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Maximum: 100 Marks

Answer ALL Questions

PART A - (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

1. Pick out and write the suitable tense form: CO1- R
I _____ John for ten years.
(a) know (b) Had known (c) Have known (d) have been knowing

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: CO2- R
A.P.J.Abdul Kalam _____ three visions for India.
(a) have (b) is (c) has (d) are

4. Select the appropriate question word: CO2- R
_____ is essentially a social animal?
(a) What (b) When (c) Who (d) How

5. Choose the appropriate word to fill the blank: CO3- R
We use rice, cereal and vegetables as the _____ diet.
(a) staple (b) stable (c) normal (d) none of these

6. Select the appropriate Voice form of the verb: CO3- R
 Family values _____ in Indian culture.
- (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: CO4- R
 If I have time, I _____ the exhibition.
- (a) Shall visit (b) Would visit (c) Can visit (d) Must visit
8. Choose a suitable idiom & phrases: CO4- R
 “I can’t concentrate – let’s _____.”
- (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: CO5- R
 I always keep _____ money in my wallet for emergencies.
- (a) some (b) many (c) the (d) a
10. Fill in the blank with suitable prefix with the meaning given against: CO5- R
 _____ sonic: having a pitch above the upper limit of human hearing.
- (a) Ultra (b) Super (c) Hyper (d) None of these

PART – B (5 x 2= 10Marks)

11. Brief the views of Dr. Karan singh on Nation's strength. 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. Write the four milestones in Dr.Kalam’s career. CO5-U

PART – C (5 x 16= 80Marks)

16. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below, based on the text in the passage:

Wikipedia is a multilingual, web – based, free content encyclopedia project. Wikipedia is written collaboratively by volunteers; the vast majority of its articles can be edited by anyone with access to the internet. Wikipedia’s name is a portmanteau of the words wiki (a type of collaborative websites) and encyclopedia. Its main servers are in Tampa, Florida with additional servers in Amsterdam and Seoul.

Wikipedia’s English edition was launched on January 15, 2001, as a complement to Nupedia, an expert written and now defunct encyclopedia. The project is currently operated by the Wikimedia Foundation, a non – profit organisation created by Jimmy Wales, the co – founder of Wikipedia. Wikipedia has approximately 7.5 million articles in 253 languages, 1.8 million of which are in the English edition. It has steadily risen in popularity since its inception and currently ranks among the top ten most visited web sites worldwide. Traffic to Wikipedia’s 72 servers on any given day exceeds 80 million hits.

Wikipedia was co – founded by Jimmy Wale, who believed in creating an open encyclopedia that anyone can contribute to. The project also adapted a rule: every time someone edits an article, a new version is created and stored. All contributions are kept for posterity and identified as such.

Due to its open nature, critics have questioned Wikipedia’s reliability and accuracy. The site has also been criticized for its susceptibility to vandalism and the addition of false or unverified information, uneven quality, systemic bias and inconsistencies and for favoring consensus over credentials in its editorial process. Wikipedia’s content policies and sub projects set up by contributors seek to address these concerns. Two scholarly studies have concluded that vandalism is generally short- lived and that wikipedia is generally as accurate as other encyclopedias.

Some studies suggest that Wikipedia provides a good starting point for research, but sometimes suffers from significant omissions and inaccuracies. On the other hand, an investigation by Nature comparing Wikipedia to the Encyclopedia Britannica suggested a near similar level of accuracy in terms of its natural science articles. Encyclopedia Britannica Inc. disagreed and described this study as

“fatally flawed”, to which nature later responded, stating that its study was perfectly neutral. Other studies have concluded that Wikipedia’s coverage of history is significantly broader and deeper than that of Encarta, while being just as accurate and that obvious vandalism is usually reverted quickly.

(i) Give one word from the above text for the following statements.

- (a) A website which functions in many languages (5)
- (b) Something which does not exist anymore
- (c) Being prone to something / someone
- (d) Something which is a group effort
- (e) A part of a computer network which does a particular Task.

(ii) Complete the following sentences

- (a) Wikipedia is _____ (6)
- (b) Wikipedia is written by _____
- (c) In its database, Wikipedia has _____
- (d) Wikipedia has been criticised for _____
- (e) When compared to Encyclopedia Britannica, Wikipedia provides information which is _____
- (f) The person who believed in creating an open encyclopedia is _____

(iii) The words given in the box below are the antonyms of those found in the text above. Use them to fill in the blanks. (5)

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- (a) A book writing is never an _____ but a collaborative effort
- (b) We rejected the report owing to its _____
- (c) The committee was dissolved because of its lack of _____
- (d) The website has been _____ for being a valuable source of information
- (e) The project was _____ funded by the UNO

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)

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. CO4- U (16)

What are the ways in which a student can acquire information? Firstly, he will acquire information from his tutors, in three main ways – by lecture, by tutorial and by hand outs which the tutor may give him. Secondly, he may acquire information from ‘other experts’ outside his college; principally by reading but also perhaps by listening to the NPTEL videos, reading in library or watching educational TV programmes. Thirdly, he will get information from his fellow students: perhaps in student LCD seminars perhaps in the contributions of other students in tutorial, perhaps just in informal conversations. Lastly, he can acquire information from himself. By thinking about his subject and linking together what he has heard and seen, he may come up with new ideas which are his alone.

Or

- (b) Study the following carefully. Describe and comment on it in a CO-4-U (16)

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

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)

