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ENGLISH (Special)

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Time allowed : 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

- *Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are **16** in number and it contains **4** questions.*
- *The **Code No.** on the right side of the question paper should be written by the candidate on the front page of the answer-book.*
- *Before beginning to answer a question, its Serial Number must be written.*

- *Don't leave blank page/pages in your answer-book.*
- *Except answer-book, no extra sheet will be given. Write to the point and do not strike the written answer.*
- *Candidates must write their Roll No. on the question paper. Except Roll No. do not write anything on question paper and don't make any mark on answers of objective type questions.*
- *Before answering the questions, ensure that you have been supplied the correct and complete question paper, **no claim in this regard, will be entertained after examination.***

General Instructions :

- (i) The question paper contains **two** Sections – **Reading Skills** and **Writing Skills**.
- (ii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each Section.

SECTION – A**(Reading Skills)**

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow (Do any **two**) :

- (a) Scientists have developed a gel that helps brains recover from traumatic injuries. It has the potential to treat head injuries suffered in combat, car

accidents, falls or gunshot wounds. Developed by Dr. Ning Zhang at Clemson University in South Carolina, the gel is injected in liquid form at the site of injury and stimulates the growth of stem cells there.

Brain injuries are particularly hard to repair, since injured tissues swell up and can cause additional damage to the cells. So far, treatments have tried to limit this secondary damage by lowering the temperature or relieving the pressure at the site of injury. However, these techniques are often not very effective.

More recently, scientists have considered transplanting donor brain cells into the wound to repair damaged tissue. This method has so far had limited results when treating brain injuries. The donor cells often fail to grow or stimulate repair at the injury site, possibly because of the inflammation and scarring present there. The injury site also typically has very limited blood supply and connected tissue, which might prevent donor cells from getting the nutrients they require.

Dr. Zhang's gel, however, can be loaded with different chemicals to stimulate various biological processes at the site of injury. In previous research done on rats, she was able to use the gel to help re-establish full blood supply at the site of brain injury. This could help to create a better

environment for donor cells. In a follow-up study, Dr. Zhang loaded the gel with immature stem cells, as well as the chemicals they needed to develop into full-fledged adult brain cells. When rats with severe brain injuries were treated with this mixture for eight weeks, they showed signs of significant recovery.

Questions :

2 × 5 = 10

(i) Which animal has Dr. Ning Zhang use to test her gel ?

(a) Cows

(b) Rats

(c) Mouse

(d) Dogs

- (ii) What kind of brain injuries can the gel mentioned here ?
- (a) Car accidents
 - (b) Gunshot injury
 - (c) Falls
 - (d) All of these
- (iii) Why do the donor cells often fail to grow according to the author ?
- (a) Because of the inflammation and scarring present there.
 - (b) Because it is the most sensitive part of the body.
 - (c) Because the donor cells are always infected.
 - (d) None of the above
- (iv) Why, according to the author, brain injuries are hard to mend ?
- (a) As it is difficult to find good doctors to repair it.
 - (b) As injured tissues swell up and can cause additional damage to the cells.

(v) Choose the word which is opposite in meaning of these :

(i) Traumatic

(ii) Stimulates

- (b) Maharana Pratap ruled Mewar only for 25 years. However, he accomplished so much grandeur during his reign that his glory surpassed the boundaries of countries and time, turning him into an immortal personality. He along with his kingdom became a synonym for Valour, sacrifice and patriotism. Mewar, had been a leading Rajput kingdom even before Maharana Pratap occupied the throne. Kings of Mewar, with the cooperation of their nobles and subjects, had

established such traditions in the kingdom, which augmented their magnificence despite the hurdles of having a smaller area under their command and less population. There did come a few thorny occasions when the flag of the kingdom seemed sliding down. Their flag, once again heaved high in the sky thanks to the gallantry and brilliance of the people of Mewar.

The destiny of Mewar was good in the sense that barring a few kings, most of the rulers were competent and patriotic. This glorious tradition of the kingdom almost continued for 1500 years since its establishment, right from the reign of Bappa Rawal. In fact, 60 years before Maharana Pratap,

Rana Sanga, drove the kingdom to the pinnacle of fame. His reputation went beyond Rajasthan and reached Delhi. Two generations before him, Rana Kumbha, had given a new stature to the kingdom through victories and developmental work. During his reign, literature and art also progressed extraordinarily. Rana himself was inclined towards writing and his works are read with reverence even today.

The ambience of his kingdom was conducive to the creation of high quality work of art and literature. These accomplishments, were the outcome of a long-standing tradition sustained by several generations. The life of the people of Mewar must have been peaceful and prosperous during a long span of time, otherwise, such extraordinary accomplishment in these

fields would not have been possible. This is reflected in their art and literature as well as their loving nature. They compensate for lack of admirable physique by their firm but pleasant nature. The ambience of Mewar remains lovely, thanks to the cheerful and liberal character of its people.

One may observe astonishing pieces of workmanship not only in the forts and palaces of Mewar but also in public utility buildings. Ruins of many structures which are still standing tall in their grandeur are testimony to the fact that, Mewar was not only the land of bravery but also a seat of art and culture. Amidst aggression and bloodshed, literature and

art flourished and creative pursuits of literature and artists did not suffer. Imagine, how glorious the period must have been when the Vijaya Stambha which is the sample of our great ancient architecture even today, was constructed. In the same fort, Kirti Stambha is standing high, reflecting how liberal the administration was, which allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work. It is useless to indulge in the debate whether the Vijaya Stambha was constructed first or the Kirti Stambha. The fact is that both the capitals are standing side by side and reveal, the proximity between the king and the subjects of Mewar.

Questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (i) Maharana Pratap became immortal, because :
- (a) he ruled Mewar for 25 years.
 - (b) he added a lot of grandeur to Mewar.
 - (c) of his valour, sacrifice and patriotism.
 - (d) Both (b) and (c)

- (ii) Who is the earliest king of Mewar mentioned here ?
- (a) Bappa Rawal
 - (b) Rana Sanga
 - (c) Rana Kumbha
 - (d) None of the above
- (iii) Difficulties in the way of Mewar were :
- (a) lack of cooperation
 - (b) ancient traditions of the kingdom
 - (c) its small area and less population
 - (d) the poverty of the subjects
- (iv) What do the Vijay Stambha and Kirti Stambha in the same fort signify ?
- (a) Both are symbols of ancient Persian Architecture
 - (b) Both reveal the closeness between the king and the people of Mewar
 - (c) Both tell the stories of high stature of the kings
 - (d) None of these

- (v) Find the word from the passage that means the same as 'Bravery' :
- (a) Grandeur
 - (b) Valour
 - (c) Brilliance
 - (d) Magnificance
- (c) The difference in the ways of thinking and perception in the people of two different generations, which results in behavioural differences and sometimes, conflict among them is usually called "generation gap".

Generation gap is generally seen in the family between parents and their children. It is not only because of the gap in age but also because of the way parents react to a particular situation. Children, being very young and immature, do not understand the way of thinking of their parents. In many cases, the parents, even if they are matured, do not emphasize with the changing values and thinking pattern of the modern world. This creates a communication gap between the two generations.

Generation gap between parents and children is mostly caused by parents themselves. They do not talk openly to their children and do not take part in solving their problems. This behaviour gives the impression about parents being authoritative person, because they only dictate without understanding the problems faced by their children. As a result, the children become mentally isolated from their parents. Some parents become so busy with their work that they do not spend quality time with their family, which makes them completely unaware about how their children are growing, what kind of mentality is being developed in them and so on. This ultimately creates a gap between them. They only realize it when it is too late.

Changes in technology have led to the generation gap in this modern world. Children tend to spend most of their time with their digital devices and are so busy with social media that they do not discuss their problems with their parents. The internet provides solutions to most of the worldly problems. So children instead of contacting their own parents, seek the help of internet in case of any problem, thus again reducing the communication, leading to a generation gap between them.

The generation gap has greatly increased these days because the time is changing fast and people find it difficult to cope up with this change. To overcome this problem, the parents should show some interest in all matters of their children and deal with them positively instead of just scolding them and leaving them alone to deal with their problems. Giving time to the children, having open communication and allowing the child to feel free and not in any kind of pressure, will eventually reduce the generation gap to a tolerable extent.

Questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (i) How do children generally view their parents ?
 - (a) As dictatorial
 - (b) As authoritative person
 - (c) As friend
 - (d) As a support

- (ii) What causes the gap between the parents and their children ?
- (a) Parents not emphasizing with changing values
 - (b) Difference in their ways of thinking
 - (c) Immaturity on the part of children against various situations
 - (d) All of these
- (iii) What steps should be taken by parents to bridge this gap ?
- (a) Have open communication with children
 - (b) Show interest in their children's matters
 - (c) Allow children to put forth their views
 - (d) All of these
- (iv) Most of the parents do not spend time with their family.
- (a) leisure
 - (b) free
 - (c) quality
 - (d) weekend

(v) What is meant by the word 'isolated' ?

- (a) Grown
- (b) Bound
- (c) Separated
- (d) Unconcerned

SECTION – B

(Writing Skills)

2. Attempt any **one** for Precis writing :

Coffee is traditionally grown in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu in India. It is predominantly an export-oriented commodity and 65% to 70% of coffee produced in the country is exported, while the rest is consumed within the country. In the international market, Indian Robusta is highly preferred for its good blending quality. Arabica coffee from India is also well received in the international market. Coffee is an export product with low import intensity and high employment content. This is evident from the fact that more than six lakh persons are directly employed and an equal number of individuals get indirect employment from this sector. Arabica is mild coffee, but the beans being more

aromatic; it has higher market value compared to Robusta beans. On the other hand, Robusta has more strength and is therefore used in making various blends. Arabica is grown in higher altitudes than Robusta. The cool and equable temperature, ranging between 15°C and 25°C is suitable for Arabica, while for Robusta, hot and humid climate with temperature ranging from 20°C to 30°C is suitable. Arabica requires more care and nurture and is more suitable for large holdings whereas Robusta is suitable irrespective of the size of the farm. Arabica is susceptible to pests and diseases such as white stem Borer, leaf rust and requires more shade than Robusta. The harvest of Arabica takes place between November and January, while for Robusta, it is from December to February.

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| (i) Give a suitable title to this passage. | 4 |
| (ii) Precis this passage in your own words. | 12 |
| (iii) What is the gist of the passage ? | 4 |

OR

Probably the only protection for contemporary man is to discover how to use his intelligence in the service of love and kindness. The training of human intelligence must include the simultaneous development of the empathic capacity. Only in this way, intelligence can be made an instrument of social

morality and responsibility – and thereby increase the chances of survival. The need to produce human beings with trained morally sensitive intelligence is essentially a challenge to educators and educational institutions. Traditionally, the realm of social morality was left to religion and the churches as guardians or custodians. But their failure to fulfil this responsibility and their yielding to the reductive lures of the men of wealth and pomp and power are documented by history of the last two thousand years and have now resulted in the irrelevant "God Is Dead" theological rhetoric. The more pragmatic men of power have had no time or inclination to deal with the fundamental problems of social morality. For them simplistic Machiavellianism must remain the guiding principle of their decisions – power is morality, morality is power. This over-simplification increases the chances of nuclear devastation. We must therefore hope that

educators and educational institutions have the capacity, the commitment and the time to in-still moral sensitivity as an integral part of the complex pattern of functional human intelligence. Some way must be found in the training of human beings to give them the assurance to love, the security to be kind, and the integrity required for a functional empathy.

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3. You are Naresh/Nandini of Dwarkapuri, New Delhi. You are deeply saddened by the attacks on elderly persons who live alone. Write a letter to the editor of 'Amar Ujala' making people aware of the authorities to guarantee that such attacks do not occur. 20

OR

Write an application for the post of PGT (Post Graduate Teacher) in English in DAV School, New Delhi with a bio-data. You are Seema Kumari.

4. Write paragraph on any **two** topics : $10 \times 2 = 20$

(i) Importance of Computer

(ii) My Aim in Life

(iii) Environment Pollution

(iv) Value of Discipline

