

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

*Figures in the margin indicate
full marks for the questions.*

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay of 800-900 words on any of the following topics: **(20)**
 - (a) Survival : brain or brawn?
 - (b) Success.
 - (c) Unemployment.
 - (d) Man is more dispensable than his environment.
 - (e) Work versus Sports.

2. Give a summary of the following conversation: **(15)**

Tana : Where are you going so early in the morning?
Sena : I was going to ask you the same question.
Tana : It is my daily routine to visit the park in the wee hours.
Sena : That's what I'm doing too.
Tana : How come I never saw you before?

(Contd. 2)

Sena : You may be right.

Tana : Is there some special occasion this morning?

Sena : I could not sleep a wink last night.

Tana : Why?

Sena : There as a night-long power-failure.

Tana : What's that got to do with sleep, when you had a whole night to freedom?

Sena : You know, AC didn't work; same with fans. But the little monsters seemed to be happy about it.

Tana : I had never made myself a slave to such things.

Sena : Explain yourself.

Tana : We slept in the courtyard under mosquito nets.

Sena : But that's not civilized by modern standard!

Tana : On the other hand, I find nothing civilized in having insomnia, or being betrayed by our masters, these gadgets of luxury.

Sena : But is sleeping in the open safe? You might get robbed.

Tana : Well, but it seemed to me most robbers like the challenge of breaking into houses of sleeping people than pick the easy ones outsides, ha ha!

(Contd. 3)

3. The following passage has fifteen missing words. Rewrite the following passage complete with the missing words:

(15)

A moderate earthquake 5.9 on the Richter scale jolted Andaman Nicobar Islands early this morning, creating flutter the islanders, who ran out of their houses panic. The earthquake lasted nearly 30 seconds. Tsunami, which was triggered a mega quake in December previous year, had killed nearly 3500 persons this remote archipelago left haunting memories all. People came running of their houses, as the epicentre close the island.

4. Make five (5) sentences using any of the following expressions:

(10)

- (a) burn the candle at both ends;
- (b) say under one's breath;
- (c) hit the nail on the head;
- (d) bring the house down;
- (e) stand in someone's light;
- (f) hell bent;
- (g) given to;
- (h) spoiling for.

(Contd. 4)

5. Choose the correct meaning of the words: (5)

- (a) fastidious
 - i) too careful.
 - ii) slow to act.
 - iii) very particular about dress.
 - iv) quick to find fault.
- (b) invidious
 - i) likely to cause ill-feeling.
 - ii) intentionally deceptive.
 - iii) deliciously tempting.
 - iv) suggestively immoral.
- (c) anarchy
 - i) rule of archbishop.
 - ii) absence of government or control.
 - iii) a satellite kingdom.
 - iv) a chitinous insect.
- (d) apotheosis
 - i) worship of God.
 - ii) making or becoming a god.
 - iii) study of god.
 - iv) religious dissertation.
- (e) anomaly
 - i) an extra number.
 - ii) deviation from rule.
 - iii) non-existent name.
 - iv) incomplete.

(Contd. 5)

6. Underline the incorrect and rewrite correctly the following sentences: **[10×(½+1)=15]**

- (a) Cut it with a scissor.
- (b) I found him burning in anger.
- (c) The compartment was packed with capacity.
- (d) The P.M. clarified that the Nuclear Deal did not impinge India's sovereignty.
- (e) The book is selling as hot cakes.
- (f) Never waste your time with idle gossip.
- (g) Make hay where the sun shines.
- (h) She resembles to her mother.
- (i) There is no end of your folly!
- (j) Many a times man feels disappointed with life.

7. Give the most appropriate words for each of the numbered blanks in the passage: **(10)**

The fast degrading environment can 1 preserved and improved as well, if we learn 2 transform waste 3 artifacts. This message 4 conveyed 5 students 6 a school, who exhibited 7 prepared by them 8 waste materials on the conclusion 9 10 hobby session.

8. Make sentences with any five (5) of the Gerund of the following words: **(5×2=10)**

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| Commute | Dance | Go | Hear |
| Garden | Pluck | Ride | Run |
| Shop | Train | | |