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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 questions.

1. Answer any **five** of the following questions in about **30-50** words each :

- (a) How does Mujtaba describe Inzamam in 'Inzy Lets Things Flow Over Him'?
- (b) Whom does Soraya run away with and why?
- (c) Why does the narrator want to 'become a boy' in the story 'Girls'? What does it show about the family's attitude towards her?
- (d) Who are the 'imaginary' fathers in the poem 'Sisters'? How does the elder daughter, according to the speaker, learn how to overcome them?
- (e) Why does Bannu sit on a fast unto death? Who helps him and why?
- (f) How is the speaker's attitude towards Amalkanti different from that of the poet?
- (g) How is Nisha Sharma's struggle different from that of Satyarani Chaddha?
(5×2=10)

2. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **75-100** words each :

- (a) Write a short note on Tarun Tejpal's views on competitive sport and cricket in particular?

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- (b) Briefly describe Bagchi's childhood in Koraput.
- (c) What prompts Tara to seek revenge on Abhay, using food as an instrument?
- (d) Briefly discuss 'A Ten Day Fast' as a satire? (2×5=10)

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

Delhi has a lot to offer as a tourist destination. With 174 national monuments including three UNESCO listed heritage sites, and more than 1,000 culturally important places, Delhi is one of the world's oldest living cities. Its museums and art galleries boast of some of the best collections and travelling exhibitions. The Aravali Ridge and many bio-diversity parks have the most amazing flora and fauna. But how many Delhiites visit these places, unless one is escorting visiting relatives and friends on a sight-seeing city tour?

The metro may have provided better connectivity to some parts of this vast city, but how many actually use the mass transit for exploring Delhi? Most of us travel to work, attend classes, shop in malls, socialize in Connaught Place or Khan Market and, occasionally, eat out in Old Delhi. Yes, weekends see massive crowds at India Gate and Lodhi Gardens. But then, Delhi's outdoor activities are limited to select parks, lawns, and of course, Dilli Haats.

Incidentally, the American concept of staycation—vacation in one's own city—is a trend picking up in Delhi. Checking into a five-star hotel offering off-season discounts, families love to experience the pleasure of fine dining, spa, pool and 24×7 room service. But not many combine it with exploring the city's monuments, forests, theatres or simple walks down those lanes through the city's many heritage clusters and traditional bazaars.

Questions:

- (i) What makes Delhi an attractive tourist destination?
- (ii) What kind of activities do most of us engage in?
- (iii) Which are the popular weekend spots of Delhi?
- (iv) What does the concept staycation mean?

(v) What do Delhiites miss during staycation? (5×2=10)

4. (a) Fill in the blanks choosing appropriate words/phrases from the list given below:

Famous; notorious; constant; always; no longer; making up; didn't notice; drawing up

Rashid Khalifa was so busy _____ and telling stories that he _____ that Soraya _____ sang, which, probably made things worse. But then Rashid was a busy man, in _____ demand, he was the Ocean of Notions, the _____ Shah of Blah. (5)

(b) Use any five of the phrases given below in sentences of your own so that their meaning becomes clear:

overloaded with; set up the issue; cast off; self-reliant; poorly lit; fast unto death (5)

5. (a) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given within brackets after each sentence:

(i) When I reached his house, he (sleep)

(ii) By now I the Director of the company if I had not resigned. (become)

(iii) I my graduation before the four-year undergraduate programme was introduced. (complete)

(iv) I my assignment to the teacher next week. (submit)

(v) She the Principal twice last week on this issue. (meet) (5)

(b) Fill in the blanks with an appropriate modal chosen from those given within brackets after each sentence:

(i) He did make some mistakes but he dismissed from service for that! (needn't, mustn't, wouldn't)

(ii) He has always stood by you. You to help him at any cost. (seem, ought, would)

- (iii) I wonder why he is late because he's always so punctual. He
be in some trouble. (should, would, must)
- (iv) you please help me to carry this baggage to my room? (Could,
Would, Should)
- (v) If you think she will marry you, you be crazy. (should, would,
must) (5)
- (c) Rewrite the following sentences in their corresponding active/passive voice :
- (i) All the injured passengers were rushed to the hospital.
- (ii) We sell all consumer goods in our departmental store.
- (iii) In our school, senior students teach the primary school students on
Teachers day.
- (iv) In sports, we make new records by breaking old records.
- (v) He ruined his health by excessive smoking and drinking. (5)
6. (a) Imagine you recently met a childhood friend after a gap of five years. Write
a diary entry in about 100 words describing the experience. (5)
- (b) Imagine you are Mujtaba and you have been asked to speak in the morning
school assembly. Write a speech in about 100 words about your friendship
with Inzy. (5)
- (c) Write a paragraph in about 250 words about your hobby. (10)