

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 40

**Note :** Attempt all questions.

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end :

To be healthy is not to be civilized-savages are often healthy, although not so often as is usually supposed but unless you have good health, you cannot enjoy anything or achieve anything. There have, it is true, been great men who have been invalids, but their work was done in spite of their ill health, and, good as it was, it would have been better had they been well. Not only do men and women enjoy better health; they live longer than they ever did before, and they have a much better chance of growing up.

*Questions :*

- (i) Name the essay and its author.
- (ii) Is to be healthy a sign of civilization ?
- (iii) What is the importance of good health ?
- (iv) Find a word from the passage which means “uncivilized”.
- (v) Use the word “chance” in a sentence of your own.

OR

In some regions in the world, in equality between women and men directly involves matters of life and death, and takes the brutal form of unusually high mortality rates of women and a consequent preponderance of men in the total population, as opposed to the preponderance of women found in societies with little or no gender bias in health care and nutrition. Mortality inequality has been observed extensively in North Africa and in Asia, including China and South Asia.

*Questions :*

- (i) Name the essay and its author.
- (ii) What do you mean by “mortality inequality” ?
- (iii) Name the regions where mortality inequality is prevalent.
- (iv) Find a word from the passage which means “widely”.
- (v) Use the word “Nutrition” in a sentence of your own.

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2. Explain with reference to the context :

Our school syllabi, teaching methods and examinations are, with a few exceptions, based on encouraging conformism and rote learning. Questions by students are discouraged for several reasons. The teacher does not have the confidence to answer the question. Or, the question, although a good one, may be irrelevant to the subject matter in the syllabus.

OR

There are many who object to the American intervention, fearing the destructiveness of war and the possibility that the conflict will escalate. There are many who repudiate a passive or quietist response, fearing the cost of not standing up to terrorism and fascism. 3

3. Answer the following questions in about 30 words each :

- (a) What are the major defects of our civilization, according to C.E.M. Joad ?

OR

How can we ensure that our school children experience the joy of discovery in the present set-up ?

- (b) What is Dr. Christiaan Barnard's achievement that made him a celebrity ?

OR

When, according to B.R. Ambedkar, will untouchability vanish ?

- (c) What is the principle of graded inequality on which the Hindu social order is based ?

OR

Draw a comparison between the wars of the past on one hand and the Afghanistan War (2001) on the other.

- (d) What are Amartya Sen's views on "Natality inequality" ?

OR

What problems do women have to face in getting employment and promotions ? 6

4. What steps does J.V Narlikar suggest to encourage curiosity, creativity and originality in our education system ?

OR

Summarise the main argument of B.R. Ambedkar's essay "Untouchability and the Caste System".

5. Translate the following passage into Hindi :

Among the manifold misfortunes that may befall humanity, loss of health is one of the severest. All the joys which life can give can not outweigh the sufferings of the sick. Give the sickman everything and leave him with his sufferings and he will feel that half the world is lost to him. A comfortable bed, a delicious meal, a heavy purse all these can be enjoyed only when one enjoys good health. Illness makes even a very rich man envy the health of a beggar.

OR

**(For Non-Hindi speaking Foreign students only)**

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us in our day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of hardwork before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning the mind is fresh, and there are few sounds or other distractions, so that work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases the early riser finds time

to take some exercise in the fresh morning air, and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before the timely hour when he goes to bed. He gets to sleep several hours before midnight, at the time when sleep is most refreshing and after a sound night's rest rises early next morning in good health and spirit for the labours of a new day.

*Questions :*

- (i) What is the great advantage of early rising ?
- (ii) How does one feel in the early morning ?
- (iii) What supplies an early riser a fund of energy ?
- (iv) Give the meanings of the following words and use them in sentences of your own.
  - (a) Distractions.
  - (b) Thoroughly. 5

- 6.** Make a precis of the following passage and give it a suitable heading.

Adversity has often been hailed as a blessing in disguise. It is adversity which brings into play all the best qualities in man which would otherwise have remained dormant. It is not a stumbling block in the way of man but a steeping stone in his career. The bestmen of the world have been nursed in the cradle of poverty. They were beset with calamities and hardships but they exerted their soul force

and came out successful. It is by struggling hard against adverse circumstances that man learns to be courageous and patient. Heraism consists in fighting hard against the vicissitudes of life and in smiling at the frowns of fate. One should be a hero in the strife : one should behave like a giant, not like a dwarf. Again, it is adversity that gives relish to enjoyment and prosperity of life, for if there were no adversity to interrupt them every now and then, they would lose all their charm. It is only due to trouble and pain that joy and happiness seem so charming. 7

7. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper pointing out the dangers of environmental pollution.

OR

Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner requesting him to put a ban on the use of loudspeakers in your town after 10 p.m. 8