

General English

80

Time allowed : Two hours

Maximum Marks: 150

Note:

All questions are compulsory.

The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.

Clearly mention question number and part number before attempting.

The parts of the same question must be answered together.

Limit your answer to the word limits mentioned in the question.

Divide your time proportionately for each question.

- 1. Read the following passage carefully and answer in your own words the questions that follow: 30 Marks**

Garbage is a great environment hazard. It comes from different sources – used papers, plastic bags, bottle caps, packing materials, fallen leaves from trees and many more. Garbage makes premises ugly, unkempt and breeds diseases. A lot of trash that is thrown away contains material that can be recycled and reused such as paper, metals and glass which can be sent to the nearest recycling centre or disposed of to the junk-dealer. It also contains organic matter such as leaves which can enrich soil fertility. A compost pit can be made at the convenient location where the reuse can be placed with layer of soil and on occasional sprinkling of water. This would help decomposition to make valuable fertilizer. This would also prevent pollution that is usually caused by burning such organic waste.

- i. Write the theme of the passage
- ii. What happens to the disposed material at the recycling centre?
- iii. Mention two things which help organic waste material to change into fertilizer in the compost pit

- iv. What are the different materials that can be recycled
- v. Use the word 'breed' in your own sentence to bring out the meaning

2. Make a précis of the following passage. Also assign a suitable title to it. 30 Marks

Good communication skills require a high level of self awareness. Understanding your personal style of communicating will go a long way towards helping you to create a good and lasting impression on others. By becoming more aware of how other perceive you, you can adapt more readily to their style of communicating. This does not mean you have to be chameleon, changing with every personality you meet. Instead you can make ~~another~~^{another} person more comfortable with you by selecting and emphasizing certain behaviors that fit within your personality and resonate with another. In doing this, you will become an active and patient listener. We should use non-verbal behaviors to raise the channel of interpersonal communication. Non-verbal communication is often, referred to as body language, facial expressions, like smiles, gestures, eye contacts and even your posture. This shows the person you are communicating with that you are indeed listening actively and will prompt further communications while keeping costly, time consuming misunderstanding at a minimum.

3. Write a paragraph on any the following topics; 30 Marks

- i. Democracy in India
- ii A Day that I cannot forget
- iii. An Election Scene
- iv. Rising prices
- v. My Motherland

4 a. Write two synonyms each of the following words: 10 Marks

- i. Vigorous
- ii. Corrupt

- iii. Endure
- iv. Timid
- v. Splendid

b. Write two Antonyms each of the following words: 10 Marks

- i. Attract
- ii. Charity
- iii. Regular
- iv. Stout
- v. Savage

5. Write one word substitute for the following: 10 Marks

- i. One who is present everywhere
- ii. Walking in sleep
- iii. One who is all powerful
- iv. A woman hunter
- v. Government by nobles
- vi. One who does not believe in the existence of God
- vii. A woman, head of the family
- viii. A person who looks the bright side of things
- ix. Incapable of being read
- x. Fit to be chosen

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition: 10 Marks

- i. prefer coffee _____ Tea

- ii. He lives _____ Bombay
- iii. We were just _____ time
- iv. We ceased work _____ sunset
- v. They have been waiting _____ over an hour

7. Use the following idioms in sentences of your own so as to bring out their meanings: 10 Marks

- i. To break the ice
- ii. A maiden speech
- iii. All and sundry
- iv. A white Elephant
- v. Through thick and thin

8. Correct the following sentences: 10 Marks

- i. I prefer reading than watching T.V.
- ii. Rich should not hate poor
- iii. He is junior than me
- iv. His hairs are grey
- v. I am too busy today
- vi. What are the news
- vii. He married with Hema
- viii. My trousers is tight at the waist
- ix. One should do his duty
- x. They help each other