

ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2012 Annual

UNIT - 1

1. Answer the following questions in about 200 words each (any three) :

- (i) Why could the shepherd-boy sit on the Judgement seat of Vikramaditya and not the king ?
- (ii) 'But bores as a rule are bores always'-why does Lucas think so ?
- (iii) How does Vivekananda prove that spiritual ideas are not dying out, rather they have just begun to grow ?
- (iv) Write a summary of the essay 'Information Technology' in your own words.
- (v) What is Feminism ? How is it meaningful in the Indian context ?

UNIT - 2

2. Write an essay on any one of the following :

- (i) An interesting cricket match.
- (ii) The impact of television in India.
- (iii) Religion and politics.
- (iv) The Janlokpai Movement.

UNIT - 3

3. Write a Precis of the given passage and also give a suitable title :

A man with a strong will is sure to succeed in almost all the work he does. He never becomes discouraged in any way. Difficulties may appear before him; but he firmly neglects them all. With strong determination he pushes on. Gradually he finds that all the troubles disappear from his path one after another. He then reaches his goal and is crowned with success. A weak-minded man on the other hand, gets frightened at the sight of a slight difficulty and leaves his job halfway in despair. He may begin another but there also he comes across similar difficulty and gives it up for lack of determination.

UNIT - 4

4. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

Self-reliance is the pilgrim's best staff, the worker's best tool. It is the master-key that unlocks all the difficulties of life. 'Help yourself and Heaven will help you' is a maxim which receives daily confirmation.

Help from within always strengthens, but help from without invariable weakens the recipient. The habit of depending on others tends to weaken the intellectual faculties and paralyse the judgement. The struggle against adverse circumstances has on the contrary, a strengthening effect, like that of the pure mountain air on an enfeebled frame.

This is a lesson which is not taught in the educational institutions nowadays. The vice of the modern system of education is that it lays down too many royal roads to knowledge. The difficulties which earlier compelled the student to think and labour for himself are now most carefully removed. The race of thorough and complete scholars are dying out.

Our young men are equipped to such an extent with manuals that explain everything and guides that go everywhere, that they find no occasion for thought. Why take any trouble at all when so many are willing to relieve you of it ?

Questions :

- (i) Why should we be self-reliant ?
 - (ii) What are the evil effects of dependence on others ?
 - (iii) What is the drawback of the modern system of education ? <http://prsuonline.com>
 - (iv) Why is the race of real scholars dying out ?
 - (v) What is the root cause of the tendency of depending on others ?
- (b)(i) Use the following phrasal verbs in sentences of your own (any two) :**

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| (1) Take away | (2) Rely on |
| (3) Compensate for | (4) Look after |

(ii) Give antonyms of the following words (any three) :

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| (1) Guilty | (2) Timid |
| (3) Ancient | (4) Superiority |
| (5) Certitude | (6) Notorious |

(iii) Make nouns from the following adjectives (any two) :

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| (1) Strong | (2) Wealthy |
| (3) Silent | (4) Efficient |

(iv) Provide synonyms of the following words (any three) :

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| (1) Companionable | (2) Greed |
| (3) Clever | (4) Secret |
| (5) Enough | (6) Discourse |

UNIT - 5

5. Do as directed (any twenty five) :

(a) Insert suitable articles wherever necessary :

- (i) Our house is closer to District Court building than railway station.
- (ii) Knowing language is not the same as knowing about it.
- (iii) Mountains like Himalayas always attracted him; he loved nature and hated towns and cities.
- (iv) I always enjoy bread and butter for breakfast.

(b) Make use of appropriate collective noun :

- (v) The President occupied a of rooms at the hotel.
- (vi) He bought a large of bananas.

(c) Select from the words in brackets the correct one to fill the blank :

- (vii) Uncle Mohan took Karan and to the circus. (I/me)
- (viii) You and make a good partnership. (he/him)
- (ix) It is (she/her) that likes sugar in her tea.

(d) Supply the correct form of the verb given in the brackets :

- (x) Physics (was, were) the subject he was specializing as a student.
- (xi) Weather (change, changes) all the time.

(e) Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense form :

- (xii) Last night her boss (telephone) her.
- (xiii) Why (my mother/forget) to wake me this morning.
- (xiv) I (always have) trouble with my car these days.
- (xv) I hope it (not rain) when the bride leaves the mandap tomorrow.
- (xvi) If you (be) happy, you will live a long life.

(f) Insert appropriate prepositions :

- (xvii) We met the railway station.
- (xviii) He is being kept police custody.
- (xix) The music was composed A. R. Rahman.

(g) Change the voice :

- (xx) Did the noise frighten you ?
- (xxi) It surprised me to hear someone had robbed you.

(xxii) She was dismissed from service.

(xxiii) Our action was justified by the facts.

(h) Add missing relatives :

(xxiv) It is kind of pepper you cannot eat.

(xxv) The man you want has just left.

(xxvi) Allahabad, is on the Ganga, is a beautiful city.

(i) Combine the following sentences using sub-ordinating/ co-ordinating conjunctions :

(xxvii) I am ill. I shall be unable to attend the college.

(xxviii) You should apologise. You will be punished.

(xxix) He entered the house. The clock struck six.

(j) Supply the correct question tag :

(xxx) Vikramaditya was a great king and judge, ?

(xxxi) All of you have heard about Ujjain, ?

(k) Change the narration :

(xxxii) He said to them, "Please be quiet."

(xxxiii) He said to me, "Are you going with me ?"