

SUBJECT : GENERAL ENGLISH – II

Day : Thursday
Date : 28/09/2017

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Time : 02.30 PM TO 05.30 PM
Max. Marks : 80

N.B.:

- 1) All questions are **COMPULSORY**.
- 2) Figures to the right indicate **FULL** marks.

Q.1 A) Supply relevant affixes to the following: (**ANY FIVE**) [05]

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| i) exploit | v) eligible |
| ii) royal | vi) harass |
| iii) decide | vii) judge |
| iv) responsible | |

B) Make meaningful sentences to bring out difference in meaning of the following words: (**ANY FIVE**) [10]

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| i) drought – draught | v) accept – except |
| ii) career – carrier | vi) flour – flower |
| iii) whether – weather | vii) persecute - prosecute |
| iv) extent – extant | |

C) Make simple sentences to bring out correct meaning of the following phrases: (**ANY FIVE**) [10]

- i) Jail bird.
- ii) to beat about the bush.
- iii) to let the cat out of the bag.
- iv) speak volumes for.
- v) through thick and thin.
- vi) to lose ones head.
- vii) double dealing.

Q.2 Read the passage and answer the questions given below: [15]

No evidence has so far been found to connect us with the missing ancestor of the earliest hominid, who parted the lineage from the four-legged ones to become a distinct sub-species. The fossils found in Ethiopia or Kenya do not give us the correct course of the ascent of humans to the top of the chart. Even four million years ago, there were no species that would distantly resemble the humans. The long periods of evolutionary inaction called 'stasis' and the sudden rush of a series of successful mutations cannot be explained in terms of the changes occurring under the pressure of natural selection. The model of "punctuated equilibrium" that explains 'stasis' and sudden changes really deflates the neo-Darwinian concept of natural selection. Surely, the forces that accelerated the process of evolution would not have worked only for some species. The mechanism of random mutation could not have been accelerated to accomplish vested interests.

But evolutionary explanation assumes that humans are specially chosen for beneficial treatment while other species are ruthlessly neglected. While the humans were jumping up many steps at a time on the evolutionary ladder, all the great apes remained more or less at the starting point. The evolutionary explanation is that the freedom of hands and the use of tools accelerated mental development. But there is no evidence to establish that the brain mass could develop rapidly with such mental stimulations. In fact, the mind capable of getting stimulated can arise only out of an immensely large brain. The bipeds would not have got much of an environmental advantage over four-legged animals as the latter could move faster with more of leg power. The size of the brain alone cannot automatically confer a higher level of intelligence. It is seen that some animals having much bigger brain are nowhere near us in mental faculties.

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Questions:

- a) Which are the sources to know about the earliest hominids?
- b) When did man become distinct from four-legged ones?
- c) What is stasis?
- d) Who are the specially chosen for the beneficial treatment of evolution?
- e) Does the size of the brain cause for intelligence? Why?

Q.3 A) Use the following cohesive devices in your own sentences: [10]

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| i) either---or | vi) moreover |
| ii) though | vii) since |
| iii) as well as | viii) henceforth |
| iv) with regards to | ix) because of |
| v) therefore | x) unless |

B) Substitute an appropriate word for the given sentences: [10]

- i) study of society.
- ii) a previous case which might serve as an example.
- iii) a person who speaks two languages.
- iv) a government by the officials.
- v) body of voters.
- vi) one who lends money at high interest.
- vii) that which is fit to be eaten.
- viii) foundation of a statue.
- ix) one who cannot read or write.
- x) the practice of killing an unborn child.

Q.4 Write an essay in about 350 words: (ANY ONE) [10]

- a) The problem of Rising prices.
- b) Duties of a good citizen.
- c) Traveling as a part of education.

Q.5 Write a précis and suggest a title: [10]

No man is an island, they say. The same applies to nations as well. We, after all, live in a world that is so very often described as a global village. There are international organizations working round the clock to ensure that men live in peace throughout the world. Nations is one such organization. This more or less peaceful world order has been possible because all across the world the nations recognize the sovereignty of a nation with its politico-geographical boundaries. In simple terms, International Relations is an expression that refers to the relation between sovereign nations. International relations has a much wider connotation than inter-governmental relations and also includes relations in which non-officials play a significant part. International relations take into its ambit political, economic and cultural relations, too. International relations play a crucial role when there are excesses committed against humanity at large. For instance, if a totalitarian regime mounts offences against one section of its own people for some gain, political or otherwise, a collective international pressure is mounted on such a nation to stop and refrain. Out of this spirit of mutual cooperation with the underlying desire to collectively make the world a better place, a number of conventions and treaties have been signed. The Supreme Court of India has, in several cases, invoked international law and has passed judgments in pursuance of the treaties signed and ratified by the Government of India.