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(English Reading and Writing Skills)

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Time : 2:00 Hrs.

Max. Marks : 70

Note :- This paper is of Seventy (70) marks divided into Two (02) Sections 'A' and 'B'. Attempt the questions contained in these Sections according to the detailed instructions given therein. Candidates should limit their answers to the questions on the given answer sheet. No additional (B) answer sheet will be issued.

Section-A

(Long Answer Type Questions) 2×19=38

Note :- Section 'A' contains Five (05) Long-answer type questions of Nineteen (19) marks each. Learners are required to answer any two (02) questions only.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Today's woman is a highly self-directed person, alive to the sense of her dignity and the importance of her functions in the private domestic domain and the public domain of the world of work. Women are rational in approach, careful in handling situations and want to do things as best as possible. The Fourth World Conference of Women held in Beijing in September 1995 had emphasised that no enduring solution of society's most threatening social, economic and political problems could be found without the participation and empowerment of women. The 1995 World Summit for Social Development had also emphasised the pivotal role of women in eradicating poverty and mending the social fabric.

The Constitution of India has conferred on women equal rights and opportunities – political social, educational and of employment—with men. Because of oppressive traditions, superstitions, exploitation and corruption, a majority of women are not allowed to

enjoy the rights and opportunities, bestowed on them. One of the major reasons for this state of affairs is the lack of literacy and awareness among women. Education is the main instrument through which we can narrow down the prevailing inequality and accelerate the process of economic and political change in the status of women.

The role of women in a society is very important. Women's education is the key to a better life in the future. A recent World Bank study says that educating girls is not a charity, it is good economics and if developing nations are to eradicate poverty, they must educate the girls. The report says that the economic and social returns on investment in education of the girls considerably affect the human development index of the nation. Society would progress only if the status of women is respected and the presence of an educated woman in the family would ensure education of the family itself. Education and empowerment of women are closely related.

Women's education has not received due care and attention from the planners and policy makers. The National Commission for Women has rightly pointed out that even after so many years of independence, women continue to be treated as the single largest group of backward citizens of India. The role of women in overall development has not been fully understood nor has it been given its full weight in the struggle to eliminate poverty, hunger, injustice and inequality at the national level. Even when we are living in the 21st century, our society still discriminates against women in matters of their rights and privileges and prevents them from participating in the process of national and societal progress. Various committees and commissions have been constituted before and after the independence to evaluate the progress in women's education and to suggest ways and means to enhance the status of women.

Questions :

- (a) Mention some of the qualities of a modern woman. 2
- (b) Who has conferred equal rights and opportunities on women ? 2
- (c) Where and when was the Fourth World Conference of Women held ? 3
- (d) Which is the main instrument through which we can narrow down the prevailing inequality for women ? 3
- (e) Mention the recent World Bank study, according to the passage. 3
- (f) Why have various committees and commissions been constituted before and after the independence ?

Find out a word from the passage which means : 3

- (i) controlling by force
- (ii) to make something go faster
- (iii) bring to a complete end

2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow :

What will you be when you grow up ?

A dancer ? or A doctor ?

A teacher ? Or A cricketer ?

There are so many careers you can

choose to do

It's very very hard to decide you know

Sometimes you may keep on thinking

Doing many jobs and never deciding.

Monday you will be a street keeper

Wednesday you will chart the skies with

the navy

Thursday you will go for the war with

the army

Friday you will be happy on sea, as a sailor

Saturday you are back to be a tailor

And on Sunday again you will

keep wondering

What the years that lie ahead will

likely bring

Questions :

- (i) List the jobs mentioned in this poem ? 3
- (ii) On which day will you not wonder about any job ? 3
- (iii) What can you do if you join the army ? 3
- (iv) Which lines say that you are still not old enough to do any job ? 3
- (v) Find words similar in meaning to the following words and phrases : 3
 - (a) jobs -
 - (b) difficult -
- (vi) Find two rhyming pairs from the poem. 2
 - (a)
 - (b)
- (vii) Give a suitable title to the poem. 2

3. Describe various forms and functions of language.
4. Describe all the steps involved in writing a letter.
5. Write a detailed description on “Appropriate Use of Language”.

Section–B

(Short Answer Type Questions) 4×8=32

Note :- Section ‘B’ contains Eight (08) Short-answer type questions of Eight (08) marks each. Learners are required to answer any *four* (04) questions only.

1. Summarise the passage given below :

Healthy locks help you get noticed as much as your face does. After all hair, they say, is one’s ‘crowning glory’. Any kind of hair loss, whether temporary or permanent, has a deep psychological impact, irrespective of age or gender.

Therefore, it is essential to take some steps in order to prevent hair fall and preserve or enhance the locks we are blessed with. The first step in this direction is to understand the reasons behind hair fall. These could be multiple and both internal and external.

The intrinsic causes that may lead to hair fall include nutrient deficiency such as that of iron, calcium, proteins, vitamins that can result from crash dieting, weight loss programmes and poor eating habits, or disease states like thyroid disease or typhoid.

Then there are extrinsic causes. These include environmental factors such as pollution. Besides inappropriate hair care like excessive blow drying or use of wrong hair care products can also harm your tresses making them lacklustre and dull!

2. Write a note on Pre reading activity.
3. Describe all the steps in summarizing a text.
4. Write a letter inviting the principal of your college as the chief guest in the annual sports of your college. Imagine yourself as Ranjeet Kumar secretary of sports union.
5. The employees of Birla Soft spend more time than required during tea break. This has affected the work of the organization. Considering yourself as general manager of Birla Soft write a memo to be circulated to the employees.

6. Send an E-mail to the Director of Alpha Electricals Ltd. telling him about your plan to join his company next week. You have recently been selected as junior engineer in the same organization.
7. Describe Clarity, Precision and choice of words in context of writing a business letter.
8. Write a memo to all employees telling them about the electricity cut on Friday because of load shedding. This will also affect the water supply. All employees are informed in advance to keep stock of water for that day.