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Answer ALL Questions

PART A - (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

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| 1. | Choose the noun form of “Postulate”: | | | | | CO1- R | |
|  | (a) Postulated | | (b) Postulition | (c) Postal | | (d) Postulation | |
| 2. | The synonym of ‘stringent’ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | | | | | CO1- R | |
|  | (a) Several | | (b) Severe | (c) Mild | | (d) Lenient | |
| 3. | Fill in the blanks with suitable verb using subject-verb agreement:  A.P.J.Abdul Kalam \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ three visions for India. | | | | | CO2- R | |
|  | (a) have | | (b) is | (c) has | | (d) are | |
| 4. | Select the appropriate question word:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is essentially a social animal? | | | | | CO2- R | |
|  | (a) What | | (b) When | (c) Who | | (d) How | |
| 5. | Choose a suitable one word substitution:  A second or subsequent reading of a text to gain insights. | | | | | CO3- R | |
|  | (a) Review | | (b) View | (c) Criticize | | (d) Visualize | |
| 6. | Select the appropriate Voice form of the verb:  Family values \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Indian culture. | | | | | CO3- R | |
|  | (a) Has deep-rooted | | | (b) Have deep-rooted | | | |
|  | (c) Has been deep-rooted | | | (d) Have been deep-rooted | | | |
| 7. | Fill in the blank with correct form of verb given in bracket:  If I have time, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the exhibition. | | | | | CO4- R | |
|  | (a) Shall visit | | (b) Would visit | (c) Can visit | | (d) Must visit | |
| 8. | Choose a suitable idiom & phrases:  “I can’t concentrate – let’s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” | | | | | CO4- R | |
|  | (a) drive me up the wall | | | (b) hit the nail on the head | | | |
|  | (c) know the ropes | | | (d) call it a day | | | |
| 9. | Fill in the blanks with the suitable determiner given below:I always keep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money in my wallet for emergencies. | | | | | CO5- R | |
|  | (a) some | | (b) many | (c) the | | (d) a | |
| 10. | Choose an appropriate homophone:  The children got \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the lecture. | | | | | CO5- R | |
|  | (a) beard | | (b) board | (c) bored | | (d) bird | |
|  | PART – B (5 x 2= 10Marks) | | | | | | |
| 11. | What are the requirements of a democracy according to Dr. Karan singh ?CO1- U | | | | | | |
| 12. | Name the three great minds who are mentioned in “My Vision for India” by Dr. Kalam.  CO-2 U | | | | | | |
| 13. | Mention any two women writers mentioned in “The Profession for Women”. CO-3 U | | | | | | |
| 14. | Name any two serious problems which are not resolved in our country mentioned by Narayanamoorthy? CO-4 U | | | | | | |
| 15. | According to Peter Laurie, Can the computers think like people? Why? CO5-U | | | | | | |
|  | PART – C (5 x 16= 80Marks) | | | | | | |
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| 16. | Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it:  Learning is a process that every single human being undergoes. It is not just a yearly or monthly process but a day-to-day one as well. We observe people around us how they speak and act. In learning about others we learn about ourselves in the bargain, and also how it is best to interact with other people. We learn the true meaning of terms such as integrity, kindness, sincerity, dedication, love, acceptance, appreciating, humidity and encouragement only from honest actions. Not just from words.  As students, we expect to learn these life lessons on campus both within and outside the classroom. Students play such an instrumental role in influencing and educating fellow students. Sadly, it is difficult to find students true to their beliefs, and take confident of their values. Many take the easy way out, rather than being whom they truly are, which is not as easy as it sounds. They slide into the easiest way camouflaged in the form of a group of close friends.  Yet why do these students feel such a sense of loneliness? Why is that even though they appeared to have things figured out, they are all still so alone? All that I choose to boldly say is that if being different means that you stand alone, then do not be afraid to be the only one brave enough to be the person everyone is secretly wishing that he/ she was.  The real dilemma in our educational system is many students are afraid to be who they really are. They have been taught by people around them that it is not acceptable to laugh at things that other people do not think are funny, that is not proper for them to think differently from their parents and most importantly that is not right to voice your own opinion.  Sooner or later you will look upon yourself wondering how much you have accomplished in life. However successful you may become, it is only the satisfaction embarrassing what really makes ‘you’ really feel, that will make you genuinely happy. That is the education at its best.   1. Choose the correct answer: 2. What do we gain by learning about others?   (a) We learn about the environment  (b) We learn about the world  (c) We learn about our true self  (d) We do not learn much   1. What helps us to understand the meaning of kindness?   (a) Dishonest actions (b) Sincere actions  (c) Serious actions (d) Daring actions   1. Most students suffer a sense of loneliness because   (a) They do not study well  (b) They do not have enough friends  (c) They do not get good education  (d) They are afraid of themselves   1. What is the best education according to the author? 2. That which helps you to get a job 3. That which helps you to earn lot of money 4. That which makes you understand your true self 5. That which makes you satisfied 6. Who could be author of the passage?   (a) A Student (b) A Parent  (c) A teacher (d) A Spiritual leader   1. Mention whether the following statements are true or false: 2. Learning is common to all human beings 3. We do not learn the meaning of life from the words alone 4. Students cannot educate other students 5. It is simple to find out who we really are 6. To be different means to dress strangely 7. Most of our students are not courageous 8. Choose the definitions which best suits the given words as they are used in the text: 9. Instrumental   (a) Musical (b) Mechanical  (c) Interesting (d) Important   1. Slide   (a) Unchanged (b) Fall into  (c) Changed gradually (d) Rise up   1. Camouflaged   (a) Comforted (b) Decorated  (c) Controlled (d) Disguised   1. Dilemma   (a) Advantage (b) Problem  (c) Solution (d) Action   1. Figured out   (a) Understood (b) Appreciated  (c) Discovered (d) Imagined | | | | CO1- U | | (5)  (6)  (5) |
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| 17. | (a) | Draft a letter of permission to the General Manager of a company for your in-plant training as a part of your curriculum. | | | CO2- U | | (16) |
|  |  | Or | | |  | |  |
|  | (b) | Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper expressing your anguish over the pollution caused by the discharge of untreated effluents by the factories of your locality | | | CO2- U | | (16) |
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| 18. | (a) | (i) Imagine that you have to go to New Delhi to appear for an  interview. Make an eight- item checklist with a proper title  for your reference. | | | CO3- U | | (8) |
|  |  | (ii) Write a set of eight important instructions to maintain a  computer in good working condition. | | | CO3- U | | (8) |
|  |  | Or | | |  | |  |
|  | (b) | (i) Prepare a checklist that consists of eight items to be checked  before you leave your house for a long tour. | | | CO3- U | | (8) |
|  |  | (ii) Write a set of eight instructions to be followed in your  college library. | | | CO3- U | | (8) |
| 19. | (a) | Read the following passage and make notes on it with a suitable title:  The ultimate aim of all advertising is to sell the commodity but in order to achieve this there are a few obstacles, which the Adman has to overcome. First of all, prospective buyers are likely to be reading the newspaper or magazine not because of its advertising material but because of its editorial material; moreover, round about half of the publication is likely to consists of adverts, all of them competing for the reader’s attention. The first task of the Adman is to make sure that his advert is noticed. Once the reader’s attention has been caught, the advert should also hold his attention and it should convince him that the subject of this particular advert is of interest to him. Furthermore, that advert has to convince the reader that the commodity will satisfy some need or create a need which he has not felt before. Finally, it is not enough that the prospective customer should come to feel a need for the product in general; the advert must convince him that the particular brand advertised has some qualities which will make it superior to other similar brands. In addition, the ideal advert should be constructed in such a way that as much as possible its message will get across even to the reader who merely notices it and decides not to need it. | | | CO4- U | | (16) |
|  |  | Or | | |  | |  |
|  | (b) | Study the following carefully. Describe and comment on it in a paragraph of not more than 250 words:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | S.No | Manufacturer | 1988-89 | 1989-90 | | 1 | Hindustan Motors | 28,293 | 28,730 | | 2 | Premier Automobiles | 38,293 | 42,313 | | 3 | Maruti Udyog Motors | 98,505 | 1,08,023 | | 4 | Standard Motors | 172 | Nil | | 5 | Sipani Motors | 85 | Nil | | | | CO-4-U | | (16) |
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| 20. | (a) | Write in brief the evolution of Computers as discussed by Peter Laurie in about 250 words. | | | CO5- Ana | | (16) |
|  |  | Or | | |  | |  |
|  | (b) | Write the critical appreciation of Virginia Woolf’s “Professions for Women in about 250 words. | | | CO5- Ana | | (16) |