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Paper Code : BBAN-101

PUID : 01298 (To be mentioned in the main answer script)

**ENGLISH**

Time Allotted : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 70

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

**GROUP - A**

**( Multiple Choice Type Questions )**

1. Choose the correct alternatives for any *ten* of the following : 10 × 1 = 10
- i) What is the meaning of the word 'scintillating' ?
- a) Dull b)  Glittering
- c) Touching d) Warming.
- ii) The antonym of 'fragile' is
- a) Solid b) Soft
- c)  Delicate d) None of these.
- iii) Noise is a ..... barrier to communication
- a) Linguistic b) Mechanical
- c)  Psychological d) None of these.

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- iv) He ..... from visiting his uncle. The appropriate word will be
- a) refrained                      b) withdrew  
c) abstained                     d)  stopped.
- v) I forgive you since you ..... (to repent)
- a) repented                      b)  repents  
c) repined                        d) repent.
- vi) To cast pearls before a swine means
- a) to spend recklessly  
b) to waste money  
c) to save money  
d) to offer a person a thing he cannot appreciate.
- vii) The people who carry a coffin at a funeral are called
- a) Undertakers                      b) Supporters  
c) Pallbearers                      d)  Mourners.
- viii) One who has an irresistible tendency to steal is known as
- a) Thief                              b) Kleptomaniac  
c)  Somnambulist                      d) Pessimist.
- ix) A group of actors, dancers or singers who work together is known as
- a) gang                                b)  troupe  
c) fleet                                d) convoy.
- x) The word 'condemn' does not mean
- a) avoid                              b) hate  
c) worship                          d) underrate.

xi) Why do you make such ..... demands on my time ?

- a) continuous                      b) continual  
c)  communication                  d) comparative.

xii) He ..... on the grass.

- a) lay                                      b) lie  
c) lied                                      d) lain.

### GROUP - B

#### ( Short Answer Type Questions )

Answer any *three* of the following.       $3 \times 5 = 15$

2. Complete the following sentences with suitable form of the given verb

- a) They ..... here for last ten years. (reside)  
b) Taniya ..... to do the job. (refuse)  
c) They ..... three kilometres. (walk)  
d) Her pointing finger is brown. She ..... too much. (smoke)  
e) Darren ..... here since 2006. (live)

3. Insert appropriate preposition :

- a) She did not agree ..... my proposal.  
b) The dealer deals ..... Japanese silk.  
c) The dacoits set the locality ..... fire.  
d) My request has been turned ..... by her.  
e) He handed ..... his business to his son.

4. Correct the grammatical errors, if any, in the following sentences, and rewrite the corrected sentence
- Two thirds of the city are in ruins.
  - Hari made the payment by cash.
  - Lead is the most heaviest metal on earth.
  - My friend who studies in New Delhi is a M.A. in Sociology.
  - You must either pay the bill at once else return the goods immediately.
5. Provide one word substitution for the following :
- One who journeys to a holy place.
  - One who never drinks alcohol.
  - A number of birds or sheep.
  - A large crowd of people, especially behaving violently.
  - A building or group of buildings where soldiers live.
6. Rewrite as directed :
- Besides robbing the poor man, he also murdered him. (Split in two sentences)
  - Shivam was too tired to stand. (use 'so')
  - The stranger asked Alice, where she lived. (Convert into Direct Speech).
  - Open the window. (End with 'open')
  - He could not eat hard food. He was very old. He had lost his teeth. (Join into single sentence)

**GROUP - C**

**( Long Answer Type Questions )**

Answer any *three* of the following.  $3 \times 15 = 45$

7. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow :

Born on Jan 12, 1863 in an affluent Bengali family, Narendra Nath Datta was a precocious child who was what we call nowadays, an all-rounder, excelling in music, studies and athletics. His father Vishwanath Datta was a well-known attorney. However, he took the spiritual route instead and introduced Hinduism to the world in 1893 when he spoke at the World's Parliament of Religion (probably one of the most epic things any Indian has done abroad!).

The historic speech was given on September 11, 1893 by Swami Vivekananda. Here's the full text of his opening and closing address :

Sisters and Brothers of America,

It fills my heart with joy unspeakable to rise in response to the warm and cordial welcome which you have given us. I thank you in the name of the most ancient order of monks in the world; I thank you in the name of the mother of religions, and I thank you in the name of millions and millions of Hindu people of all classes and sects.

My thanks, also, to some of the speakers on this platform who, referring to the delegates from the Orient, have told you that these men from far-off nations may well claim the honour of bearing to different lands the idea of toleration. I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance.

We believe not only in universal toleration, but also we accept all religions as true. I am proud to belong to a nation which has sheltered the persecuted and the refugees of all religions and all nations of the earth. I am proud to tell you that we have gathered in our bosom the purest remnant of the Israelites, who came to Southern India and took refuge with us in the very year in which their holy temple was shattered to pieces by Roman tyranny. I am proud to belong to the religion which has sheltered and is still fostering the remnant of the grand Zoroastrian nation. I will quote to you, brethren, a few lines from a hymn which I remember to have repeated from my earliest boyhood, which is everyday repeated by millions of human beings : "As the different streams having their sources in different paths which men take through different tendencies, various though they appear, crooked or straight, all lead to Thee."

The present convention, which is one of the most august assemblies ever held, is in itself a vindication, a declaration to the world of the wonderful doctrine preached in the Gita: "Whosoever comes to me, through whatsoever form, I reach him; all men are struggling through paths which in the end lead to me." Sectarianism, bigotry, and its horrible descendant, fanaticism, have long possessed this beautiful earth.

- a) What was Vishwanatha Datta's profession ?
- b) Who spoke at the World's Parliament of Religion ?
- c) Give the opposite of the word "Occident" from the second paragraph of the speech.

- d) In the phrase : "all lead to Thee", to whom does the word 'Thee' refer ?
- e) In the phrase : "I am proud to belong to a nation" - what nation is the speaker referring to ?
- f) Give a suitable title to the passage and write a précis.
8. Write an essay in not more than 300 words on any *one* fo the following topics :
- Net Banking - pros and cons.
  - Social networking sites and their impact on our lives.
  - The importance of communication skill in any industry.
9. Reliable communications, a Mumbai based MNC has given an advertisement in The Telegraph, dated 25.10.2018 for the requirement of Management Trainees in the Department of Sales and Marketing. Write a solicited letter applying for the post.
10. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily about the problems with the autoriskshaws in your locality. Suggest also the measures to deal with the issues.
11. As the Purchase Officer of Salt Lake Utilities you had ordered 20 Pentium-4 Computers from Micro Sun System. When the consignment arrived it was found that 7 of the computers are damaged. Write a letter requesting proper replacements.