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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 questions in about 30-50 words each : (5×2=10)

- (i) In the poem 'If I Return This Time' what does the poet want to return as ?
- (ii) Why was Barry John's childhood unhappy ?
- (iii) Give two points that should be kept in mind while writing for an examination ?
- (iv) Do you think that Harish is an obedient son ?
- (v) What do you understand by 'Free Writing' ?
- (vi) How do Anita Satpute's employers treat her ?
- (vii) Why does Saroj want her son to marry ?

2. Answer any two in about 75-100 words each : (2×5=10)

- (i) What are the chief requirements for good, effective writing ?
- (ii) How, as a parent, is Anita different from her own parents ?
- (iii) Why did Barry John decide to come to India ?
- (iv) What is the central theme of the poem, 'If I Return This Time' ?

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3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow, as far as possible, in your own words : (5×2=10)

The first semester of my junior year at Princeton University is a disaster, and my grades show it. D's and F's predominate, and a note from the dean puts me on academic probation. Flunk one more course, and I'm out.

Fortunately, as the new semester gets under way, my courses begin to interest me. Three hours a week, I attend one called Nuclear Weapons Strategy and Arms Control in which three professors lead 12 students through intense discussions of counterforce capabilities and doomsday scenarios. The leader is Hal Feiveson, renowned for his strong command of the subject matter. Assisting him are Marty Sherwin, an authority on cold-war diplomacy, and Freeman Dyson, an eminent physicist.

- (i) How does the narrator perform in the first semester ?
- (ii) What happens in the new semester ?
- (iii) Which course interests him most ?
- (iv) Name the three professors of the course that interests him.
- (v) Find antonyms (words opposite in meaning) of the given words from the above passage :

Senior, unfortunate, follower, weak.

4. (a) Complete the passage given below with the correct form of the verb given in brackets : (10×½=5)

He _____ (take) me to his room and _____ (tell) me I could sleep in the veranda. But I was nearly back on the street that night. The meal I _____ (cook) must have been pretty awful because Arun _____ (give) it to the neighbour's cat and told me to be off. But I just _____ (hang) around smiling in my most appealing way and then he couldn't help _____ (laugh). He sat down on the bed and _____ (laugh) for a full five minutes and later _____ (pat) me on the head and said, never mind, he'd teach me to cook in the morning. Not only did he teach me to cook but he _____ (teach) me to write my name. I was really grateful to Arun for _____ (teach) me to write.

- (b) Give synonyms (words similar in meaning) of the words given below :

Garments, require, allow, thoughts, permanent, totally, dreadful, wonderful, imagine, large. (5)

5. (a) Fill in the blanks by using appropriate determiners and quantifiers given below : (5)

Many, some, any, few, plenty of, all, each, anyone, a little, none, the.

- (i) Can you buy _____ rice for the party ?
(ii) Hardly _____ turned up for the meeting.
(iii) I hope there wasn't _____ damage to your car.
(iv) _____ talented young doctors are moving to Australia.
(v) It will take _____ time but I'm sure you'll learn the rules of cricket eventually.
(vi) She put her _____ clothes into a bag, and rushed to the station.
(vii) We greeted _____ guests as they entered.
(viii) I've known her _____ my life.
(ix) _____ of my cousins were at the wedding.
(x) We had _____ hotels to choose from.

- (b) Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate word given below : (5)

Yourself, himself, myself, themselves, ourselves

- (i) He has landed _____ in difficulties.
(ii) Sometimes I hate _____ for being so gentle.
(iii) Some people are always talking about _____.
(iv) You are unable to express _____ properly.
(v) I _____ heard his rude remark.
(vi) We do not see _____ as others see us.

(vii) They enjoyed _____ a lot at the party.

(viii) I was presented this book by the author _____ .

(ix) I made the dinner _____ .

(x) Maya, did you knit this beautiful sweater _____ ?

(c) Complete the sentences by using the appropriate word given below : (5)

Always, never, usually

(i) He _____ sings when he's having a shower.

(ii) I could _____ understand why he got so annoyed.

(iii) We _____ play tennis with Ramesh and Sunil.

(iv) He _____ plays better than this.

(v) Rohit has _____ visited the Taj Mahal.

6. (a) Suppose you are the Principal of the Animal School in 'Learning Can Be Fun'. Write a letter to the Director, Higher Education, explaining why the school failed to teach its students successfully. (10)

OR

Suppose you are Saroj Chawla from the story 'A Mother's Decision'. Write a letter to your sister telling her why you selected Renu Luthra as a bride for your son Harish.

(b) Write a short essay (250-300 words) on the importance of maintaining cleanliness. (10)

OR

Frame ten questions you would like to ask a famous politician.