

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

**Instructions :**

- 1) This question Paper is divided into three sections.
  - Section - A : Reading (20 marks)
  - Section - B : Writing and Grammar (30 marks)
  - Section - C : Literature Textbooks and Long Reading Text (Novel) (30 marks)
- 2) All questions are compulsory.
- 3) All questions of a particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

**SECTION - A**

**(READING)**

- 1) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows :

Today, Change is inevitable in all spheres of life and we are required to face the challenges of the changes to achieve our goals and objectives. The change in our attitudes and mindset towards the youth who constitute more than fifty percent of our population is a must.

Unfortunately, this highly potential and vibrant resource has not been effectively and productively utilised, resulting in generation gaps which are unbridgeable. It is our onerous duty to bring them in mainstream in the task of national development and reconstruction to take the nation to resplendence and glory in the new millenium. The building of the nation is possible only through the process of all round development and harnessing of the energies of our youth.

H.G. Wells has truly said, "Men are born but citizens are made. A child takes to itself what is brought to it". The invasion of Western culture and the existing system of education could be blamed for failure of the youngsters to turn into talented individuals. It is inborn virtue conditioned with sustained cultural feedback with moral and ethical values that makes one a statesman.

Our new generation should feel inspired by great luminaries. Such as, Mahatma Gandhi, Lokmanya Tilak, Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda and others who this country is proud to have produced. In the present scenario of criminalisation of politics, increasing violence and widespread erosion of cultural and social values dividing the country in the name of religion and caste, raising narrow walls of disintegration and drifting us apart, the youth should be saved from choosing a wrong path. We know that today's youngsters are the nation's future.

It is most important to develop in them the spirit of nationality and love for the country and thus, give a new dimension to the national growth. The youth of today can prove to be no less patriotic, productive and value oriented than their predecessors, given the required impetus, opportunities and confidence in their ability. With this goes the "Freedom of thought and Experience".

Questions :

- a) How can we achieve our goals and objectives? [1]
- b) Have we utilised the Power of the Youth Properly? [1]
- c) Why should we change our attitudes and mindset towards the Youth? [1]
- d) What are the values that make a statesman? [1]
- e) How is the building of the nation Possible? [1]
- f) How and whom can our new generation get inspiration from? [1]
- g) What is wrong with the Present Scenario in the country? [1]
- h) How can the youth of today match with their Predecessors? [1]

**2) Read the following passage and answer the following questions :**

Will the city be free from garbage and dirt by August 15? A week-long sanitation and cleanliness drive was launched with much fanfare by the administration a few days back, but a reality check reveals that it has remained sporadic. While the civic agencies are making tall claims publicly, the enormity of the task rules out making any significant difference by the end of the exercise.

TOI took a round of the city. Overflowing garbage dumps and waste and debris along the roads were a common sight though the corporations claim to be removing 30% more of garbage daily as part of the drive.



Hardly 500 m away from the north and south corporations' headquarters, civic centre, on Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, at Turkman Gate, One found a huge garbage dump with the waste spilling on the road. "It is shame that the corporation has failed to clean the area visible from its own office. In the past one month, hardly any one has been cleaning the area," said Ramesh Babbar, a local trader.

Across the city, on CV Raman Road, Outside New Friends Colony, there is a huge garbage pile. The residents have complained to the corporation several times since during peak traffic hours, this stretch becomes a bottleneck. "Never are the bins placed on the road clean. From the Dhalao, garbage spills on to the road," complained Madhu Arora, a resident living just across the road.

Similarly, in Lajpat Nagar - I's B-block, just outside a government school, garbage has remained dumped for days. Several complaints have been made but to no avail. "From the School principal to parents, everyone has complained about the heap of garbage outside the school. It is very difficult for the girls to pass through this stretch. The stench is Overpowering, especially during monsoon and diseases are rampant in the area. The lane is narrow and the parked cars and garbage ensure that it remains blocked." said area Councillor Abhishek Dutt.

Across the river, near Laxmi Nagar's V3S mall, the story is no different. There is a dhalao virtually in the middle of the road and the garbage spills out, making the space even narrower with massive gridlocks during Peak Traffic hours, it is a nightmare for commuters. "With shops and a mall nearby, there are cars parked on the road, and the dhalao only adds to the Chaos. It's a breeding ground for mosquitoes and for pedestrians, it's a nightmare. But the corporation isn't doing anything despite several complaints," said B S Vohra of East Delhi RWA's Federation.

But corporation officials are patting themselves on the back. A rally of school children was organized by North Delhi Municipal Corporation for city zone on Tuesday to create awareness about Sanitation, health and hygiene. "From every zone we are removing around 150 metric tonnes more than usual. On an Average, Delhi produces 7000 metric tonnes of waste everyday, but for the past one week, we are removing more than 9000 metric tonnes," said Mukesh Yadav, South Corporation's Spokes person.

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**SECTION - B**  
**(WRITING & GRAMMAR)**

- 3) Write a letter to the editor of The Indian Express showing your concern at the outdated education system which has not helped in creating more jobs in India. Also suggest some measures to make it more meaningful and job-oriented. [8]
- 4) With the help of given hints, write an inspiring story and assign a catchy title to it. [8]  
(150 - 200 words)

The illiterate boy – caught for pick – pocketing – sent to juvenile prison – forced to do lessons – becomes sullen rebellious – watches French Comic film on T.V. during recreation hour – fascinated with the language – requested coaching classes – a French tourist guide today.

- 5) Fill in the blanks in the following passage by choosing correct options from those given below : [6]

With (a) \_\_\_\_\_ traffic and poor facilities, pedestrians (b) \_\_\_\_\_ to be the most Vulnerable to fatal accidents. (c) \_\_\_\_\_ road users. Even though in the last Six years the number of pedestrian subways in the city (d) \_\_\_\_\_ almost doubled, most of them are neither well maintained (e) \_\_\_\_\_ well designed. As a result Pedestrians avoid (f) \_\_\_\_\_ them.

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| a) i) increasing    | ii) increase    |
| iii) are increasing | iv) to increase |
| b) i) seems         | ii) are seeming |
| iii) seem           | iv) seemed      |
| c) i) between       | ii) amongst     |
| iii) in between     | iv) beside      |

- d) i) have ii) has been  
 iii) have been iv) has  
 e) i) or not ii) nor  
 iii) and iv) none  
 f) i) uses ii) to use  
 iii) used iv) using

- 6) In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words that come before and after it. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined as shown in example. [4]

Tourism in India plays vital role eg.

Before	Missing	After
Play	a	Vital

- a) in country's economy, cultural growth  
 b) and unity. India's great diversity cultural  
 c) richness provides ample potential growth  
 d) in tourism, The rich heritage art,  
 architecture prehistoric spots.

OR

In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line against which a blank is given. Write the missing word along with the words that come before and after it in the space provided.

The function drones eg.

Before	Missing	After
function	of	drones

- a) is to fertilize queen. A  
 b) drone cannot get food himself. It  
 c) is completely dependent the workerbees.  
 d) The drone has no basket on its legs collect  
 Pollen and its mouth has no parts to such nectar.

7) **Rearrange these words and phrase to form meaningful sentences :**

- a) coloured bus / children / we saw / full of / a yellow / excited. [1]
- b) at / software / its / peak / India / is / in / revolution. [1]
- c) person / does not / such / usually / a / disease / suffer / the / from. [1]
- d) very / now / proficient / have become / in them / I. [1]

**SECTION - C**

**(LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS AND EXTENDED READING TEXT)**

8) **Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow :**

The boys grew to hate the Germans. When the resistance movement began secretly to form they were among the first to join. When the war was over and we had peace at last, they came back to their beloved sister. And they found her \_\_\_\_\_ suffering from tuberculosis of the Spine”.

Answer the following questions :

- a) Why did the boys hate the Germans ? [1]
- b) What did they do when the war was over? [1]
- c) Who was suffering from tuberculosis? [1]
- d) Find the antonym of the word “love” in the passage. [1]

9) **Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each :**

- a) How was the Tiger shooting arranged? What kind of a tiger was chosen for the purpose? [2]
- b) Which are the different ways in which the frog asserts his importance? [2]
- c) What kind of weather did the sailors enjoy at the beginning of their journey? How has it been expressed in the poem? [2]
- d) Why had Patol Babu lost his first job in Calcutta? [2]



- 10) Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words : (Any one) [8]

“The Dear Departed” highlights how we treat our family. On the basis of this elaborate “Family values are pathetically depleting in the modern society”.

OR

Idealism, Freedom and Republicanism were the values that Brutus cherished the most. What reasons does Brutus give for murdering Caesar?

- 11) Attempt any one question out of the given following in 200-250 words : [10]

It is a teacher who makes the learning process easier by making the pupil realize his/her potential in full. Explain how Helen received the blessings of her teacher and attained Self-realization.

OR

Draw a character sketch of Mr. Arthur Gilman, the principal of Cambridge School.

