

GENERAL ENGLISH

200021

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 100

Instructions : (1) Answer *all* questions following the directions.

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

1. Write an essay in about 750 words on any *one* of the following : 25
- (a) Value Education : The Need of the Hour
 - (b) Environmental Pollution
 - (c) Indian Population
 - (d) Poverty in India

2. Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title to it : 8+2=10

If the rule of reason in the region of thought is the aim of science, the rule of equality in the region of behaviour is the aim of democracy. Democracy is not a political arrangement or a form of Government. It is a pattern of life, an active conviction which informs and inspires every thought, word and deed. Our present constitution of society induces in its more fortunate members for too great readiness to accept privilege as though it were inherent in the social order as though it were normal and even proper and just.

If we are sincere in our professing of democracy, we should not shut our eyes to the most obvious defects of the present social order. A system which does not offer security and decent employment to multitudes of trained young men suffers from fundamental vice. Society is in danger of splitting to pieces if the few who have the benefits of civilization are not willing to share them with the rest. No state is stable unless it procures for all its members the essentials of a good life. We acknowledge that health is better than disease, sufficiency better than poverty, shelter better than cold and exposure, ease of mind better than racking anxiety.

It is our duty to obtain these essentials of civilized life for the mass of the population, to work for basic economic justice for all, if necessary; by the imposition of higher taxes on incomes, land, property and inheritance. Riches were created by the makers for being spent on social purposes. It was Blackstone, not Lenin, who wrote; "The law not only regards life and protects every man in enjoyment of it, but also furnishes him with everything necessary for its support. For there is no man so indecent or wretched but that he may demand a supply sufficient for all the necessities of life from the more opulent part of community."

3. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner drawing his attention to the nuisance caused by loudspeakers in the city during examination days. 15

Or

Write a letter to the Postmaster complaining about the irregular delivery of letters and parcels, etc.

4. Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following topics in about 150 words : 10
- (a) Money is good servant, but a bad master
 - (b) A road accident
 - (c) Value of time
5. Direction (Q. 1 to 10) : Fill up the blanks in the passage given below with the most appropriate words from the options given for each blank. 10

Each species has its special place or habitat

An (1) bird watcher can look at (2) forest meadow, lake, swamp on field and (3) almost exactly what birds he (4) find there (5) birds and found all over the world; others (6) themselves to certain areas. Still (7) migrate from one country to another in (8) in search of warmth and (9) and then return in spring (10) the season is more favorable.

(1) (a) experience, (b) expert, (c) advanced, (d) active

- (2) (a) the, (b) some, (c) a, (d) certain
- (3) (a) predict, (b) suggest, (c) prophesy, (d) calculate
- (4) (a) should, (b) must, (c) might, (d) will
- (5) (a) more, (b) some, (c) most, (d) all
- (6) (a) keep, (b) entrust, (c) confine, (d) involve
- (7) (a) some, (b) others, (c) few, (d) all
- (8) (a) winter, (b) summer, (c) spring, (d) autumn
- (9) (a) seeds, (b) crops, (c) fruit, (d) food
- (10) (a) while, (b) until, (c) after, (d) when

6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions (any five) :

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- (a) Professor Pandey will take _____ as the new principal tomorrow.
- (b) I correspond _____ her regularly.
- (c) Sima will never pass in B.Sc. examination _____ she works hard.
- (d) You will always be short of money if you live _____ your means.
- (e) Divide six pens _____ three boys.
- (f) They are very grateful _____ your kindness.
- (g) If you live in a corrupt society, you cannot easily rise _____ the prevailing corruption.

7. Rewrite the following sentences as directed (any five) :

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(a) Run fast or you will miss the train.

(Convert into complex)

(b) She is good at write.

(Correct the sentence)

(c) One must do ones's duty.

(Change into passive voice)

(d) The moon rose. Their journey was not ended.

(Join into single sentence)

(e) Delhi is the biggest city of India.

(Use bigger)

(f) Neither he plays nor reads.

(Correct the sentence)

(g) Rahul said to him, "will you go to Jaipur?"

(Change the narration)

8. Make meaningful sentences with any five of the following idioms :

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(a) To play with edged tools

(b) To go hand in hand

(c) Well-to-do

(d) Come to a standstill

(e) To break the news

(f) Cats and dogs

(g) Hand and gloves

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