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**Instructions for Candidates**

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2. All questions are compulsory.

**SECTION I**

**(Comprehension and Contexts)**

1. Read the passage below and answer the questions which follow it in your own language, not the language of the passage.

India has 16 per cent of the world's population with only 2.4 percent of its land area. There is much pressure on our natural resources including forests. Due to increasing consumerism and nature-hostile activities, the forest-cover is finishing very fast.

Thousands of snails, frog, rats, earthworms, cockroaches and other animals are killed for dissection in schools, colleges and laboratories for experiments. This disturbs the ecological balance.

There is mindless destruction of forests for timber, firewood and fuel. Every year there is a loss of about 1.3 hectares of forest area in India because of indiscriminate clearing of forests for cultivation, quarrying and large dams and irrigation projects. Over-grazing has also taken its toll. The result is serious ecological imbalance and environment degradation.

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Conservation of forests and wildlife is also important as they make life beautiful and colourful. Their proper protection and conservation also means a continuous and adequate supply of food, fodder, medicines, timber etc.

Forests and wildlife and renewable resources need to be carefully protected, and increased in a planned way. More and more trees should be planted, protected and seen growing and maturing. The destruction of forests in upper regions like Himalayas causes erosion of top soil, erratic rainfall, and recurring floods. Deforestation should be checked as it results in loss of productivity and environment degradation.

Encroachment on forests should also be checked. Non government agencies and village communities should be involved in regeneration of degraded forest lands and be allowed to share the benefits of these schemes. The forest and wildlife conservation laws should be made very strict.

(a) True or False : (4×1)

- (i) India has 16 per cent of the world's population.
- (ii) Killing of frogs and rats does not disturb the ecological balance.
- (iii) Maintenance of forests and wildlife leads to an adequate supply of food and medicines.
- (iv) Deforestation results in increased productivity for villages.

(b) Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B : (4×1)

A	B
Timber	preservation
Erratic	necessary
Conservation	wood
Essential	uneven

(c) Answer the following questions in two three sentences each :

- (i) Why is the forest-cover in India decreasing ?

- (ii) How is ecological imbalance being caused in India ?
- (iii) What is the impact of the destruction of forests ?
- (iv) What steps should be taken to preserve forests ? (4×2)

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Yasmeen : Have you seen the advertisement, Dr. Dass ? In the Daily Standard ?

Dass : Yes, Yasmeen, I have. In fact, I asked Mr. Roy to put it in.

Yasmeen : Do you think it'll work ?

Dass : I can't be sure. But Tiger's Eye will be worried.

Yasmeen : Nobody would dare to give information against Tiger's Eye. Not even for a lakh of rupees.

Dass : Perhaps you're right. But Tiger's Eye is an organisation, a chain. And a chain is only as strong as its weakest link!

Yasmeen : And who is the weak link ?

Dass : The weak link is always the person who has much to lose and little to gain. The one person who is not getting his—or her—fair share.

Yasmeen : It can't be Vayu

Dass : No, not Vayu. She is not part of Tiger's Eye. No, the weak link is Prasad. Professor Prasad.

- (i) What is the advertisement that Yasmeen is talking about ?
- (ii) Dass says that Tiger's Eye is an organisation. What type of organisation is it ?
- (iii) Why is Professor Prasad considered a weak link ? (3×4)

3. Answer **any four** of the following questions in about 40-60 words based upon your reading of *Tiger's Eye* : (4×4)

- (i) What is the significance of the advertisements in the South India editions of *The Daily Standard* newspaper ?

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- (ii) Who is David Blake ? Why does Mr. Roy send him to Trivandrum and Cochin ?
- (iii) What are David's ideas for improving the circulation of The *Daily Standard* newspaper ?
- (iv) Who is Gurusamy and what role does he play in the story ?
- (v) Why did Inspector Shah not find what he was looking for when he raided the shop in Janpath ?

**SECTION II**  
**(Reported Speech and Dialogue)**

4. Read the dialogues and fill in the blanks in reported speech with the correct word : (8×1)

Example : Mr. Roy: David where are you calling from ?

Mr. Roy asked David where he was calling from.

- (a) Manager: You can keep your room until two o'clock.

The Manager said that \_\_\_\_\_ could keep \_\_\_\_\_ room until two o'clock.

- (b) Mr. Singh: I'm looking for my bag. I left it here yesterday.

Mr. Singh said that \_\_\_\_\_ was looking for \_\_\_\_\_ bag. He \_\_\_\_\_ left it there the day before.

- (c) Mr. Roy: I think I will be back by five.

Mr. Roy said that \_\_\_\_\_ thought \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ be back by five.

5. Complete the dialogues : (2×4)

- (a) Patient: Good morning doctor! Can you speak to me for a few minutes ?  
Doctor: Certainly! Come in and sit down. Now what is the matter with you ?

Patient: \_\_\_\_\_ (stomach pain)

Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ (hospital)

- (b) Rashid: Only three weeks left for our final school examinations.  
Nayeem: Yes it is coming very near now. I wish it were all over.

Rashid: \_\_\_\_\_ (study hard)

Nayeem: \_\_\_\_\_ (to college)

**SECTION III**  
**(Grammar)**

6. In the sentences given below use the correct form of the verbs given in brackets :

- (i) Last week we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the English Youth Theatre.  
(ii) I'm \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Bangalore next week.  
(iii) We have not yet \_\_\_\_\_ (find) the missing keys.  
(iv) The irrigation project in Bihar \_\_\_\_\_ (take) ten years to complete.  
(v) In Barbados, the West Indies \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the third and final test match against England.  
(vi) Last night thieves \_\_\_\_\_ (break) into a shop near the *bazaar*, and \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) goods worth Rs. 40 lakhs. (8×1)

7. Rewrite the following sentences with the underlined expressions in their short form :

- (i) Mr. Patil we have finished our stocktaking.  
(ii) Oh, we said we did not find anything.  
(iii) I have some good news.  
(iv) That is good news. What is the first prize ?  
(v) We did not know that Damodar spoke English.  
(vi) It is not a bad idea, David.  
(vii) We could not talk to the Indian Tourist Board. (8×1)

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8. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles, 'a', 'an' or 'the'.

- (i) This year we have added \_\_\_\_\_ extra course to the syllabus.
- (ii) If you go to Madurai, you should visit \_\_\_\_\_ main temple there.
- (iii) Mr. Patil is opening \_\_\_\_\_ new hotel near Cochin.
- (iv) Mrs. Mukherjee is \_\_\_\_\_ local correspondent for Bengal.
- (v) M.S. Dhoni is \_\_\_\_\_ captain of the Indian cricket team.
- (vi) India did not win \_\_\_\_\_ single gold medal in the 2012 London Olympics.
- (vii) Football is \_\_\_\_\_ most popular game in the world.
- (viii) He walked in the rain without \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella. (8×1)

9. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable preposition of your choice :

- (i) Do not take photographs \_\_\_\_\_ the building.
- (ii) Never put warm food \_\_\_\_\_ the refrigerator.
- (iii) Take something to read with you \_\_\_\_\_ the train.
- (iv) The conference opens \_\_\_\_\_ 20<sup>th</sup> October, beginning \_\_\_\_\_ 10.00 a.m.
- (v) The guarantee is valid \_\_\_\_\_ one year.
- (vi) The library closes \_\_\_\_\_ noon \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday. (8×1)

10. There is one mistake in each of the below sentences. Rewrite these sentences correcting them :

- (i) It is a five minute walk by taxi to school.
- (ii) Meet me after the bell when I am empty.
- (iii) Please be quiet the Principal is passing away.
- (iv) We discussed about the matter yesterday.
- (v) Open the door and let the weather come in.
- (vi) We are often inviting friends around in the evening.
- (vii) I am wanting to improve my English.
- (viii) We met tomorrow. (8×1)

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