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### 052

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**Subject: GENERAL ENGLISH**

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Time: 03 Hours

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Maximum Marks: 100

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**Instructions:-**

- (i) *All questions are compulsory*
- (ii) *Read the questions carefully and answer them.*
- (iii) *Marks for each question are indicated against it.*
- (iv) *Internal choices are given as per the blue – print.*

### SECTION – A

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answers the questions given below:

Nationalism, of course is a curious phenomenon which at a certain stage in a country's history gives life, growth, strength and unity, but at the same time, it has tendency, to limit one, because one thinks of one's country as something different from the rest of the world. The perspective changes and one is continuously thinking of one's own struggles and virtues and failings to the exclusion of other thoughts. The result is that the same nationalism, which is the symbol of growth for people becomes a symbol of the cessation of that growth in the mind. Nationalism, when it becomes successful, sometimes goes on spreading in an aggressive way and becomes a danger internationally. Whatever line of thought you follow, you arrive at the conclusion that some kind of balance must be found, otherwise something that was good can turn into evil. Culture, which is essentially good, becomes not only static but aggressive and something that breeds conflict and hatred when looked at from a wrong point of view. How you are to find a balance. I do not know. Apart from political and economic problems of the age, perhaps that is the greatest problem, today because behind it there is a tremendous conflict in the spirit of man and a

tremendous search for something it cannot find. We turn to economic theories because they have an undoubted importance.

It is folly to talk of culture or even of god when human being starve and die. Before one can talk about anything else one must provide the normal essentials of life to human beings. That is where economics comes in. Human being today are not in the mood to tolerate this suffering and starvation and in equality when they see that the burden is not equally shared. Others profit while they only bear the burden.

Questions:

- (a) Nationalism is a symbol of: **(1)**
- (i) Pride
  - (ii) Humbleness
  - (iii) Growth
  - (iv) Culture
- (b) Culture is essentially good but becomes: **(1)**
- (i) Dynamic
  - (ii) Static
  - (iii) Worse
  - (iv) Rotten
- (c) We can find balance when we turn to: **(1)**
- (i) Economics
  - (ii) History
  - (iii) Culture
  - (iv) Geography
- (d) The word 'Starve' in the passage means **(1)**
- (i) Hunger
  - (ii) Poverty
  - (iii) Lack of strength
  - (iv) Diseases
- (e) According to Nehru nationalism is a.....phenomenon. **(1)**
- (i) Natural
  - (ii) Cultural
  - (iii) Curious
  - (iv) Ethical

- (f) What is the verb form of 'Conclusion'? **(1)**
- (i) Include
  - (ii) Conclude
  - (iii) Conclusive
  - (iv) Concludable
- (g) It is folly to talk of culture when: **(1)**
- (i) Human beings starve and die
  - (ii) The burden is not equally shared
  - (iii) Culture becomes aggressive
  - (iv) Nationalism becomes successful
- (h) The noun form of 'Tolerate' is: **(1)**
- (i) Tolerance
  - (ii) Tolerable
  - (iii) Tolerably
  - (iv) Toleration
- (i) When does a society become static? **(2)**
- (j) According to Nehru when is it folly to talk about culture or god? **(2)**

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answers the questions given below:

Trees give shade for the benefit of others and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure scorching heat, they produce the fruit by which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of mankind? Sandal wood, the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield. Sugarcane, the more it is peeled and cut into pieces, the more juice does it produce. The men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even in losing their life. What matters is whether man praise them or not. What difference does it make whether they die at this

moment or whether their lives are prolonged? Happen what may, those who tread in the right path will not set foot in any other. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the mere sake of living one's life is to live the life of dogs and crows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of others will assuredly dwell forever in a world of bliss.

Questions:

- (i) Make notes in points from the given passage, using abbreviations, where necessary with title. (5)
- (ii) Write a summary of the above passage in about 60 words. (3)

### **SECTION – B**

- Q.3 You are Prakash, the secretary of your school. You plan to organise an educational tour to manali during the winter vacation. Mentioning the schedule of the tour and expenses to be incurred, write a notice inviting the name of the members who are interested in joining the tour. (5)

**OR**

Invite your class-fellow and friend on the wedding of your elder brother. You are akash.

- Q.4 Put the followings information in the form of a report: (6)
- N.S.S. camp at Barkhedi village / 100 volunteers / planting tree / cleaning of drains / adult-literacy classes

**OR**

Last Sunday you went to the hospital to see a relative who was admitted there. Using the following inputs, describe in about 100 words, your visit:

Registration counter / people in front of doctor's room / surgical ward / nurses attending / medical ward; patients lying on their beds.

- Q.5 Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you Rs 500 to buy some books. You are Salim Ali residing at Indore. (6)

**OR**

You are Varsha Singh, studying in XII class in Govt. Girls Higher Secondary school, Indore. Write an application to your principal for four days leave as you are sick.

- Q.6 Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your birthday party. You are Anil Gupta residing 198, Vasu Nagar, Guna. (6)

**OR**

Write an application to the collector of your District for imposing restriction on the use of loudspeakers. You are Satish Rathore residing at Bhopal.

- Q.7 Write an article on "Importance of Reading Habit" with the help of following inputs: (7)

- (i) Field of knowledge expanding fast.
- (ii) Reading at school limited to subjects offered.
- (iii) Extra reading necessary for rounded personality.
- (iv) Continuous reading necessary to keep up-dated.
- (v) Reading makes a full man.

**OR**

Write an essay on any one of the following topics:

- (i) Population Problem
- (ii) Importance of Games and Sports
- (iii) Wonder of science
- (iv) A person whom I respect most.

### **SECTION – C**

Q.8 Fill in the blanks with the correct words and rewrite the sentence: (5)

- (a) Swimming is..... great fun.  
(i) A  
(ii) An  
(iii) The
- (b) You can write.....a pencil.  
(i) In  
(ii) With  
(iii) By
- (c) I was .....taking a cup of milk every morning.  
(i) Should  
(ii) Used to  
(iii) Must
- (d) He lost .....the money he had.  
(i) Each  
(ii) Every  
(iii) All
- (e) He..... teaching here since 1998.  
(i) Has been  
(ii) Is  
(iii) Has

Q.9 Do as directed: (any five) (5)

- (a) He knows me well. (Change into passive voice)
- (b) He always played well. (Change into negative)
- (c) We will leave as soon as the taxi arrives. (Rewrite using 'No sooner.....than')
- (d) This mango is too sure to eat. (Rewrite the sentence using 'so-that' instead 'of too-to')
- (e) I have no any friends. (Correct the sentence)
- (f) He / hardly / any / money / has. (Arrange the words to make meaningful sentence)

### **SECTION – D**

Q.10 Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:

(A) Ah, you are so great, and I am so small,

I tremble to think of you, world at all,

And yet, when I said my prayers today,

A whisper inside me seemed to say,

“You are more than the earth, though

You are such a dot.

You can love and think, and the earth cannot

Question:

(i) Find out the word from the lines given below which:

(a) Is the opposite of ‘outside’? (1)

(b) Has the same meaning as ‘Shake’? (1)

(ii) What does the poet mean by:

“Ah, you are so great, and I am so small” (1)

(B) This life is sweetest, in the wood

I hear no children cry for food,

I see no women, white with care

No man, with muscles wasting here.

Questions:

(a) Find out a word from the lines given above which:

(i) Gives the same meaning of the word ‘shout’. (1)

(ii) Is the opposite of the word ‘black’? (1)

(b) The name of the poet who wrote this poem is..... (1)

Q.11 Answer any two of the following questions. (2×2=4)

- (a) What are two meanings of the word 'cricket'?
- (b) What is selfishness according to the poet?
- (c) Why does the river consider its journey meaningless?
- (d) What does the poet see when he reached the temple?

Q.12 Answer any seven of the following questions in about 30 words each. (7×2=14)

- (a) Why did neighbourhood children not become friendly with Mini?
- (b) What happens if we prejudge people and future events?
- (c) How can we free up time?
- (d) What was Ghasi's complaint to the panchayat?
- (e) Who was Swami Arvasu?
- (f) What are Comfort zones?
- (g) How does the brain react in emergency situations?
- (h) What were the consequences of poisoning the rats in and around the house?
- (i) What happens when Birju went to called firewood?

Q.13 Answer any one out of two. (4)

How does school life prepare a child to face the outside world?

**OR**

What does Dr. Kalam mean by having an indomitable spirit? What are civic duties?

Q.14 Answer any four of the following questions. (4×2=8)

- (a) What do people do for their harvest?
- (b) Why is Gita beyond the mere intellect?
- (c) What according to the poet is the 'Nature of life'?
- (d) What risk do we face when we laugh?
- (e) Which is the world's highest waterfall and where is it?
- (f) What are the distilled books like?

Q.15 On what does the improvement of your English depend? (4)

**OR**

What has the United State Army discovered?

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