

1. 1. Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read. (1x8=8 Marks)

- a. Where did modern chess originate?
- b. Which is the most important piece in chess?
- c. How does chess affect the brain?
- d. What is the relationship between chess and life?
- e. How is blitz chess different from normal chess?
- f. What is blitz chess?
- g. How much time does each player get in blitz chess?
- h. When did computers start playing chess?
- i. How have computer chess programs changed over time?

2. Read the following passage carefully.

Our opportunities are great but let me warn you that when power outstrips ability, we will fall on evil ways. We should develop competency and ability which would help us utilise the opportunities which are now open to us. From tomorrow morning – from midnight today – we cannot throw the blame on the Britishers. We have to assume the responsibility ourselves for what we do. A free India will be judged by the way in which it will serve the interests of the common man in the matters of food, clothing, shelter and social activities. Unless we root out corruption in high places and root out every trace of nepotism, love of power, profiteering and black marketing which have spoiled the good name of this country in recent times, we will not be able to raise the standards of efficiency in administration as well as in the production and distribution of the necessary goods of life.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru referred to the great contribution which this country will make to the promotion of world peace and the welfare of mankind. The chakra, the Ashokan wheel, which is there in the flag embodies for us a great idea so dear to Ashoka, the greatest of our emperors. Look at the words of H.G. Wells about him – ‘Highnesses, Magnificences, Excellences, Serenities, Majesties’. Among them all, he shines alone a star, Ashoka the greatest of all monarchs. He cut into rock his message for the healing of discords. If there are differences, the way in which you can solve them is by promoting concord. Concord is the only way by which you can get rid of differences. There is no other method which is open to us.

We are lucky in having for our leader, one who is a world citizen, who is essentially a humanist, who possesses a buoyant optimism and robust good sense in spite of the perversity of things and the hostility of human affairs. We believe that if India gains freedom, that freedom will be used not merely for the well-being of India but for Vishva Kalyana, world peace, the welfare of mankind.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer any four of the following questions briefly. (2x4=8 Marks)

- a. When do we fall on evil days?
- b. How will a free India be judged?

- c. What did Jawaharlal refer to?
- d. What will India use its freedom for?
- e. How can the problem of differences among people be solved?

2.2. Fill in any two of the following blanks. (1x2=2 Marks)

- a. We will not be able to raise the standards of efficiency unless _____
- b. Emperor Ashoka cut into rocks _____
- c. We should develop competency and ability to _____

2.3. Attempt any two. Find out the words that mean the same as the following. (1x2=2 Marks)

- a. to go much faster (Paragraph 1)
- b. favouritism (Paragraph 1)
- c. harmony (Paragraph 2)

Section B – Writing & Grammar (30 Marks)

3. You are Katik / Kartika of 59 Indrapuram, Meerut. The sanitary condition of your community is appalling and there are fears of an outbreak of communicable diseases. Write a letter to the chairman of your local government area, drawing his attention to the problem and suggesting ways of dealing with it, in about 120 words. (8 Marks)

OR

You are Amit/Amita. You happened to take part in a medical camp organized by the Health Club of your school in a remote village near Delhi. You were surprised to find that most of the people there had no awareness of basic health and hygiene. As a concerned citizen you decide to take up their cause and organize camps to make the villagers aware of the importance of hygiene. Taking ideas from the given notes, write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, in about 120 words, expressing your concern and encouraging youngsters to take part in such campaigns. (8 Marks)

4. Write a story in about 200-250 words based on the input given below. Give a suitable title to the story. (10 Marks)

It was Saturday. Veena got up late as it was her habit. Both her parents had gone to the office. As she was preparing breakfast, she remembered that.....

OR

There was a young girl who wished to see the world. She wanted to observe new things. She told her mother about her wish. Her mother promised that they would go to a hill station. Next Sunday they set out on their journey. On their way.....

5. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. (1x4=4 Marks)

A strong desire to travel beyond the blue, to fly (a) _____ the heavens and touch the stars was what Kalpana dreamt (b) _____. Determined to the core, she finally (c) _____ in making her vision (d) _____ reality. For this first India-born astronaut, (e) _____ castles in the air had their foundation firmly embedded in reality.

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| a. (i) in | (ii) into | (iii) on | (iv) above |
| b. (i) about | (ii) in | (iii) for | (iv) of |
| c. (i) succeed | (ii) succeeds | (iii) succeeded | (iv) succeeding |
| d. (i) a | (ii) the | (iii) that | (iv) an |
| e. (i) their | (ii) her | (iii) his | (iv) your |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a number is given. Write any five of the incorrect words and the correction against the correct number. (1x4=4 Marks)

Deepak Parekh is widely known

- (a) as a senior statesmen of Indian business.
- (b) He is respecting not just for his financial
- (c) acumen but also for her integrity and unflinching
- (d) moral courage. He has spoke out against corruption
- (e) and communalism at a time that many other leading business persons chose to steer clear of such subjects.

7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank number. (1x4=4 Marks)

- Mother : What are you doing in the kitchen?
 Reena : I am busy helping Ramya.
 Mother : What work does Ramya have there?
 Reena : She is eating the jalebis that you made for the guests.

Mother was waiting for the guests. Suddenly she heard a noise in the kitchen. She called out to her daughter Reena and asked her (a) _____. Reena put her head out of the door and said that (b) _____. Mother wondered (c) _____. Reena then replied that (d) _____.

Section C – Literature & Extended Reading (30 Marks)

8. Read the following extract and answer the questions. (1x4=4 Marks)

“I am going back to my grandmother. My lawyer will communicate with you later.”

- a. Who speaks this and to whom?
- b. Why is she going back to her grandmother?
- c. What effect do these words have on the listener?
- d. What does the word ‘communicate’ mean in this context?

OR

“It is pink with speckles. I have looked at it so long
 I think it is a part of my heart. But it flickers.
 Faces and darkness separate us over and over”

- a. What is pink with speckles?
- b. When does it flicker?
- c. Who is ‘us’ in the last line?
- d. What does the word ‘speckles’ mean?

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2x4=8 Marks)

- a. How do we know that Patol Babu was a meticulous man?
- b. What was Michael's theory about how Sebastian had entered the game?
- c. What is the irony in the statement of the frog when he says, "your song must be your own"?
- d. Why did the sailors hail the albatross in the name of God?
- e. Why did the poet feel that he had done a wrong thing by trying to kill the snake?

10. Answer the following question in 100-120 words. (8 Marks)

Describe the dreams that scared Calpurnia.

OR

Describe how Shelley brings out the futility of power and riches through the poem 'Ozymandias'.

11. Answer the following question in 150-200 words. (10 Marks)

Describe the events that took place on Good Friday.

OR

Write a character sketch of Peter Van Daan.