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Paper CP-2.4 : ENGLISH

(Admissions of 2011 and onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

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Attempt *All* questions from both

Section A and Section B.

Section A

1. Explain with reference to the context any *four* of the passages given below : 4×5=20

(a) Neither old age,

nor time,

nor space.

Bells will toll,

and the bandit old age

P.T.O.

will come creeping.

You won't know

that worn face

for your own.

- (b) Come and show me another city with lifted head singing so proud to be alive and coarse and strong and cunning.
- (c) Creative people have to be generalists, interested in everything and aware that what they learn in one field might prove useful in another.
- (d) If you are opening your own business, you'll lose the security of a regular salary and the company benefits you take for granted. And there will be other changes. You might not get home for dinner; relaxing week-ends may be few and far between.
- (e) The Chinese have a proverb pregnant with the age-old wisdom of the changeless East : 'He who treads softly goes far'.

2. Attempt any *three* of the questions given below in about **150** words each : 3×5=15
- (i) Why are handmade articles more expensive than the mass-produced goods ?
 - (ii) Comment on the significance of the Verger's last sentence, "I'd be verger of St. Peter's Neville Square."
 - (iii) What does the writer mean by 'mental locks' ?
 - (iv) What is the banker's attitude towards people with low income who want small loans ? Explain.
3. Attempt any *two* of the following questions in about **250** words : 2×7=14
- (a) Sketch the character of the 'Sahib' in the light of the story.
 - (b) Write a paragraph on 'Forget the clock. Nine-to-five doesn't exist'.
 - (c) What is the significance of the reference number JS/17/M378 in the poem 'The Unknown Citizen' ?

Section B

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

Venting out anger has become a common practice, especially in urban life. It can happen anywhere—on the road, at home, or at the workplace. Operating under conditions of high stress, the majority no longer regards patience as a virtue; but seen as a waste of time, an act of cowardice.

The following incident occurred on a busy toll-road where traffic queues during peak hours are a regular feature. One day while driving to work, waiting for my turn at the toll-gate, my attention was drawn towards the adjacent lane. The chauffeur of sedan was having a fierce argument with the toll-gate-keeper. In the passenger's seat sat a man, perhaps the owner of the car, dressed most exquisitely. Within seconds this

gentleman jumped out of the car and started shouting at the gatekeeper.

What could be so compelling that lets a man give up his gentle demeanour and become so aggressive and rude ? Why despite being a unique creation, does man find it so difficult to maintain calm ?

Human beings are considered to be unique because we are intelligent; we have a discerning mind that can differentiate between right and wrong. Then why are we overwhelmed with negative thoughts ? Unable to realize the sea of opportunities that lie beyond an immediate problem, we choose to be reactive, and as a consequence complicate problems.

On the contrary, giving a well-considered response can change even the most negative situation into a positive event. The art of converting negative into positive is a very important principle. It allows a person to exercise restraint and control

over negative emotions. Doing so, we get time to think about the pros and cons of the event and plan our response with deliberation. Such an approach renders us capable of noticing the immense opportunities if we adopt the course of conciliation without wasting energy and effort on confrontation.

Life is a challenge. By cultivating a non-confrontational approach and optimally utilizing our abilities, we can achieve positive outcomes and be peaceful and happy. But unfortunately, most lose this chance because of an obsession with ego and pomposity.

It is therefore, up to each one of us to choose our course—angry reaction which may lead to loss of opportunities or a well considered response which would direct us to the path of calm, happiness and wellbeing.

Questions :

- (1) Why has venting of anger become a common practice ? 2
- (2) What made the gentleman in the passenger seat join the fight between his driver and the gatekeeper ? 2
- (3) How can a negative situation be converted into a positive one ? 2
- (4) What do we achieve by choosing well considered responses ? 2
- (5) From the passage find out antonyms for the words given below : 2
- positive, disturbing, sad, humility.
5. Make a précis (one third) of the following passage and give it an apt title : 5+1=6

Regular physical activity provides numerous health benefits-- from leaner bodies and lower blood pressure to improved

mental health and cognitive functioning. As the school physical programme promotes physical activity and can teach skills, as well as form or change behaviour, it holds an important key to influencing health and well-being across the life span. To improve the fitness of the students, we need to rethink the design and delivery of school-based physical education programme. Adults in the United States think that information about health was more important for students to learn the content in language arts, mathematics, science, history or any other subject. Despite this high ranking, most schools devote minimal curriculum time to teaching students how to lead healthy lives. Our first might be to consider ways to increase curriculum time devoted to physical education. In addition, schools need to thoughtfully analyse the design and delivery of school physical education programme to ensure that they are engaging, developmentally appropriate, inclusive and instructionally powerful. (165 words)

6. Do as directed :

(i) Explain the meaning of the given idiomatic phrase : 1

'To make both ends meet' means :

(a) To tie something up

(b) To manage with whatever money one has

(c) To go round in circles.

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(ii) Use *one* of the following phrases in your own sentence : 1

(a) Whisk away

(b) Make room for

(c) True to one's gift.

=20

(iii) Fill in the appropriate prepositions in the following sentences with the words given below 5

against, on, out, with, under

(a) "Will you please come with the facts." said the judge to the lawyer.

P.T.O.

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- (b) The complaint lodged him turned out to be false.
- (c) Much can be said this issue.
- (d) The cat was found hiding the bridge.
- (e) a lot of difficulty he managed to carry the fridge up to the fifth floor.
- (iv) Give synonyms for the following words : 3
- cheap, lunatic, logical, ridicule, chairman, appreciation