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**Branch-ENGLISH**

**ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks '

PART A

- I. In the following passage, there are some blank spaces with numbers. There are four word choices marked A, B, C and D given against the numbers below the passage: (3 marks)  
 Choose the best alternative to fill in the blanks:
- A. Most of us are ..1.... of open conflict and avoid it if we can. And there is a ...2... to expressing and working through conflict. If the working involves harsh words and name-calling people feel deeply hurt and relationships can be ...3.... Some group members may be afraid that if they really express their anger, they may go out of control and become violent, or they may do this. These fears can be very real and based on experience.
1. a. scared b. careful c. reckless d. aware
  2. a. challenge b. principle c. chance d. risk
  3. a. established b. maligned c. damaged d. rebuilt
- B. In the following questions, there exists a certain relationship between the two capitalized words. Among the other pairs following the capitalized word pair, choose the one whose relationship runs parallel to that of the capitalized pair: (2 marks)
1. WARM: HOT :: \_\_\_\_\_ : HILARIOUS  
 a. humid b. raucous c. summer d. amusing
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ : HORSE :: BOARD : TRAIN  
 a. stable b. shoe c. ride d. mount
- C. Select a word which is similar in meaning to the word given: (2 marks) •
1. \* Propensity  
 a) predilection b) soft c) sensitive d) dull -
  2. Replenish  
 a) deplete b) stuff d) restore d) rewind
- D. Select a word which is opposite in meaning to the word given: (2 marks)
1. Contiguous  
 a) adjoining b) flanking . c) distant d) adjacent
  2. Dilapidated  
 a) decaying b) infirm c) delicate d) pristine -
- E. Identify the four wrongly spelt words from the words given: (2 marks)
1. embarased 2. Franchise 3. Rejuvenate 4. seperate
  5. souvneer 6. arguement \*
- F. Make acceptable words from each of the following groups of letters (2 marks)
- 1) ETONERLD 2) IRARNREF 3) UEBKRE 4) ERDPDON
- G. Generate four words by adding Affixes (prefix or suffix) (2 marks)
1. Summer 2. ioyal 3. known 4. rhythm
- H. Identify the word that could replace the underlined word with no change of meaning: (2 marks) •
1. Children and adults in the impoverished nation face wretched poverty, a lack of food, inadequate sewers and no electric power.,  
 a) content b) exultant c) abject d) warm
  2. Forecasters warned citizens of the forthcoming hurricane that had developed winds of 75 miles an hour  
 a) distant b) impending c) remote d) visible

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3. Bhaskar possesses an assorted collection of CDs because his tastes involve musical diversity.  
 a) amalgamated b) blend c) less d) eclectic
4. We have to do some research in order to determine the possible factors that could affect the outcome of the project.  
 a) diminish b) substantiate c) remain d) descend
- I. In the following sentences, an idiom or phrase is underlined. Pick out the correct meaning of the idiom or phrase from the choices given: (2 marks)
1. People call Mani a chip off the old block because he-----  
 a. reminds them of his father b. reminds them of his son c. reminds them of their fathers
2. Our school's basketball team is going great guns in the tournament.  
 a. lost every game b. won two out of four games c. won every game
3. I thought Swathi would be a good worker, but it turns out that she can't cut the mustard.  
 a. proves to be active b. proves to be dull c. proves to be a lazy one.
4. I know that the fight that they had yesterday seemed serious, but that's just the tip of the Iceberg.  
 a. just a conversation b. just very serious c. just very humorous d. just lighter
- J. Each of the following sentences has one or two blanks. The blanks indicate that a piece of the sentence is missing. Each sentence is followed by four answer choices that consist of words or phrases. Select the answer choice that completes the sentence best: (4 marks)
1. It was----- that worried his mother  
 a. him drinking b. his drinking c. he drinking d. himself drinking
2. -----the shop he found the boxes broken. •  
 a. entering b. on entering c. while, entering d. none of these
3. He does not like----- better  
 a. me doing b; my doing c. mine doing d. myself doing
4. People are clamouring----- high wages  
 a. with b. at c. for ■ d. in.
- K. Rearrange the following group of words labeled as PQRS into meaningful sentences:(2marks)
1. The effectiveness of a show....  
 P. the needs of the audience  
 Q. is judged by  
 R. and by its relation to  
 S. its theme  
 a) PSQR b) QRPS c) PQRS d.) QSRP
2. Moisture and humidity.....  
 P. controls  
 Q. retain  
 R. the freshness of fruits and vegetables  
 S. in a refrigerator help  
 a) QSPR b) PSQR c) SQPR d) SRPQ
- L. In the following sentences, the topic sentence (S1) and the restatement of the topic (S6) are given. Sequence the other sentences given in the jumbled order: (3 marks)  
 SEA force of exists between everybody in the universe.

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P : Normally it is very small but when the one of the bodies is a planet, like earth, the force is considerable.

Q : It has been investigated by many scientists including Galileo and Newton.

R : Everything on or near the surface of the earth is attracted by the mass of earth.

-S : This gravitational force depends on the mass of the bodies involved.

S6: The greater the mass, the greater is the earth's force of attraction on it. We can call this force of attraction gravity.

A. PRQS B.PRSQ C. QSRP

D. QSPR

M. Read each of the following sentences to find out whether there is any error in the underlined parts numbered. Mark the number of the part which contains error in the answer sheet. In case of no error, 5 can be marked: (15 marks)

1. I have come to / know that / his father has died / three days ago / No error

A B C D E

2. When you will find / out a solution / to this problem, / you will be awarded a prize /

A B C D

No error.

E

3. Before the alarm had stopped / ringing / Nishia had telephoned / the police / No error.

A B C D E

4. This is / the first time / that I see such / an interesting movie / No error.

A B C D E

5. Whenever he is coming / here, he brings / many / gifts for me / No error.

A B C D E

6. It is better to stay / at home than / go to market / when it is raining / No error.

ABC D E

7. He asked me to / completely forget her / but / only I know it is not possible / No error.

A BCD E

8. 3. With out taking proper care, / the doctors could / not have been saved / the life of this

A B C D

patient / No error.

E

9. Going towards the gate / with a cup of tea in hand, / somebody switched off / the light /

A B CD

No error.

E

10. Yester day, I met / a man / who was blind / with the right eye / No error.

A B C ' D E

11. The principal distributed / the sweets among our friends / who bade / him fare well /

A B CD

No error.

E

12. As per the invitation card /, Rahim marries with Sayra / on 13th December / Monday /

A B C D

No error.

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13. The thief had / hardly put the cash / in his pocket / then the owner woke up / No error.

A B C D E

14. Three years have passed / that I returned from / USA and / settled here / No error.

A B C D E

15. Can we rely /on this agency /for the last news /of the day / No error?

A B C D E

## SECTION B

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it: (15 marks)

A. In his famous study of myth, *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, Joseph Campbell writes about the archetypal hero who has ventured outside the boundaries of the village and, after many trials and adventures, has returned with the boon that will save or enlighten his fellows. Like Carl Jung, Campbell believes that the story of the hero is part of the collective unconscious of all humankind. He likens the returning hero to the sacred or tabooed personage described by James Frazier in *The Golden Bough*. Such an individual must, in many instances of myth, be insulated from the rest of society, “not merely for his own sake but for the sake of others; for since the virtue of holiness is, so to say, a powerful explosive which the smallest touch can detonate, it is necessary in the interest of the general safety to keep it within narrow bounds.”

There is connection between the archetypal hero who has journeyed into the wilderness and the poet who has journeyed into the realm of imagination. Both places are dangerous and full of wonders, and both, at their deepest levels, are journeys that take place in the kingdom of the unconscious mind, a place that, in Campbell’s words, “goes down into unsuspected Aladdin caves.”

- The title of Campbell’s book, *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, is meant to convey-----
  - the many villagers whose lives are changed by the story the hero has to tell.
  - the fact that the hero journeys into many different imaginary countries.
  - the many languages into which the myth of the hero has been translated.
  - the universality of the myth of the hero who journeys into the wilderness.
- Based on the passage, which of the following best describes the story that will likely be told by Campbell’s returning hero and Frazier’s sacred or tabooed personage?
  - a radically mind-altering story
  - a story that will terrify people to no good end
  - a warning of catastrophe to come
  - a story based on a dangerous lie
- Which of the following is the most accurate definition of the underlined word boon as the word is used in the passage?
  - gift
  - blessing
  - charm
  - prize
- Based on the passage, which of the following would best describe the hero’s journey?
  - wonderful
  - terrifying
  - awesome
  - whimsical
- As depicted in the last sentence of the passage, “Aladdin caves” are most likely to be found in-----
  - holy books.
  - fairy tales,
  - the fantasies of the hero.
  - the unconscious mind.

B. Write a precis of the following passage: (5 marks)

Strong will leads to the development of self-confidence. Self-confidence is very important to succeed in life. A person who has confidence in his work will not give up in the face of difficulties. He will fight courageously unless and until he succeeds in getting his target achieved. Failures and hardships do not discourage a confident person. It is his confidence which promotes him to try again and again. Concentration is an important ingredient of personality development. Concentration helps in exploiting the potentiality hidden in human beings. Good habit and memory vitalize the efficiency of mind. They help in acquiring the power of concentration. They contribute in success. It is the power of concentration which gives strength to even the weakest creature. Memory has close relation with concentration. Memory comprises—retention, recollection and recognition. Sharp memory helps to retain and recall various facts, figures and other things whenever required.

Humor adds colour to personality. It makes personality interesting. It removes boredom. It keeps his spirit high. Humor lends charm even to dull and dreary subject of life. A hearty laugh wipes out misery and gloom and kindles a spirit to struggle and fight against the adverse situation. Thus adverse situation fails to bring him down. A humorous person keeps himself above all scares and worries. He spreads cheerfulness around him and becomes popular among his circles. In addition, a large number of external, inherent and acquired qualities contribute to build up the personality. These qualities include integrity, humility, self-respect, etc. All these factors combine to shape the personality of a man. These cannot be cultivated within a day or two. It should be inculcated from early childhood. Both parents and teachers have a significant role in the personality development of a man.

C. Write for and against on any one of the topics in about 300 words: (5 marks)

1. 4G mobile phones - wonder or danger
2. Western or Indian Life style - which is comfortable?

D. Write an expository essay on any one of the following in about 350 words: (7 marks)

1. Conservation of Forests
2. Career Planning