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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Attempt **all** the questions.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow it :

The Buddha walked on fearlessly. The robber, Angulimala, followed him as fast as he could but was not able to catch up with him. He swore and shouted at Gautama Buddha but the latter only smiled at him kindly and continued to walk through the forest. This continued for several hours and Angulimala, tired at last, sat down. The Buddha stood in front of him, His face was shining with kindness for the robber.

“Who are you, man?” asked Angulimala. “Why do you travel through this forest alone? Aren’t you afraid of the robber Angulimala? Why couldn’t I catch you? What magic do you possess?”

The Buddha’s face was full of compassion and he replied gently, “I’m a friend of yours and I have come to the forest to help you. I have come to save you from further sin. I am not afraid of you because I love you as I love all other men. My magic is the magic of kindness for all living creatures.”

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These noble words touched the cruel heart of Angulimala and he fell at the feet of the Buddha. "Save me, O Lord!" he said, sobbing, "I'm the greatest sinner on earth!" He cried bitterly and tears flowed from his eyes in two unending streams.

- (a) Write the meaning of the underlined words in the passage (Column A) by choosing correctly from the meanings given in Column B : (5)

	Column A	Column B
1.	robber	used abusive words to show anger
2.	swore	the second of two people who have been mentioned
3.	latter	any immoral act
4.	compassion	pity
5.	sin	a person who takes money and valuables from others by force

- (b) Decide whether the following statements are true or false on basis of the above passage : (5)

(i) Gautam Buddha walked faster than Angulimala.

(ii) The Buddha hated Angulimala.

(iii) The Buddha went to the forest to catch Angulimala because Angulimala was a robber.

(iv) The Buddha loved everyone – people and animals.

(v) After hearing Buddha's words Angulimala asked Buddha to save him.

- (c) Give short answers in complete sentences, using your own words as far as possible : (5×2)

(i) Why was the Buddha in the forest?

- (ii) Why did Angulimala shout at the Buddha?
- (iii) Why was Angulimala surprised?
- (iv) Why was the Buddha not scared?
- (v) How did Angulimala express his repentance?

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow it :

I don't know from where I got this determination. I knew that I wanted to make something of myself. I just decided, at the age of 17, that I wanted to become a pilot. When I went to New Zealand, it was only the second time I'd even seen a cockpit. My eldest brother supported me in this, because you need money for the training, but practically everyone else was against it. They all used to tell my mother, "She's just passing time, she's making a fool out of you, she'll just waste money and come back." But my mother had told me – "I am trusting you, don't break my trust". When I came back, my mother was very proud. My father was rather upset, because he never wanted any of his daughters to become anything – for him, his sons were the ones that mattered but my mom, she was very proud sadly, she is no more, but it was her last dream that I should be a pilot.

Just after I qualified, I was in a road accident in which my right arm was badly fractured. It took me a year-and-a-half to recover from that. Then, I had another accident which meant I was on crutches for another year. I must say I've had quite a few adventures! But I didn't give up on my career even though my family was really after me to get married. It's quite a major issue for a traditional Hindu family if you're not married by the age of twenty-eight. I managed to avoid it, because I used to run away from the house whenever they invited some young man over to see me.

– Indira Vashishta

- (a) Write the meaning of the underlined words / phrases in the passage (Column A) by choosing correctly from the meanings given in Column B : (5)

	Column A	Column B
1.	make something of oneself	that were most relevant
2.	cockpit	in real terms
3.	practically	put pressure on somebody
4.	mattered	the part of the plane where the pilot sits
5.	be after somebody to do something	become successful

(b) Decide whether the following statements are true or false on basis of the above passage : (5)

- (i) Indira's family wanted her to become a pilot.
- (ii) After she qualified as a pilot, Indira met with many accidents.
- (iii) Indira's family wanted her to get married.
- (iv) Indira was also keen to get married.
- (v) Indira thought of giving up her career as a pilot.

(c) Give short answers in complete sentences, using your own words as far as possible : (5×2)

- (i) What did Indira decide at the age of seventeen?
- (ii) Who supported Indira in her plan?
- (iii) What did the other family members think about her desire to become a pilot?
- (iv) What was the attitude of Indira's father towards her achievement?
- (v) What difficulties did Indira face after becoming a pilot?

3. (a) Match Column A with the opposites given in Column B. (5)

	Column A	Column B
1.	above	least
2.	artificial	rare
3.	cheap	below
4.	common	expensive
5.	most	real

- (b) Match the people in Column A with their description given in Column B : (5)

	Column A	Column B
1.	cobbler	one who sells things like soap, sugar, biscuits, etc.
2.	confectioner	one who mends shoes
3.	discoverer	one who sells sweets
4.	grocer	one who passes his time doing nothing
5.	idler	one who finds something which has always been there but which people did not know about

4. (a) Fill in the blanks with a suitable preposition from those given below :
at, from, of, on, to (5)

The Foreign Minister of Nepal reached Delhi ____ (1) ____ the morning ____ (2) ____ 25th November. He was received ____ (3) ____ the Indira Gandhi International Airport by the External Affairs minister. ____ (4) ____ the airport he went ____ (5) ____ the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

- (b) Fill in the blanks by choosing a suitable word from those given below.
Use each word once only. (5)
can, can't, may, will, won't

(i) She _____ speak French very well as she has been to France many times.

- (ii) You _____ take some rest if you are tired.
- (iii) You _____ take your mobile phone inside the examination hall.
- (iv) Don't be afraid of the dog, it _____ bite you.
- (v) My cycle has broken down, I _____ repair it tomorrow.

(c) Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct form of the verb from the brackets :
(5)

- (i) The Chinese _____ (invented / was invented) paper.
- (ii) The raw material _____ (provided / is provided) by the forests.
- (iii) The patient _____ (carried / was carried) home by the relatives.
- (iv) They _____ (built / was built) this college in 1954.
- (v) People _____ (sent / were sent) their complaints to the municipal corporation.

(d) Form questions for the following answers. Begin your question with the word given in brackets. (5)

- (i) Her name is Vinita. (What)
- (ii) She is 10 years old. (How old)
- (iii) She lives near my house. (Where)
- (iv) I met her two months back. (When)
- (v) I like her because she is such a cheerful child. (Why)

5. Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to issue you a duplicate college identity card. You may mention how you lost your original card and what action you have taken to try to recover it. (15)

6. Write a paragraph of 100–150 words on your favourite movie. You can talk about what type of movie it is, the story in brief, the actors, the songs, dances, action sequences, etc. You should also mention why you like the movie so much. (15)