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Branch - **ENGLISH**

CORE ELECTIVE - I: ENGLISH FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

SECTION A

1. A) In the following passages, you will find some blank spaces numbered. You are given a choice of three words marked A,B and C against numbers below the passage. Choose the best alternative to fill in the blanks. (3Marks) (3 * 1)

The Prime Minister said the Centre was prepared to _____ (1) grants for the _____ (2) of the rural drinking water project, but the subsequent _____ (3) would be the responsibility of the State Governments.

1. A. Provide B. Conceal C. disapprove
2. A. dissatisfaction B. Implementation C. Failure
3. A. Demolition B. Neglect C. Maintenance

B) In the following questions, there exists a certain relationship between the two Capitalized words. Following them are other pairs of words. Select the pairs whose relationship run parallel to that of the capitalized pair. (2 Marks) (.2 * 1 ~)

1. PAGE . -MARGIN

- a. book - print
- b. city - outskirts
- c. building - walls
- d. road - pavement

2. BUSINESS - CUSTOMER

- a. electricity - consumer
- b. doctor - patient
- c. teacher - student

Cont.

d. publication - books

C) Select a word which is **Similar** in meaning to the words given: (2 Marks)

1. DUPE *

A. imitate B. Help C. Find D, Deceive

2. VALOUR

A. anger B. Disappointment C. Speed D. Courage

D) Select the words which is **Opposite in the meaning** to the words given: (2 Marks)

1. BELIE

A. prove B. Swear C. Contradict D. Imitate

2. PAGAN

A. Atheist B. Religious C. Honest D. Modem

E) Identify the four wrongly spelt words among the words given: (2 Marks)

1, blasphemly 2. Federal 3. Melanchly 4. Precursor 5. Rhustic 6 . Verbose

F) Make acceptable words from each group of letters given: (2 Marks)

1. TOCRARELHI 2. NIACUERNITON 3. POMSAHNITRE 4. EADACF

G) Generate four words by prefixing or suffixing the following words: (2 Marks)

1. Consider

2 . differ

3. Conscious

4. see

H) Identify the word that could best replace the underlined word without the change of meaning : (2 Marks) ^{1 2}

1. It is now necessary first to recapitulate the chief points in the problem, and then to attempt to explain them by a comparison of the myths of various races.

A. remember B. spend C. reciprocate D. repeat

2. Emily Dickmson's work were published posthumously.

A. honourable B. humiliating C. after death D. unwell

3. He lived like a nomad for a few years after college, never holding a job in one place.

A. intelligent B. wanderer C. civilized D. tribal

4. The dictionary is constantly being updated so as to include new lexis, this has always happened and will continue to do so.

A. meaning B. words C. alphabet D. Pictures

I) In the following sentences an idiom or a phrase is underlined. Pick out the correct meaning of the idiom or phrase from the answer choice given. (2 Marks)

1. We wanted to have a barbecue this weekend, but it's been raining cats and dogs since Friday evening.

A. Spoilt our plan. B. Rains heavily C. Gained D. Rams slowly

2. Many startups turn in a profit once in a blue moon.

A. Very rarely B. often C. Loss D. Benefits

3. More than five thousand cars sold so far. The new model is selling like hot cakes.

A. Rarely B. Very quickly C. slowly D. Occasionally

4. I was on cloud nine after receiving the news of my promotion.

A. Happiness B. Sadness C. Imagination D. Dream

J) Each of the following sentences is given four possible substitutions for the underlined part.

Pick out the substitution which best improves the sentence: (4 Marks)

1. Fie have been sleeping from a long time.

A. Sleeping since B. Sleeping to C. Sleeping for D. Sleeping in

2. His extrovert personality made him the ideal host.

A. Miser B. Witty C. Sociable D. Insincere

3. My favorite movie will be in TV tonight.

A. Will be in B. Will be at C. Will be on D. Will be brought

4 He's very meticulous about picking the right song.

A. Careful B. hardworking C. Sarcastic D. disorganised

K) Rearrange the following groups of words labeled as PQRS into the meaningful sentences.

(2 Marks)

1. Kites of

P) flew in

Q) city

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R) many different

" * *

S) colours

A. PQSR B. QRPS C. RSPQ D. PRSQ

2. Shouting at

P. admission

Q. The top of his voice

R. demanded

S. the man

A. QSRP B. QRSP C. PQRS D. RPQS

L) In the following question the topic sentence (SI) and the restatement of the topic (S6) of a well constructed paragraph are given. Sequence die other sentences given in the jumbled order:

(3 Marks)

SI .the American history is significant is an idea that we cannot doubt.

S6 . Why we tell it is an easier question: we tell it in order to remember what our country represents, particularly in these times of doubt.

P. How we can tell this story pose's a difficult problem

Q. It is the story of the presidents and what they did.

R. it is hard to know which is more important, ordinary men or great events.

S. it is also the story of the common people - immigrants, slaves, refugees- and what they did.

A. RSQP B. QRSP C. RSPQ D. QRPS

M) Read each of the following sentences to find out whether there is any error in the Underlined parts. Write the number of your answer on the answer sheet. (15*1=15)

1 . 1 have spend all the money that my father gave me and now I am not in a position to pay my bills. No error.
1 2 3 4

2. In an angry tone mv father told me that I should have gone to the station to receive mv sister
I 2 3

- 1
when she arrived in the morning. No error.
4 5 2*3
3. When John heard that his father has had a heart attack, he decided to cancel his holiday and
1*2 3
return home. No error.
4 5
4. Although John complained that he was not liking his new school his parents refused to shift
12 3
him from there. No error.
4 5
5. The committee felt that the problems could not be solved unless the Chairman himself looks
1 2 3 4
into it. No error.
5
- 6 . Navina rang the door bell twice and waited for a long time but as nobody was opening the
1 2 3
door, she went back. No error.
4 5
- 7- All my children are equally dear to me and I want my properties to be divided equally between
12 3 4
the four of them. No error.
5
- 8 . In an attempt to save a dog, the driver of the car applied the brake suddenly and was hit by a
1 2 3
lorrv from behind. No error.
4 5
9. We couldn't set up the computer network ourselves, so we are banking with an IT engineer
1 2
from the university to set it up for us. No error.
3 4*5
10. Mv elder brother is planning to go abroad as soon as he will retire in December next
1 2 3 4
year. No error.
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- 11 ■ India has one of the largest road network in the world, aggregating to about 3.6 million
12 3 4
kilometres at present. No error.
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12. Once appointed by the President the council of ministers are responsible to the house.
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13. He always said success was something to be celebrated, but he also believed that failure is
1 2

something that you must concentrate all your energies on resolving. No error.

14. The beautician listed out a few quick tips that one needs to keep in mind in order to get
that perfect holiday radiance. No error.

15. Migranes may doubles the risk of a nervous system condition that causes facial paralysis.

No error.

SECTION B

II A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it. (15Marks)

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

1. The Curies' collaboration helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

- A. friendly
- B. competitive
- C. courteous
- D. industrious

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2. Marie had a bright mind and a _____ personality.

- A. strong
- B. lighthearted
- C. humorous
- D. blithe

3. She received her Doctorate in _____

- A. Chemistry
- B. Physics
- C. Nanotechnology
- D. Life Science

4. When did Marie receive Nobel prize in chemistry?

- A. 1912
- B. 1913
- C. 1914
- D. 1911

5. Even though she became fatally ill from working with radium, Marie Curie was never

- A. troubled
- B. worried
- C. disappointed
- D. sorrowfi.il

B) Write a Precis of the following. (5 Marks)

Tea could soon join fruit and vegetables on the list of must- have health foods.

Recent studies have suggested the traditional cuppa protects against a range of conditions including cancer, heart disease and Parkinson's.

But scientists in the United States now believe that the health benefits are so great that everyone should be urged to drink tea. Experts believe antioxidants in tea help to repair cells in the body which have been damaged by sunlight, chemicals, stress and many foods.

Damaged cells can lead to cancer and heart disease as well as a host of other serious conditions. Scientists made their case at a meeting in Washington organised by the U S Department of Agriculture, the American Cancer Society and the tea Council.

Officials from the Department of Agriculture outlined findings from a study which suggested tea reduces the risk of heart disease by lowering cholesterol, Joseph Judd, acting

director of the department's Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Centre in Maryland, tested eight men and eight women who agreed, for a period of three weeks at a time, to eat and drink only what they were given at the Beltsville Lab. "We gave them a beverage that mimicked tea-water flavoured like tea," he said.

For a second three-week period the same volunteers got five cups a day of tea to drink. "We found that their blood lipids, when they drank tea compared to the placebo beverage, had up to 10 percent lowering of low density lipoprotein the 'bad cholesterol' Judd said.

Overall, total cholesterol was lowered 6 per cent on an average over the three weeks, his team found, and "There was no effect on 'good cholesterol', he added HDL remained constant."

In another study, researchers at the University of Arizona tested 140 smokers to see if drinking tea reduces the risks of cancer.

They examined whether tea repaired damage to DNA cells caused by smoking. In particular, they looked at the effects on a chemical called 8-OHdG which is found in urine and is believed to cause cell damage. For four months, volunteers drank green tea, black tea or water.

They were asked to eat whatever they were eating and just add tea to their diet, said Dr. Iman Hakim, who headed study. Researchers tested the participants' urine for levels of 8-OHdG.

"What we found was a 25 per cent decrease in the green tea group," she said. However, no changes were seen in the people who drank black tea or water.

"We think green tea, in our group of smokers, is associated with a reduction of oxidative stress in their urine," Hakim said.

C) Write for and against on any ONE of the following in about 300 words (in two paragraphs) (5 Marks)

1. Education is a part of a Nations Economy.
2. Tradition and culture determines the development of a Country

D) Write an expository essay involving all its mechanics on any ONE of the following in about 350 words: (7 Marks)

1. Nature and Global Warming.
2. Technological Advancement

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