

# Question Paper

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Answer all the questions.

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

Nationalism, of course, is a curious phenomenon which at a certain stage in a country's history gives life, growth and unity but, at the same time, it has a tendency to limit one, because one thinks of one's country as something different from the rest of the world. One's perspective changes and one is continuously thinking of one's own struggles and virtues and failing to the exclusion of other thoughts. The result is that the same nationalism which is the symbol of growth for a 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 are you to find a balance, I don't know. Apart from the political and economic problems of the age, perhaps that is the greatest problem today because behind it there is a tremendous search for something which it cannot find. We turn to economic theories because they have undoubted importance. It is folly to talk of culture or even of God when human beings 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 beings today are not in the mood to tolerate this suffering and starvation and inequality when they see that the burden is not equally shared. Others profit while they only bear the burden.

- Provide the most suitable title for the passage.
- Why does the idea of Nationalism tend to limit?
- Why is finding a balance to aggressive nationalism important?
- What can static and aggressive culture breed?

- e. In the third sentence of the first paragraph which word means "Termination"?
- f. In the second sentence of the first paragraph which word means "Elimination"?
- g. In the last paragraph which word is antonym of "Plenty"?
- h. In the last paragraph which word is antonym of "Aid"?
- i. What is 'The greatest problem' referred to in the passage?
- j. Why does economic theories have undoubted importance?

2)

(10)

**Correct and rewrite the following sentences if necessary:**

- a. Being positive, like any other skill, require gradual development and training.
- b. Every act of lived experience have today become a spectacle.
- c. Most people seem to have a innate fear of failure, but failure is really your best friend.
- d. It is more easier to think positively when in comfortable situations, but not when in the midst of problems
- e. Positive people expect best and believe that a bad situation would improve, but they are also practical people.
- f. The cafeteria must conform with the state's nutrition guidelines.
- g. Neither Sam nor Raghu were present at the accident spot.
- h. In 1904, he was awarded with a Nobel Prize, and at the end of 1905, he became the president of the Royal Society.
- i. Not only was it raining all day at the wedding but also the band were late.
- j. Superstitions have come down to us for our ancestors.

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**Read the following speech (by Richard St. John on 8 Secrets of Success, TED2005) and write a response (your impressions) of about 200-250 words.**

This is really a two-hour presentation I give to high school students, cut down to three minutes. And it all started one day on a plane, on my way to TED, seven years ago. And in the seat next to me was a high school student, a teenager, and she came from a really poor family. And she wanted to make something of her life, and she asked me a simple little question. She said, "What leads to success?" And I felt really badly, because I couldn't give her a good answer. So I get off the plane, and I come to TED. And I think, jeez, I'm in the middle of a room of successful people! So why don't I ask them what helped them succeed, and pass it on to kids? So here we are, seven years, 500 interviews later, and I'm going to tell you what really leads to success and makes TEDsters tick.

And the first thing is passion. Freeman Thomas says, "I'm driven by my passion." TEDsters do it for love; they don't do it for money.

Carol Coletta says, "I would pay someone to do what I do." And the interesting thing is: if you do it for love, the money comes anyway.

Work! Rupert Murdoch said to me, "It's all hard work. Nothing comes easily. But I have a lot of fun." Did he say fun? Rupert? Yes!  
TEDsters do have fun working. And they work hard. I figured, they're not workaholics. They're workafrolics.  
Alex Garden says, "To be successful, put your nose down in something and get damn good at it." There's no magic; it's practice, practice, practice.

And it's focus. Norman Jewison said to me, "I think it all has to do with focusing yourself on one thing."

And push! David Gallo says, "Push yourself. Physically, mentally, you've got to push, push, push." You've got to push through shyness and self-doubt.

Goldie Hawn says, "I always had self-doubts. I wasn't good enough; I wasn't smart enough. I didn't think I'd make it."

Now it's not always easy to push yourself, and that's why they invented mothers.

Frank Gehry said to me, "My mother pushed me."

Serve! Sherwin Nuland says, "It was a privilege to serve as a doctor."  
A lot of kids want to be millionaires. The first thing I say is: "OK, well you can't serve yourself; you've got to serve others something of value. Because that's the way people really get rich."  
Ideas! TEDster Bill Gates says, "I had an idea: founding the first micro-computer software company." I'd say it was a pretty good idea. And there's no magic to creativity in coming up with ideas -- it's just doing some very simple things. And I give lots of evidence.  
Persist! Joe Kraus says, "Persistence is the number one reason for our success." You've got to persist through failure. You've got to persist through crap! Which of course means "Criticism, Rejection, and Pressure."

So, the answer to this question is simple: Pay 4,000 bucks and come to TED.

Or failing that, do the eight things -- and trust me, these are the big eight things that lead to success.

Thank you TEDsters for all your interviews!

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**Write an argumentative essay on any one of the following in about 350 to 400 words.**

a. Today's generation has become less sensitive to the surroundings (people/situations) owing to an increase in self-obsession/self-indulgence. Use facts, statistics, examples, data and studies to supplement your views.

Or

b. Only the rich and the famous are talking of intolerance. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

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(5)

**Explain the significance of nature in Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*.**

A)

5. B)

(5)

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

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