

GSE/M-20
ENGLISH**1484**

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 40

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

In 1953 we are faced with the fact that the world has fallen as under in two great 'power blocs': What is called the Western Bloc, including most of Europe and America, and the Eastern Bloc, including Russia and the Nations of Eastern Europe and supported by China. These two blocks are bitterly opposed and mutually suspicious. Each is Frightened of the other, and because of their fear they spend great quantities of money in making terrible weapons.

Questions :

- (a) What two power Blocks are referred to here?
- (b) What does Western Bloc include?
- (c) What does Eastern Bloc include?
- (d) Why are these two power Blocks bitterly opposed and mutually suspicious?
- (e) What do they do to overcome their fear?
- (f) Which words/phrases in the passage mean: (i) afraid
(ii) full of doubt?

OR

What I would like to be remembered for is not for doing the first heart transplant in the world. I would like to be remembered for the children. I have treated for a variety of abnormal heart diseases. That gives me the greatest satisfaction. Re-construction of a congenitally abnormal heart, building that into a normal one through surgery that's real cardiac surgery for me.

Questions :

- (a) Who is the speaker in these lines?
- (b) What does the speaker not like to be remembered for?
- (c) What does he like to be remembered for?
- (d) What gives the speaker the greatest satisfaction?
- (e) What is meant by 'congenitally abnormal heart'? 5

2. Explain with reference to context :

Curiosity killed the cat. What killed curiosity? The answer CAT, meaning confirmism and teaching. I am talking of curiosity in the context of school education, of course.

OR

Among the Hindu social reformers there is a moderate section. This section holds that untouchability is separate from the caste system. Following this ideology they hold that it is possible to remove untouchability without attacking the caste system. 3

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about 30 words each:
- (a) What were the Laws of apparthoid?
 - (b) What does the writer say about the distribution of wealth in the world?
 - (c) How is inequality different from grabled inequality?
 - (d) Give the effect of unequal ownership of property on women? (2×3=6)
4. What steps does Narlikar suggest to encourage curiosity, creativity and originality in our education system?

OR

Write in your own words Dr. Ambedkar's views on untouchability and the caste system? 6

5. Translate into Hindi:

The duties and responsibilities of the mother in the family are, of course, more demanding than those of the father. It is the mother who sets the moral standards of her children and establishes their conduct. Since she is the constant companion of her children, her beliefs, thoughts, opinions, conduct and habits are easily transferred to them.

OR

(For Non-Hindi Speaking/Foreign Candidates Only)

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follows :

In terms of employment as well as promotion in work and occupation, women often face greater handicap than men. A country like Japan may be quite egalitarian in matters of demography or basic facilities, and even, to a greater extent, in higher education, and yet progress to elevated levels of employment and occupation seems to be much more problematic for women than for men.

Questions :

- (a) What sort of inequality is described in the given passage?
- (b) Women have to face many problems in getting employment and promotion why?
- (c) A country like Japan may be egalitarian in matters of demography or basic facilities. What does the author want to say here?
- (d) What becomes much more difficult for women than for men in advanced countries even?
- (e) Give the antonyms of :
 - (i) often
 - (ii) promotion.
- (f) Which word in the passage mean :
 - (i) high.
 - (ii) profession?

6. Write a precis of the following passage and given a title:

Speech is a great blessing, but it can also be a curse, for a while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word or an ambiguous word, and so on may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again different classes of people use different vocabularies. And the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike on uneducated listener as showing pride. Unwittingly, we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it means to men of our own class. Thus speech is not a gift to be used lightly. It demand careful handling. Only a fool will himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.

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7. Write a letter to the Editor of a Newspaper, highlighting the ever-increasing number of road accidents due to reckless and negligent driving.

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a Newspaper, expressing your views on the students indiscipline in the Indian Universities.

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