

Time: 3 Hrs.

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General Instructions :

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question wherever necessary. Read these instructions carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

PART A (40 MARKS)

READING (20 MARKS)

Q1. A Read the following passage carefully: 1×10=10

Every Individual wants peace of mind. But it is hard to find a person who can say that he has attained such a state of mental equilibrium as will allow him to live a life of tranquility. Peace of mind is distant dream for all of us. What is the reason for this? The reason is that people hanker after ideal peace, that is, pure peace__ a peace that is free from all kinds of non-peace items.

But this kind of absolute peace is not in nature's storehouse. Let us take the analogy of the rose. A rose is a very beautiful flower, but its every stem has thorns. Indeed, thorns are an integral part of the rose plant. A poet has rightly said that the thorns serve as security guards for the flower. The translation of his lines is, "The safety of the flower would become impossible if the thorns were like silk like'. So flowers have to be accompanied by thorns. There must be non-peace items along with peaceful items. A peaceful mind is a very precious aspect of human nature and it too needs safety to maintain its sublime quality.

Studies in psychology show that an untroubled mind very soon becomes stagnant. It loses its creativity. For this reason, nature always leads people into challenging situations. It is a non-peace item which acts as a challenge for the mind. This guarantees that the creativity of a peaceful mind never comes to an end. A creative mind is always alive.

It is a common phenomenon that one who is born in affluence and has a problem- free life, very soon finds his mind becoming dull, while the one who is born into a life of problems and hardships, has an active mind. Such a person develops creative thinking and his intellectual development continues unhindered.

It's almost impossible to grow and learn amidst abundant wealth and richness as it prevents you from improving, it stops from achieving all that one is capable of achieving and it makes one miserable. So, avail the non-peace item as an opportunity and start experiencing

positive changes.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow:

I. It is a distant dream for all of us.....

- a) Peace of mind
- b) fulfilling our ambition
- c) meeting our targets
- d) acquiring knowledge

II. The security guards for the flowers are _____ .

- a) Gardens
- b) Other plants
- c) Thorns
- d) Thorny roots

III. Nature always leads people into challenging situations.

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Partly true
- d) Partly false

IV. People who are born in have a problem-free life.

- a) Affluence
- b) Richness
- c) Abundant wealth
- d) All of these

V. People hanker after _____ peace.

- a) Ideal
- b) absolute
- c) Both a and b
- d) none of these

VI. Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes.

(1)Peace brings with it so many positive emotions

(2)Everyone loves calm, serene thoughts

(3)Challenges and adversity are meant to help you know who you are.

(4) To err is human

- a) Option (1)
- b) Option (2)
- c) Option (3)
- d) Option (4)

VII. psychology studies show that an untroubled mind soon becomes

- a) Fertile
- b) Active
- c) Dull and stagnant
- d) Intellectual

VIII. The word from the passage which means as “very far” is

- a) Tranquility
- b) Abundant
- c) Analogy
- d) Distant

IX. the word from the passage which is antonym of dislike’

- a) Hanker after
- b) Attained
- c) Integral
- d) Creativity

X. The word ‘thorns’ can be symbolic of

- a) Challenges
- b) Silky life
- c) Peaceful items
- d) Rosy life

XI. A peaceful mind: -

- a) Is not attainable
- b) Needs safety to maintain its sublime quality
- c) Is non complacent
- d) Is not at all required.

XII. what is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?

- a) Love yourself
- b) Storms hit your weakness, but unlock your true strength.
- c) Life is bed of roses
- d) Live in your comfort zone.**

Q2. B

Read the Passage given below:

1×10=10

Mind management is a way to control one's mind. To do this, we need to be cautious about our thinking process and also need a high level of understanding and meditation as well. Understanding is wisdom -80 per cent of people are knowledgeable while 20 per cent are wise. Knowledgeable men take sides without reason. They feel sad seeing deprived people but jealous when they see happy people. They work in the guidance of others' inspiration, take unnecessary responsibility to keep themselves disturbed.

A wise person does not stand for or against any idea without concrete reason. He works according to the situation and capacity. He looks at everything intellectually. to him, failure is a stepping stone for future success. So depression and conflict are not seen. Like the phrase 'Stop, Look, Go', first one should see, and this needs patience. Meditation is necessary to control and manage mind which then becomes an easy task.

Unless we control or manage our mind, it is difficult to achieve success and peace. Psychologists say every interest is first born in the mind as a seed. Then it continues to grow. Later it takes its real form which everybody can see. The interest that first appears in the mind remains weak for the first three minutes and it becomes strong within the next five minutes. All the negative aspects should be deleted within the first three minutes. If not taken out, they would become stronger later and you can never throw them out. After taking control over the mind, we can control passion, interest and unrest. Mind management is essential for a peaceful, successful and healthy life.

The age of computers has thrown us the escalator of aspirations but has robbed us of simple charms like falling asleep. the compulsion of hectic schedules burden the mind and cause stress. however, the joys that elude us can be regained by practicing meditation. It creates tranquility, simplifies life and cleanses the mind. It helps control indolence, ego and anger and builds confidence and patience. With power meditation, negative thoughts get dissipated and a sense of happiness is achieved.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage attempt ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow.

I. mind management is essential.....

- a) for a peaceful, successful and a healthy life
- b) to remain fit
- c) for a wealthy life
- d) to dominate others

II. traits exhibited by knowledgeable people are _____

- a) They take sides without reason
- b) They are sympathetic to the deprived people.
- c) They take unnecessary responsibilities
- d) All of the above

III. every interest is first born in the mind as a-----

- a) fruits
- b) roots
- c) seed
- d) stem

IV. understanding is wisdom.

- a) Partly true
- b) Partly false
- c) True
- d) False

V. choose the option that lists the correct answers for the following

1. Mr. X works according to situation and capacity

2. Mr. Y takes side without reason.

- a) Mr. X is wise and Mr. Y is knowledgeable.
- b) Mr. X is knowledgeable and Mr. Y is wise.
- c) Mr. X and Y are knowledgeable
- d) Mr. X and Y are wise.

VI. Choose the option that lists statement that is not true.

- a) To manage mind, we need to be cautious about our thinking process
- b) All the negative aspects should be deleted within the first three minutes.
- c) The age of computers has not thrown us on the escalators of aspirations.
- d) Mind management is essential.

VII. wise people 's attributes are that they

- a) Do not feel sad on seeing deprived people
- b) Are happy when they see happy people
- c) Do not take unnecessary responsibility
- d) None of these

VIII. once the mind is controlled, we can control

- a) Passion
- b) Unrest
- c) Interest
- d) All of these

IX. to attain simplified life and tranquility _____ is required.

- a) Invested interest
- b) Power meditation
- c) Wisdom
- d) Knowledge

X. the word in the passage which mean as 'put off or avoid'

- a) elude
- b) tranquility
- c) indolent
- d) clenses

XI. phrase , ' Stop, look, go ' means

- a) Take time to think before taking a decision
- b) To wait and only wait
- c) To take hasty decision
- d) None of these

XII. hectic schedule causes

- a) Only stress
- b) Only restless night
- c) Only burdened mind
- d) A heavy mind ,stress and restless night

Q3.

A

Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow:

Birds, bees and butterflies are there to give you company. Macaques, Malabar squirrels, labours and slender Loris keep a watchful eye from the tree canopy. I do, however, prefer to step aside for wild elephants.

The climb to the Brahmagiri hills brings you into a panoramic view of the entire misty landscape of Coorg. A walk across the rope bridge leads to the sixty_ four acre island of Nisargadhama.

(i) 'You' in the opening line refers to

- a) The narrator
- b) The visitors visiting this place.
- c) Coorgis
- d) None of these

1×5=5

- (ii) The climb to the hills is an important part of a visit to Coorg because
- a) you come across many wild animals
 - b) it gives the climber a whole view of Coorg
 - c) the animals give you company
 - d) it is inhabited by a proud race
- (iii) The best way to reach Nisargadhama is
- a) By climbing
 - b) By walking across the rope bridge
 - c) By swimming
 - d) By mountaineering
- (iv) The group of words in the passage means same as 'to observe carefully
- a) Panoramic view
 - b) Tree canopy
 - c) Misty landscape
 - d) To keep a watchful eye
- (v) The fauna which give 'you' company include
- a) birds, bees and butterflies
 - b) langurs, squirrels and slender Loris
 - c) macaques, Malabar squirrels and slender Loris
 - d) birds , butterflies and slender loris

OR

B Their faces would kindle in her longings, dreams and hopes. If one of her friends happened to ride the bus and tried to describe the sights of the town to her, Valli would be too jealous to listen and would shout, in English: 'Proud! Proud!' Neither she nor her friends really understood the meaning of the word, but they used it often as a slang expression of disapproval. **1×5=5**

- (i) Whose faces are referred to here?
- a) The faces of girls
 - b) The faces of people who got on or off the bus
 - c) Her relatives
 - d) Her parents
- (ii) The feelings they would create in her mind were of
- a) Longings and hopes
 - b) Longings and jealousy
 - c) Jealousy and hatred
 - d) Disapproval and hatred

- (iii) What would the word ‘Proud ‘ mean to her
- a) Approval
 - b) Consent
 - c) Disapproval
 - d) Denial
- (iv) What would make Valli jealous
- a) The bus passengers
 - b) One of her friends who tried to describe her bus ride
 - c) Her friends' success
 - d) None of these
- (v) The desire of Valli was to
- a) Ride a bicycle
 - b) Ride a horse
 - c) Ride the bus
 - d) Ride a car

Q4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow:

A Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.

1×5=5

(i)What is the name of the poet?

- (a) Sylvia path
- (b)W.B. Yeats
- (c)Robert Frost
- (d)Robert Burns

(ii)'Ice' is a symbol of

- (a) Lust
- (b) Love
- (c) Desire
- (d) Hatred

(ii)The poetic device used in the line 'I hold with those
Who favour fire

- (a)Imagery
- (b)Metaphor
- (c)Alliteration
- (d)Transferred epithet

(iii) What is 'fire's a symbol of

- (a) Love and new desires
- (b) Lust and endless desires
- (c) Love and beginning of a new thing
- (d) Revolution

(iv) What would be a better option to end the earth?

- (a) Ice
- (b) Fire
- (c) Both are equally competent
- (d) None

OR

B In a world of possessions. People will take
Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy
And no one buys a ball back . Money is external.
(i) The poet speaks of the ball as a symbol of

1×5=5

- (a) Spiritual things
- (b) The feelings
- (c) The world of wealth and property
- (d) All of these

(ii) When did the boy lose his ball?

- (a) while studying
- (b) while playing
- (c) while dancing
- (d) while climbing a tree

(iii) What has the boy learnt from the loss

- (a) A sense of profit
- (b) A sense of joy
- (c) A sense of loss
- (d) A sense of exuberance

(iv) What does the poet want him to learn

- (a) Losses are part of life
- (b) Gains are part of life
- (c) Both losses and gains are a part of life
- (d) Neither of these

(v) Money is external because

- (a) it can be counted
- (b) it can buy only material Objects
- (c) it can give you mental peace
- (d) None

Q5.

Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks:

1×3=3

Communication -----i----- become very effective and instant due to smart phones. People are able to convey their messages all around the globe to -----ii----- loved ones -----iii----- spending hefty sums of money.

(i)

- a) is
- b) has
- c) have
- d) had

(ii)

- a) his
- b) there
- c) their
- d) your

(iii)

- a) With
- b) Without
- c) And
- d) To

Q6.

Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks to complete the given paragraph

1×3=3



Jon suggested-----(i)----- . Garfield hit him on the head. So Jon asked----- (ii) . Garfield replied that----- (iii)-----

(i)

- a) clean the house
- b) to clean the house .
- c) that he cleans the house.
- d) that should they clean the house?

(ii)

- a) That why did he do that?
- b) Why did he do that.
- c) Why he had done that.
- d) Why had he done that.

(iii)

- a) He is trying to change the channel
- b) He had tried to change the channel
- c) He was trying to change the channel
- d) He has been trying to change the channel

Q7.

Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option for ANY FOUR of the sentences given below:

1×4=4

(i) I can depend on ----- friends I have.

- a) few
- b) the few
- c) a few
- d) many

(ii) ----- union leader will address the workers.

- a) A
- b) An
- c) The
- d) X

(iii) It's a hospital. You ----- smoke.

- a) Ought not
- b) Need not
- c) Must not
- d) Have not

(iv) You ----- take your umbrella. It is not raining.

- a) Must
- b) Need to
- c) Need not
- d) Should not

(v) Raksha ----- editing this magazine for twenty years by next January.

- a) Will be
- b) Will have been
- c) is
- d) would be

(vi) Akbar ----- the Mughal power paramount in India.

- a) Had made
- b) Has made
- c) Was made
- d) Made

Q8.

**PART B (40 MARKS)
WRITING 10 MARKS**

5

Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.

A. You are Rajiv/ Ranjana. You are moved by the cruelty of your neighbour towards his pet dog. Write a letter to the Chairman of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), complaining against the rough treatment.

OR

B. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, Banta Medical Store, Jaipur, placing an order for sanitary items and other medical equipments, to ensure containment of spread of the pandemic 'Covid-19' in the school. Sign yourself as Ravi/ Raveena, Sports Secretary.

Q9.

Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.

5

A. The following table gives information about some of the world's most studied languages. Summarise the information by analysing and reporting the main features in a paragraph, and make comparisons where relevant.

English	1.5 billion	527 million	101
French	82 million	118 million	51
Chinese	30 million	1.39 billion	33
Spanish	14.5 million	389 million	31
Italian	8 million	67 million	29
Japanese	3 million	123 million	25

OR

B. Internet is a computer-based global information system. The modern day internet, better known as the 'Worldwide Web' has completed two decades of existence. It has brought new opportunities to government, business and education. Write an analytical paragraph on the topic 'uses of Internet'. You are Sohan/ Sohni.

LITERATURE (30 Marks)

Q10.

Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each from (A) and (B) respectively.

4×2=8

A

(any two)

2×2=4

(i) What were Lencho's feelings when he found the letter with money in it? What did he do after opening the letter?

(ii) "The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet" Why does Amanda say so?

(iii) How did the Buddha teach Kisa Gotami the truth of life?

B

(any two)

2×2=4

(i) What made Hari Singh come back to Anil?

(ii) How was Lutkins really 'a hard fellow to catch'?

(iii) In what way does Bholi find her teacher different from the people at home?

Q11.

Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each from (A) and (B) respectively

6×2=12

A

Any two

3×2=6

(i) How did Mandela's understanding of freedom change with age and experience?

- (ii) Why does the poet show a preference for living with animals?
(iii) What reasons does the writer give to support his point that baking was considered essential in a traditional Goan village?

B Any two **3×2=6**

- (i) Why did Mrs. Pumphrey pamper Tricki? What were the consequences of her pampering?
(ii) How did Griffin's invisibility come to his help whenever he found himself in trouble?
(iii) Why did Matilda change her lifestyle after the ball?

Q12. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words **5×1=5**

A. On what issues did Lomov and Natalya quarrel? What does their quarrel reveal about them?

OR

B. How should people be judged- by their money and wealth? Or is there something more than that? How did Peggy and Maddie judge Wanda? Were they right in their judgement? Discuss

Q13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words . **5×1=5**

A. Richard did not win a prize in the competition but he did not lose hope and continued working hard and finally succeeded and became a successful scientist . How did his determination and perseverance help to attain his desired goals.

OR

B. Education is always a great asset in the life of a woman. How did Bholi, an educated girl , face the challenge posed by Bishambhar's greed?