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## GENERAL ENGLISH

Time allowed : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

- Notes :**
- (i) All questions are compulsory.
  - (ii) Marks allotted to each question are indicated at its end.
  - (iii) The parts of the same questions must be answered together.
  - (iv) In letter writing don't write your name, address or roll number. If necessary candidates can write X, Y, Z.

1. Write an essay in approximately **400 words** on any **one** of the following topics :

- (i) Peaceful uses of Nuclear Energy
- (ii) Sustainable Development
- (iii) Women Empowerment Programmes in Uttarakhand
- (iv) The role of Fairs and Festivals in National Integration

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2. (A) Read the following passage carefully. Supply a suitable title for it and write a précis of it in about one third of its length. Also mention the number of words used by you at the end.

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Nearly all great men, those who have towered high above their fellows, have been remarkable above all things else, for their energy of will. Of Julius Caesar it was said by a contemporary that it was his activity and giant determination rather than his military skill that won him victories. The youth who starts out in life determined to make the most of his eyes and lets nothing escape him which he can possibly use for his own advancement, who keeps his ears open for every sound that can help him on his way, who keeps his hands open that he may clutch every opportunity, who is ever on the alert for everything, which can help him to get on in the world, who seizes every experience of life and grinds it up into paint for his great life's picture, who keeps his heart open that he may catch every noble impulse, and everything which may inspire him, that youth will be sure to make his life successful : there are no 'ifs' or 'buts' about it. If he has this wealth, nothing can keep him from his final success. No tyranny of circumstances can permanently imprison a determined will. (199)



- (B) Read the following passage carefully. Supply a suitable title for it and write a précis of it in about one third of its length. Also mention the number of words used by you at the end.

2 + 8

Most agricultural produce sold in large retail stores will be horticultural produce. Vegetables are grown by large families of small and marginal farmers who pool in labour to add value. If the consumer price is allowed to percolate down more, such farmers will benefit. Currently, the Indian farmer is bereft of choice. He has to sell at the mandi and accept whatever price the buyer offers. Given the perishable nature of fruit and vegetables, the farmer is compelled to sell his crop right after the harvest. He cannot wait for a better price and is thus exploited by these guilds. The market is regulated in favour of traders and middlemen.

But India is too diverse for large retailers to be the sole purchasers of its farm produce. That means farmers will also continue to sell to agents or middlemen. Logically, the large corporations would need to bypass the middlemen to make a bigger profit, but this may not always be the case. To ensure this happens, it could be made mandatory that every prospective retailer, whether Indian or foreign, with an investment of ₹ 5 crore purchases three-quarters of the agricultural produce sold in the retail store directly from the farmers. This condition would exclude all small kirana store owners and so on. Given the dire straits the Indian farmer is in today, he could hardly care about what kind of buyer purchases his vegetables. His priority would be to find a reasonable price for his produce. (247)

3. (A) Write a letter to the Health Officer of the Municipality of your town complaining about the insanitary conditions in your town. 10

OR

You are going to open a bookstore in your city. Write a letter to the MLA of your constituency inviting him to inaugurate the bookstore. 10

- (B) Imagine that you are the Branch Manager of a National Bank. Write a circular letter to your Branch Employees to be punctual and be polite to the customers. 10

OR

As a correspondent of a Newspaper, write a report for your paper on the problem of forest fires in the hills of Uttarakhand. 10

4. (A) Write one synonym each of the following words :

- (i) Compliment
- (ii) Dubious
- (iii) Diversity
- (iv) Stationary
- (v) Obstacle

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(B) Give one antonym each of the following words :

- (i) Adversity
- (ii) Frugal
- (iii) Prohibit
- (iv) Savage
- (v) Ambiguity

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(C) Substitute one word for each of the following :

- (i) That what cannot be heard
- (ii) That what is difficult to read
- (iii) The belief that God does not exist.
- (iv) Complete agreement about something
- (v) An animal that eats only plants

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5. Explain the meanings of the idioms / phrases underlined in the following sentences :

- (i) He is not worth his salt if he fails at this juncture.
- (ii) His maiden speech was not very impressive.
- (iii) He is leaving India for good.
- (iv) You cannot have your cake and eat it too.
- (v) Your arguments do not hold water.

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6. (A) Write the part(s) of speech of the following words :

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| (i) Fable     | (ii) Relax    |
| (iii) Triumph | (iv) Oath     |
| (v) Fountain  | (vi) Between  |
| (vii) Capital | (viii) Brake  |
| (ix) Historic | (x) Momentous |

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(B) Change the following sentences as directed :

- (i) The case is too urgent to be postponed.  
(Rewrite the sentence without using the word 'too')
- (ii) I expect Mohan to do the work.  
(Change into passive voice)
- (iii) No one can tolerate such injustice.  
(Transform the sentence from Assertive to Interrogative)
- (iv) She is unpopular in spite of being well-meaning.  
(Begin the sentence with 'Although')
- (v) He admitted his mistake.  
(Convert it into complex sentence containing a noun clause)
- (vi) Those that are helpless deserve our pity.  
(Change this complex sentence into simple sentence)
- (vii) I last saw him in 1975.  
(Rewrite the sentence using 'since')
- (viii) He must run fast to catch the train.  
(Change this simple sentence into compound sentence)
- (ix) The weather was fine. We enjoyed the walk.  
(Join the two sentences into a single sentence)
- (x) He accepted my offer.  
(Rewrite the sentence using the verb form of 'offer')

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(C) Punctuate the following sentences :

- (i) his conduct to say the least was praiseworthy
- (ii) we shall come forward was the reply
- (iii) you are too late said the teacher and now you will be fined
- (iv) merchant of venice is a play written by william shakespeare
- (v) what a fine day it is

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