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Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH LANGUAGE I

Subject Code

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Total No. of Questions : 10

(Printed Pages : 8)

Maximum Marks : 80

- INSTRUCTIONS* : (i) The question paper is divided into *four* Sections : A, B, C and D. *All* the sections are compulsory.
- (ii) Write the answers to each main question on a fresh page.
- (iii) Write the numbers of the questions and sub-questions correctly. Marks are indicated to the right.
- (iv) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- (v) Main questions are to be answered sequentially.

SECTION A

(Reading Skills)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

Kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Affection, gentleness, warmth, concern, and care are words that are associated with kindness. While kindness has a connotation of meaning someone is naive or weak, that is not the case. Being kind often requires courage and strength. Kindness is an interpersonal skill.

You've heard about survival of the fittest and Darwin. Survival of the fittest is usually associated with selfishness, meaning that to survive (a basic instinct) means to look out for yourself. But Darwin, who studied human evolution, actually

didn't see mankind as being biologically competitive and self-interested. Darwin believed that we are a profoundly social and caring species. He argued that sympathy and caring for others is instinctual.

Current research supports this idea. Science has now shown that devoting resources to others, rather than having more and more for yourself, brings about lasting well-being. Kindness has been found by researchers to be the most important predictor of satisfaction and stability in a marriage. Many colleges, including Harvard, are now emphasizing kindness on applications for admission. There are different ways to practice kindness. One way to be kind is to open your eyes and be active when you see people in need. Do you notice when people could use a helping hand? A sense of community is created when people are kind to those who need help.

Kindness is also about telling the truth in a gentle way when doing so is helpful to the other person. Receiving accurate feedback in a loving and caring way is an important part of a trusted relationship. The courage to give and receive truthful feedback is a key component of growth and flexible thinking. Kindness could add more satisfaction to and strengthen your relationships. (295 words)

(Source : www.psychologytoday.com)

1. (A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in complete sentences of **10-15** words each : 4

- (a) How is kindness defined ?
- (b) What did Darwin believe about human beings ?
- (c) How has kindness been linked to marriage ?
- (d) What is the key component of growth and flexible thinking ?

(B) Choose the *correct* meaning of the word given below, from the alternatives provided :

(i) Considerate : 1

(a) causing hurt or inconvenience to others

(b) showing careful thought

(c) showing dominance over others

(d) making sure of avoiding danger

(ii) Resources : 1

(a) stock or supply of money, materials and other assets

(b) devices used to cause harm or damage

(c) physical characteristics of a person

(d) ability to help others

(C) The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Select the alternative that best matches the meaning given below :

(i) Feeling pity and sorrow over the misfortune of others : 1

(a) feedback

(b) competitive

(c) profoundly

(d) sympathy

(ii) Correct in all details, exact : 1

(a) accurate

(b) generous

(c) instinctual

(d) stability

2. Read the following passage carefully :

Swimming is the best sport. It is a good all round activity and the only sport that is good for everybody irrespective of the age of the person. It is an individual or team sport that requires the use of one's arms and legs to move the body through water. The sport takes place in pools or open water (e.g., in a sea or lake). Competitive swimming is one of the most popular Olympic sports, with varied distance events in butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle, and individual medley. Swimming each stroke requires a set of specific techniques, and in the competition, there are distinct regulations concerning the acceptable form for each individual stroke.

There are multiple health benefits associated with the sport. Swimming is an activity that burns lots of calories. It helps maintain healthy weight as it tones all the muscles in the body. So, whether you swim a gentle breaststroke or a hammer butterfly, you will get a full body workout. Swimming also helps to de-stress and relax. Swimming, regularly, can lower stress levels, reduce anxiety and depression. It takes just a light swim to feel the mental benefits of swimming. So, swim away to good health. (198 words)

2. (A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, give it a suitable title and write the para-wise topics and sub-topics using the format given below. Do not write single words or sentences but use only meaningful phrases : 5

- Title :
- I :
- II :
- A :
- B :

(B) Write a summary of the above passage in about 65 words using the topic sentences of the paragraphs. 3

SECTION-B

(Writing Skills)

3. Attempt any *one* of the following : 3
- You are Anandi/ Anand Sardessai, the General Secretary of Sneha Higher Secondary School, Mapusa. Your school is organising an Inter Class Folk Dance Competition. Draft a notice inviting students to participate in the competition giving necessary details. (30-40 words)

Or

- You are Mary/ Melroy Dias residing at 7-A, Premier Apartments, Porvorim. You want to sell your apartment. Draft an advertisement to be published in the classified columns of a local newspaper giving relevant information. Contact : Ph. No. 9940182765 Email : mdias@yahoo.com (30-40 words)

4. Attempt any *one* of the following : 5
- You are Rahima/ Rashid Shaikh, the General Secretary of Vividha Higher Secondary School, Panaji. Your school organised a Talk on Road Safety'. Write a report on the event for publication in your school magazine. (70-80 words)

Or

- You are a Staff Reporter of a local newspaper. You attended the Inaugural Ceremony of the Lok Utsav. Write a report to be published in your newspaper. (70-80 words)

5. Attempt any *one* of the following : 8
- The increasing number of industries and factories has resulted in shortage of electricity and power cuts during the day. Write a letter to the Chief Engineer, Electricity Department, Panaji, Goa expressing the problems faced by the people giving *two* suggestions for improvement. Your name is Teja/ Tejas Patel. Your address is A-15, Models Heritage, Corlim - Goa. (Use Full Block format)

Or

The Government should be free from corruption. Write a letter to the Editor of The Navhind Times, Panaji expressing your views and giving *two* suggestions to reduce this evil. Your name is Fatima/ Francis D'Sa. Your address is H. No. 12, Borda, Margao-Goa. (Use Full Block format)

6. Write an essay of about **200-250** words on any *one* of the following topics : 10
- (a) Goa in the year 2030
 - (b) The need to save our culture from globalisation
 - (c) Rain water harvesting—A solution to water shortages
 - (d) India's performance in international sports
 - (e) If I could change one social evil, I would change

SECTION-C

(Grammar)

7. Rewrite each of the following sentences according to the instructions given in brackets : 6
- (a) We (stay) until the end of the football match even if it (rain) heavily. (To fill in the blanks, select the correct set of alternatives from those provided below.)
- (i) will stay, rains
 - (ii) stayed, is raining
 - (iii) have stayed, rained
 - (iv) will be staying, rained
- (b) No other monument in Britain is as famous as the Big Ben.
- (Change to comparative degree of comparison)
- (c) Students attend all the lectures as per the time-table.

(Use a Modal of compulsion)

- (d) If you do not have proper eye protection, you cannot view the Solar Eclipse. (Use 'unless')
- (e) This food is too salty to be eaten. (Remove 'too' and use 'so...that')
- (f) As soon as the Chief Guest arrived, everyone welcomed him. (Use 'no sooner.....than')

SECTION-D

(Textual)

8. (A) Read the following stanzas carefully and answer the questions that follow in about **10-15** words each : 4
- (1) Now we will count to twelve
And we will all keep still.
For once on the face of the Earth
Let's not speak in any language
- (a) Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line.
- (b) What can we achieve by 'keeping still' ?
- (2) I looked again at her, wan, pale,
as a late winter's moon and felt that old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear
but all I said was, see you soon, Amma
- (a) Name and explain the figure of speech in the second line.
- (b) What is 'the childhood fear' of the poet ?
- (B) Answer the following questions in about **25-30** words each : 4
- (a) According to John Keats, why is a thing of beauty a joy forever?
- (b) What changes will occur in the life of the rural poor if the city folk buy their produce ?

9. Answer any *six* of the following questions in about **25-30** words each :
- (a) How does M. Hamel describe the French language in the story 'The Last Lesson'?
 - (b) Give any *two* points describing the living conditions of Saheb and the other ragpickers living in Seemapuri.
 - (c) Why was Douglas determined to overcome his fear of water?
 - (d) What doubts did Edla have about the peddler?
 - (e) Mention *two* steps taken by Gandhi to help the people of Champaran.
 - (f) Why was the 'office boy' of Gemini Studios disappointed and frustrated?
 - (g) In 'Going Places' why doesn't Sophie's father believe her story about meeting Danny Casey?
10. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about **50-60** words each : 12
- (a) Do you think 'The Third Level' was imagined by Charley to free himself from the problems of the modern world? Give reasons.
 - (b) Why is the study of the Earth's geological past important? Explain with reference to 'Journey to the End of the Earth'.
 - (c) According to you, why does Jo insist that the Wizard should hit Mommy?
 - (d) Imagine you are Derry and have returned to Mr. Lamb's garden after his fall. How would you help Mr. Lamb?
 - (e) Dr. Sadao and his wife Hana face personal danger, yet they save Tom's life. According to you, how would this experience change Tom?