

Question Paper

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Marks: 100

Duration: 180 mins.

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Answer 5 out of 8 questions.

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

A)

Primitive man was probably more concerned with fire as a source of warmth and as a means of cooking food than as a source of light. Before he discovered less laborious ways of making fire, he had to preserve it, and whenever he went on a journey, he carried a firebrand with him. His discovery that the firebrand, from which the torch may very well have developed, could be used for illumination was probably incidental to the primary purpose of preserving a flame.

Lamps, too, probably developed by accident. Early man may have had his first conception of a lamp while watching a twig or fibre burning in the molten fat dropped from a roasting carcass. All he had to do was to fashion a vessel to contain fat and float a lighted reed in it. Such lamps, which were made of hollowed stones or sea shells, have persisted in the identical form up to quite recent times.

- Provide an appropriate title for the passage.
- What was the Primitive man's most important use for the fire?
- What was the firebrand used for?
- In the last line of the first paragraph which word means "Essential"?
- In the last line of the first paragraph which word means "Related"?
- In the last line of the second paragraph which word is antonym of "Full"?
- In the last line of the second paragraph which word is antonym of "Different"?
- According to the passage, how were Lamps developed?
- What is it that would have inspired the development of a lamp?
- How were early lamps conceived?

1. B)

(10)

B. Correct and rewrite the following sentences if necessary:

- Certainly he must feel bitter about that fact, yet neither his voice nor his expressions was portraying any indication of animosity felt by him.

- b. Tony had known Bangkok so well because he visited the city several times.
- c. Mark might be distressed. I can't really tell if he is annoyed or fatigued.
- d. Everyone know that water evaporates, rises and then falls to the earth as rain.
- e. Ben offered a timid handshake, but Alex must have thought it was a invitation to a wrestling match.
- f. Python, along with numpy and scipy are used to make the statistical analysis.
- g. The crime squad was compelled to break in the house through the window.
- h. He has made me repeat again the story of The Cunning Shoemaker so often that I believe I could narrate it backward.
- i. This unusual occurrence will pass as we learn to cope up with the issue.
- j. Sam said, "Early to bed and early to rise made a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

2) (20)

A well-known American university has offered scholarship to the meritorious students of ICAS. You wish to avail the scholarship and pursue your study in that university.

Prepare a statement of purpose (SOP) of about 350-400 words stating why you deserve to be selected.

3) (10)

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Prepare a Resume/CV to be submitted. The resume should include your personal details and other details.

3. B) (10)

B. Read the following speech (by Kare Anderson on "Be an opportunity maker", TED@IBM, September 2014) carefully and write a response (your impressions) of about 200-250 words.

My idea to reimagine the world is to see it one where we all become greater opportunity-makers with and for others. There's no greater opportunity or call for action for us now than to become opportunity-makers who use best talents together more often for the greater good and accomplish things we couldn't have done on our own. And I want to talk to you about that, because even more than giving, is the capacity for us to do something smarter together for the greater good that lifts us both up and that can scale. I also want to point something else out: Each one of you is better than anybody else at something. That disproves that popular notion that if you're the smartest person in the room, you're in the wrong room. What I'm asking you to consider is what kind of opportunity- makers we might become, because more than wealth or fancy titles or a lot of contacts, it's our capacity to connect around each other's better side and bring it out. And I'm not saying this is easy, and I'm sure many of you have made the wrong moves too about who you wanted to connect with, but what I want to

suggest is, this is an opportunity. I started thinking about it way back when I was a Wall Street Journal reporter and I was in Europe and I was supposed to cover trends and trends that transcended business or politics or lifestyle. So I had to have contacts in different worlds very different than mine, because otherwise you couldn't spot the trends. And third, I had to write the story in a way stepping into the reader's shoes, so they could see how these trends could affect their lives. That's what opportunity-makers do. And here's a strange thing: Unlike an increasing number of Americans who are working and living and playing with people who think exactly like them because we then become more rigid and extreme, opportunity-makers are actively seeking situations with people unlike them, and they're building relationships, and because they do that, they have trusted relationships where they can bring the right team in and recruit them to solve a problem better and faster and seize more opportunities. They're not affronted by differences, they're fascinated by them, and that is a huge shift in mindset, and once you feel it, you want it to happen a lot more. This world is calling out for us to have a collective mindset, and I believe in doing that. It's especially important now. Why is it important now? Because things can be devised like drones and drugs and data collection, and they can be devised by more people and cheaper ways for beneficial purposes and then, as we know from the news every day, they can be used for dangerous ones. It calls on us, each of us, to a higher calling. So here's what I'm calling for you to do. Remember the three traits of opportunity-makers. Opportunity-makers keep honing their top strength and they become pattern seekers. They get involved in different worlds than their worlds so they're trusted and they can see those patterns, and they communicate to connect around sweet spots of shared interest. So what I'm asking you is, the world is hungry. I truly believe, in my firsthand experience, the world is hungry for us to unite together as opportunity-makers and to emulate those behaviors as so many of you already do - I know that firsthand - and to reimagine a world where we use our best talents together more often to accomplish greater things together than we could on our own. Just remember, as Dave Liniger once said, "You can't succeed coming to the potluck with only a fork." Thank you very much.

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A. Rewrite the passage correcting the errors and underline the corrections made.

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The issue of war and peace have always been a focal issue in all periods of history and at all levels relations between nations. The concern of the humankind to peace could be assessed by taking in account the fact that all religions, all religious scriptures and several religious ceremonies were committed to the cause of peace and all those advocate a elimenation of war. The Shanti Path recited by the Hindus, the sermons of Pope and the commands of all the holy scriptures of the Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and all other communities holds out a sacred commitment to peace. Yet the international community fully realized the supreme importance of the virtue of peace against an evil of war only after having suffered a most unfortunate and highly destructive two World Wars in the first half of the 20th century. The blood soaked shreds of humanity who lay scattered in several hundred battle grounds, particularly on the soils of Hiroshima and

Nagasaki, cries for peace, peace and peace on an earth. The human consciousness then rallied in the Charter of the United Nations to affirm. "They the people of the United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourage of war, which twice in our life time has brought untold sorrow to humankind.... and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security..... has resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims."

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In contemporary times, a most urgent and important international objective had been to preserve, protect and defend peace against terrorism and terrorist organizations like Al Qaeda, Talibans, and other enemies of peace. (318 WORDS)

4. B)

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B. Write a summary of the given passage (around 1/3 of its length)

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Answer ANY TWO of the following:

- a. Critically analyze Santiago's character and his relationship with the sea in the novel Old Man and the Sea.
- b. Explain the themes presented in this novel by Ernest Hemingway.
- c. Write briefly the plot of the novel Old Man and the Sea.

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Answer ANY TWO of the following:

- a. Explain the relevance of the novel Old Man and the Sea today.
- b. Critically analyze Santiago's character and his relationship with other characters in the novel Old Man and the Sea.
- c. Explain the symbols/images employed in this novel by Ernest Hemingway.

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Write an argumentative essay (on ANY ONE of the following) in about 500 to 600 words.

- a. Students learn best when they direct their own education. Use facts, statistics, examples, data and studies to supplement your views.
- b. Adopting a common language will unite India. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

8)

(20)

Write an expository essay (on ANY ONE of the following) in about 500 to 600 words.

- a. Artificial intelligence: pros and cons
- b. Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. What are the qualities of a good leader?

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