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अंग्रेजी सामान्य GENERAL ENGLISH (Second Language)				
Total Questions : 15	Total Printed Pages : 8	Time : 3 Hours	Maximum Marks : 100	

Instructions :

- Read the instructions carefully.
- All questions are compulsory.
- Answers must be complete and to the point.
- Marks of each question are indicated against it.
- Internal choices are given in some of the questions.

SECTION - A

(Reading)

- Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Nationalism, of course is a curious phenomenon: which at a certain stage in a country's history gives life, growth, strength and unity, but at the same time, it has tendency, to limit one, because one thinks of one's own country as something different from the rest of the world. The perspective changes and one is continuously thinking of one's own struggles and virtues and failure to the exclusion of other thoughts. The result is that the same nationalism, which is the symbol of growth for a people becomes a symbol of cessation of that growth in the mind. Nationalism, when it becomes successful, sometimes goes on spreading in an aggressive way and becomes a danger

internationally. Whatever line of thought you follow, you arrive at the conclusion that some kind of balance must be found, otherwise something that was good can turn into evil. Culture, which is essentially good, becomes not only static but aggressive and something that breeds conflict and hatred when looked at from a wrong point of view. How do you find a balance? I do not know. Apart from political and economic problems of the age, perhaps that is the greatest problem, today; because behind it there is a tremendous conflict in the spirit of man and a tremendous search for something it cannot find. We turn to economic theories because they have an undoubted importance.

It is folly to talk of culture or even of God when human beings starve and die. Before one can talk about anything else; One must provide the normal essentials of life to human beings. That is where economics comes in. Human beings today are not in the mood to tolerate this suffering and starvation and inequality when they see that the burden is not equally shared. Others gain profit while they only bear the burden.

Questions :

- (a) Nationalism is a symbol of : 1
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| (1) pride | (2) humbleness |
| (3) growth | (4) culture |
- (b) Culture is essentially good but becomes : 1
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| (1) dynamic | (2) static |
| (3) worse | (4) rotten |
- (c) We can find balance when we turn to : 1
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| (1) economics | (2) history |
| (3) culture | (4) geography |
- (d) The word 'starve' in the passage means : 1
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| (1) to die of hunger | (2) poverty |
| (3) lack of strength | (4) diseases |
- (e) According to Nehru; Nationalism is a _____ phenomenon. 1
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| (1) natural | (2) cultural |
| (3) curious | (4) ethical |
- (f) What is the verb form of 'conclusion' ? 1
- | | |
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| (1) include | (2) conclude |
| (3) conclusive | (4) concludable |

- (g) It is folly to talk of culture when :
 (1) human beings starve and die
 (2) the burden is not equally shared
 (3) culture becomes aggressive
 (4) nationalism becomes successful
- (h) The noun form of 'tolerate' is : 1
 (1) tolerance (2) tolerable
 (3) tolerably (4) toleration
- (i) When does a society become static ? 2
- (j) According to Nehru when is it folly to talk about culture or God ? 2

2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

At the end of the Second World War, Japan was defeated, her economy was in ruins. Until 1952, she was occupied by Allied troops, mostly American for the first three years, the Americans aimed at making sure that Japan could never start a war; she was forbidden from having armed forces and was given a democratic constitution. Americans did not, at this stage seem, concede about restoring the Japanese economy. **MPboardonline.com**

Then, they felt a strong need for an ally in South-East Asia and began to encourage Japanese economic recovery. From 1950, industry developed rapidly and by 1953 production had reached a high level. American occupying forces were almost withdrawn in April 1952.

Japan's rapid recovery was possible because Americans gave them vital help. Japanese goods were allowed into American markets on favourable terms and the U.S.A. supplied aid and equipment. An economically healthy Japan meant a buffer against communism in South-East Asia.

The Korean war brought orders for military equipment and supplies and American firms began to co-operate with the Japanese in the development of new industries. The alliance with the U.S.A. protected Japan and she was able to invest money in industry instead of defence.

Questions :

- (i) Make notes in points, from the above passage, using abbreviations, where necessary and supply a suitable title also. 5
- (ii) Write a summary in 90 words of the above passage. 3

SECTION - B

(Writing)

- 3 Your father has been transferred to another city. You want to sell certain household goods. Design an attractive and suitable advertisement to be published in local newspaper. 5

OR

You are a student of Class XII of Govt. G. H. S. School. Morena. Your school is going to celebrate "Say No To Drugs Day." Prepare a poster on the same. Poster must be in proper formation having good message for the local public also.

- 4 You are Kamal. As a responsible citizen you have organized a campaign on 'Say No to Polythene Bags' in your locality. Write a report in not more than 125 words for publication in a magazine using the following details : 6

- (i) campaign in our locality.
- (ii) disastrous effects of polythene.
- (iii) chokes the sewerage system.
- (iv) to make the public aware of its harms.
- (v) to make locality polythene free zone.

OR

With the help of the words given below, produce a write up on the 'Corruption : A Fast Growing Malady' :

- (i) a little bit always existed
- (ii) increase during licence
- (iii) Permit Raj
- (iv) now growing very fast
- (v) officials and politicians making easy money
- (vi) have assets beyond their own source of income
- (vii) easy to take action against them.

- 5 You are Avinash Sinha, residing at 4/36 Mahal Colony, Shivpuri. Write a letter to the collector of your district about the lack of facilities and mal-functioning of the Govt. Hospital of your area. 6

OR

Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police of your district for a ban on the free use of loudspeakers during examination.

- 6 Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you Rs. 1000/- for school and hostel fee, school uniform and books. 6

OR

You are Bharat Singh residing at 192, Dwaraka Colony, Bhind. Write a letter to your friend Harish, congratulating him on his brilliant success in the Higher Secondary Certificate Examination.

- 7 Write an article on 'Man, Computer and Mobile' for your school magazine. 7
You are Akanksha, a student of BGSI Public School, Gwalior. You can take the help of following inputs :

- (i) so many technical devices
- (ii) computer : a great invention
- (iii) stores large data
- (iv) a reliable device
- (v) mobile : a basic necessity
- (vi) wonderful various purposes
- (vii) internet : a home of knowledge.

OR

Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250 words :

- (a) Science : A Blessing or A Curse
- (b) The Problem of Unemployment
- (c) Value of Games and Sports
- (d) Pollution Problem : A Great Challenge
- (e) Our Present Prime Minister - Mr. Narendra Modi.

SECTION - C

(Grammar)

8 Fill in the blanks with the help of the correct alternatives given in the bracket :

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- (i) My friend lives _____ New Delhi. (in / at / into)
- (ii) Work hard lest you _____ fail. (would / could / should)
- (iii) Ram prefers milk _____ tea. (at / to / than)
- (iv) Mr. David is _____ European. (a / an / the)
- (v) I have _____ friends. (much / many)

9 Do as directed : (any five)

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- (i) a / apple / an / day / the / keeps / away / doctor.
(Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)
- (ii) He does his duty.
(Change into negative)
- (iii) (a) The fan is high.
(b) I can not touch.
(Combine these sentences by using the conjunction 'so that')
- (iv) If you do not work hard; you will fail.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'unless' in place of 'if')
- (v) (a) Sita does not sing.
(b) She does not dance.
(Join these two sentences using 'neither nor')
- (vi) Mr. Gupta teaches Hindi.
(Change the voice)
- (vii) He says, "He has completed his home work."
(Change the narration)

SECTION - D

(Textbook)

- 10 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below :

The wonderful air is over me.

And the wonderful wind is shaking the tree.

It walks on the water, and whirls the mills.

And talks to itself on the tops of hills.

Questions :

- (a) The opposite of the word 'bottom' is : 1
(1) wonderful (2) whirl
(3) top (4) shakes
- (b) The word that rhymes with 'tree' is : 1
(1) will (2) me
(3) top (4) mill
- (c) Give the name of the poem from which this extract has been taken. 1

- (B) Some people say that you're a dear.

Yet dear is far from cheap.

A jumper is a thing you wear.

Yet a jumper has to leap.

It's very clear, it's very queer.

and pray who is to blame

for different meanings to some words

- pronounced and spelt the same ?

Questions :

- (a) What is the opposite of the word 'dear' ? 1
(1) costly (2) cheap
(3) precious (4) beloved
- (b) The word 'Jumper' has two meanings. Its one meaning is 'one who jumps'. What is its second meaning ? 1
(1) a woman's loose outer garment
(2) strange
(3) different
(4) blame
- (c) Name the poem from which this extract has been taken. 1

11 Answer any **two** of the following questions :

- (a) Who are the people far from us ?
- (b) What is the attire of the earth ?
- (c) What is the difference between a selfish and a helpless man ?
- (d) Why does the forest envy the river ?

7×2=14

12 Answer any **seven** of the following questions :

- (a) What disability did she (Mini) have ?
- (b) What happens if we prejudice people and future events ?
- (c) What are comfort zones ?
- (d) What was the topic of discussion at Dabney's ?
- (e) What was Swami Arvasu doing under the banyan tree ?
- (f) What does the brain consist of ?
- (g) Why did Kanchhedi say he beat up Ghasi ?
- (h) Make a list of civic duties as suggested by Dr. Kalam.
- (i) What reasons did the author give for Indians having many children ?

13 Answer any **one** out of the two :

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Describe the duck's farewell.

OR

Do you think that the author was blind by birth ? Justify your answer from the hints given in the story.

14 Answer any **four** of the following questions :

4×2=8

- (a) Which is the world's highest waterfall and where is it ?
- (b) How does the author compare the crafty, simple and wise men ?
- (c) What accounts for beauty in yourself ?
- (d) Which is the best place considered for meditation ?
- (e) Why is the Gita beyond the mere intellect ?
- (f) Where is Chitrakoot situated ?

15 In what categories does the author divide the books ?

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OR

Summarize the poem 'Words' in about 80 words.