

Question Paper

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Duration: 180 mins.

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Answer all the questions.

- 1) **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in a word or a sentence:** (10)

It is strange that, according to his position in life, an extravagant man is admired or despised. A successful businessman does nothing to increase his popularity by being careful with his money. He is expected to display his success, to have a smart car, an expensive life, and to be lavish with his hospitality. If he is not so, he is considered to mean, and his reputation in business may even suffer in consequence. The paradox remains that if he had not been careful with his money in the first place, he would never have achieved his present wealth.

Among the low-income group, a different set of values exists. The young clerk, who makes his wife a present of a new dress when he hasn't paid his house rent, is condemned as extravagant. Carefulness with money to the point of meanness is applauded as a virtue. Nothing in his life is considered more worthy than paying his bills. The ideal wife for such a man separates her housekeeping money into joyless little piles - so much for rent, for food, for the children's shoes; she is able to face the milkman with equanimity every month, satisfied with her economizing ways, and never knows the guilt of buying something she can't really afford.

As for myself, I fall into neither of these categories. If I have money to spare, I can be extravagant, but when, as is usually the case, I am hard up, then I am the meanest man imaginable.

- Provide the most suitable title for the passage.
- In the passage, what is expected of a successful businessman?
- What does the phrase "lavish with his hospitality" in the third sentence of the first paragraph signify?
- In the last line of the first paragraph which word means "Contradiction"?
- In the last line of the first paragraph which word means "Vigilant"?
- In the last line of the second paragraph which word is antonym of "Agitation"?
- What is the main idea of the passage?

- h. How does the housewife, described by the writer, feel when she saves money?
- i. What is often applauded as a virtue according to the passage?
- j. How does the writer say he spends his money?

2)

(10)

Correct and rewrite the following sentences if necessary:

- a. Tourism is becoming increasingly important as a source of revenue to many countries but their disadvantages should not be overlooked.
- b. The authorities would discuss the terms and conditions with their employees in the meeting today.
- c. Gold as well as silver have fallen in price.
- d. Concussions are brain injuries that occur when a person receive a blow to the head, face, or neck.
- e. The duel broke out between several people on the street.
- f. Art is considered as an essential part of all cultures throughout the world.
- g. The role of education is to prepare children to the modern world.
- h. Neither Sam nor Andrew were present at the accident spot.
- i. The class representative was awarded with a certificate for managing the class well during the semester.
- j. Sports media producers have become accustomed to showcasing the aggressive tackles and most intense plays.

3)

(10)

Read the following speech (by Graham Hill on Less Stuff, More Happiness, TED: March 2011) and write a response (your impressions) of about 250-300 words.

What's in the box? Whatever it is must be pretty important, because I've traveled with it, moved it, from apartment to apartment to apartment.

Sound familiar? Did you know that we Americans have about three times the amount of space we did 50 years ago? Three times. So you'd think, with all this extra space, we'd have plenty of room for all our stuff. Nope. There's a new industry in town, a 22 billion-dollar, 2.2 billion sq. ft. industry: that of personal storage. So we've got triple the space, but we've become such good shoppers that we need even more space. So where does this lead? Lots of credit card debt, huge environmental footprints, and perhaps not coincidentally, our happiness levels flat-lined over the same 50 years.

Well I'm here to suggest there's a better way, that less might actually equal more. I bet most of us have experienced at some point the joys of less: college -- in your dorm, traveling -- in a hotel room, camping -- rig up basically nothing, maybe a boat. Whatever it was for you, I bet that, among other things, this gave you a little more freedom, a little more time. So I'm going to suggest that less stuff and less space are going to equal a smaller footprint. It's actually a great way to save you some money. And it's going to give you a little more ease in your life.

So I started a project called Life Edited at lifeedited.org to further this conversation and to find some great solutions in this area. First up: crowd-

sourcing my 420 sq. ft. apartment in Manhattan with partners Mutopo and Jovoto.com. I wanted it all -- home office, sit down dinner for 10, room for guests, and all my kite surfing gear. With over 300 entries from around the world, I got it, my own little jewel box. By buying a space that was 420 sq. ft. instead of 600, immediately I'm saving 200 grand. Smaller space is going to make for smaller utilities -- save some more money there, but also a smaller footprint. And because it's really designed around an edited set of possessions -- my favorite stuff -- and really designed for me, I'm really excited to be there.

So how can you live little? Three main approaches. First of all, you have to edit ruthlessly. We've got to clear the arteries of our lives. And that shirt that I hadn't worn in years? It's time for me to let it go. We've got to cut the extraneous out of our lives, and we've got to learn to stem the inflow. We need to think before we buy. Ask ourselves, "Is that really going to make me happier? Truly?" By all means, we should buy and own some great stuff. But we want stuff that we're going to love for years, not just stuff. Secondly, our new mantra: small is exciting. We want space efficiency. We want things that are designed for how they're used the vast majority of the time, not that rare event. Why have a six burner stove when you rarely use three? So we want things that nest, we want things that stack, and we want it digitized. You can take paperwork, books, movies, and you can make it disappear -- it's magic.

Finally, we want multifunctional spaces and housewares -- a sink combined with a toilet, a dining table becomes a bed -- same space, a little side table stretches out to seat 10. In the winning Life Edited scheme in a render here, we combine a moving wall with transformer furniture to get a lot out of the space. Look at the coffee table -- it grows in height and width to seat 10. My office folds away, easily hidden. My bed just pops out of the wall with two fingers. Guests? Move the moving wall, have some fold-down guest beds. And of course, my own movie theater. So I'm not saying that we all need to live in 420 sq. ft. But consider the benefits of an edited life. Go from 3,000 to 2,000, from 1,500 to 1,000. Most of us, maybe all of us, are here pretty happily for a bunch of days with a couple of bags, maybe a small space, a hotel room. So when you go home and you walk through your front door, take a second and ask yourselves, "Could I do with a little life editing? Would that give me a little more freedom? Maybe a little more time?"

What's in the box? It doesn't really matter. I know I don't need it. What's in yours? Maybe, just maybe, less might equal more. So let's make room for the good stuff.

Thank you.

- 4) **Write an argumentative essay on any one of the following in about 350 to 400 words.** (10)

a. Intolerance has never been allowed in India and unity in diversity with mutual coexistence and understanding is the strength of the country. Do you support this view? Use facts, statistics, examples, data and studies to

supplement your views.

Or

b. Charity is a universal duty. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

5) (5)

A) **Critically analyze Santiago's character and his relationship with Marlin in the novel Old Man and the Sea.**

5. B) (5)

In the novel 'The Old Man and the Sea', the sea is characterized with both positive and negative connotations. Elucidate with reference to the events in the novel.

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