrase or a sentence each. **10×1=10**

- (a) At what time did Arun usually wake up every morning?
- (b) What kind of life did Arun lead before the unexpected incident?
- (c) Where did Arun find the crumpled piece of paper?
- (d) What was written on the note?
- (e) Why did Arun decide to visit the old bookstore?
- (f) Describe the old bookstore in a few words.
- (g) Who did the old man intend the note for?
- (h) What did Arun realise after talking to the old man?
- (i) What did Arun leave the bookstore with?
- (j) What is the central theme of the story?

B. Answer the following questions in 1 or 2 sentence(s): **3×2=6**

- (a) Why did Arun hesitate before continuing his walk in the park that morning?
- (b) How did Arun feel when he first entered the old bookstore, and what made him stay?
- (c) What was the old man's reason for leaving the note, and why did he think Arun was meant to find it?

C. Explain how the discovery of the note, led to a change in Arun's outlook on life. Support your answer with details from the passage. 4

D. Match the action in List A with the reason in List B : 5×1=5

List A	List B
(i) Arun continued his walk despite the dark clouds.	(a) He wanted to dispose it of properly.
(ii) Arun picked up the crumpled piece of paper.	(b) He wanted to remind his grandson of their shared love for books.
(iii) Arun decided to visit the old bookstore.	(c) Something urged him to go forward.
(iv) The old man left a note in the park.	(d) He rediscovered his lost passion for reading.
(v) Arun left the bookstore with a book.	(e) He was curious to know more about the message.

16. Write an essay in about 350 words on the topic given below. 25

“Impact of Social Media on Youth”

17. Write a précis of the following passage in your own words. 25

Notes : (i) The précis should not exceed 100 words.

(ii) The number of words of your précis should be clearly mentioned.

(iii) Suggest a suitable title and write it in the space given.

In today's fast-paced world, mental health is as important as physical health, yet it is often overlooked. Many people experience stress, anxiety, and depression due to work pressure, academic demands, or personal struggles. Unfortunately, mental health issues are often ignored or misunderstood, leading to serious consequences.

A healthy mind is essential for overall well-being. When people are mentally strong, they can handle challenges effectively, maintain good

stress and negative emotions can lead to mental exhaustion, affecting productivity and quality of life. To prevent this, it is crucial to develop healthy habits such as regular exercise, meditation, and proper sleep. Talking to friends, family members, or professionals can also provide much-needed emotional support.

Despite growing awareness, there is still a stigma around mental health issues. Many people hesitate to seek help due to fear of judgment. Schools, workplaces, and communities must promote mental well-being by encouraging open discussions and offering professional support when needed.

Taking care of mental health should be a priority for everyone. Just as people visit doctors for physical ailments, they should not hesitate to seek help for emotional struggles. A healthy mind leads to a healthier, happier life.