

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

This paper consists of three sections:

Section A -Reading	20marks
Section B -Writing and Grammar	30marks
Section C -Literature and Long Reading Text	30 marks

SECTION-A (READING)

Read the passage carefully:

(8 marks)

1 Benaras has always been a centre of learning and even in Buddha's days, it was old and known as such .It was in the Deer Park near Benaras that Buddha preached his first sermon; but Benaras does not appear to have been at any time anything like a university, such as existed then and later in other parts of India .There were numerous groups there, consisting of a teacher and his disciples and often between rival groups there was fierce debate and argument.

2 But in the north-west ,near modern Peshawar, there was an ancient and famous university at Takshashila or Taxila .It was particularly noted for science ,especially medicine and the arts and people came here to be educated from distant parts of India.The Jataka stories are full of instances of sons of nobles and Brahmins travelling ,unattended and unarmed, to Taxila to be educated . Probably students also came from Central Asia and Afghanistan, as it was conveniently situated .It was considered an honour and a distinction to be a graduate of Taxila .Physicians who had studied in the school of medicine at Taxila were highly thought of and it is related that whenever Buddha felt unwell, his admirers brought to him a famous physician, who had graduated from Taxila. Panini , the great grammarian of the sixth-seventh century B.C. is said to have studied here.

3 Taxila was thus a pre-Buddhist university and a seat to Brahminical learning. During the Buddhist period ,it also became a centre of Buddhist scholarship and attracted Buddhist students from all over India across the border. It was the headquarter of the north-western province of the Maurya Empire.

Answer the following questions:

(1×8=8marks)

- (i)What is Benaras known for?
- (ii)What was Taxila especially noted for?
- (iii)Where did Buddha preach his first sermon?
- (iv)Which was the headquarters of the north -western province of the Maurya Empire?
- (v)Pick up the word from the paragraph which means opposite to 'associate'.
- (vi)Give a synonym for 'headquarter'.
- (vii)What did the admirers of Buddha do when he felt unwell?
- (viii)Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'great in number' from para 1.

2 Read the following passage carefully:

(12 marks)

In talking with people don't begin by discussing the things on which you differ. Begin by emphasizing the things on which you agree. Keep emphasizing , if possible,that you are both striving for the same end and your only difference is one of methods and not of purposes.

Get the other person saying 'Yes, Yes', at the outset. Keep him, if possible ,from saying 'No'. A 'No' response is a most difficult handicap to overcome. When a person has said 'No', all his pride of personality demands that he remains consistent with himself. He may later feel

that 'No' was ill-advised; Nevertheless, there is his precious pride to consider. Once having said a thing, he must stick to it. Hence it is of the greatest importance that we start a person in the affirmative direction.

A skillful speaker gets at the outset a number of 'yes' responses. He has thereby set the psychological processes of his listeners moving in the affirmative direction. It is like the movement of a billiard ball. Propel it in one direction and it takes some force to deflect it, far more force to send it back in the opposite direction.

The psychological patterns here are quite clear. When a person says 'No' and really means it, he is doing far more than saying a word of two letters. His entire organism -glandular; nervous, muscular-gathers itself together into a condition of rejection. There is, usually in minute but sometimes in observable degree, a physical withdrawal or readiness for withdrawal. The whole neuro - muscular system, in short, sets itself on guard against acceptance where on the contrary, a person says 'yes' none of the withdrawing activities take place. The organism is in a forward moving, accepting, open attitude. Hence, the more, 'Yeses' we can, at the very outset, induce, the more likely we are to succeed in capturing the attention for our ultimate proposal.

It is a very simple technique- this 'Yes' technique. And yet how much neglected !It often seems as if people get a sense of their own importance by antagonizing at the outset. The radical comes into a conference with his conservative brother, and immediately he must make them furious !What, as a matter of fact, is the good of it? Indeed, he is only psychologically stupid.

→ (A) Answer the following questions:

(2×4=8marks)

(i) Why does a person stick to his negative response for long?

(ii) How does a clever speaker move his listeners in the affirmative direction?

(iii) What is meant by physical withdrawal?

(iv) What is the psychological process of a listener compared to?

(B) Find a word in the passage which means as

(1×4=4marks)

(i) refusal

(ii) opposing

(C) What should be avoided in the initial discussion of the talk?

(D) Which is the most difficult barrier to overcome?

SECTION-B(WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR :30 MARKS)

3 You are Deepika/Deepak Kumar, Hostel Warden, NavYug Public School, New Delhi.

Write a letter to the Sales Manager of Vishal Electronics & Appliances Ltd., New Delhi

placing an order for a few fans, microwave oven and geysers that you wish to purchase for the hostel specifying details. Also ask for the discount permissible on the purchase.

(8marks)

OR

India is rich in its tourism value. But the craze for foreign travel makes the domestic tourist overlook this potential. Write a letter to the editor of a travel magazine, identifying some exclusive locales that they could highlight at the start of the tourist season.

4 Write a story in about 200-250 words based on the hints given below with a suitable title.

(10marks)

When the quake struck at midday, the people rushed out from their

5 Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below:

(1×4=4marks)

A grey patch (a).....clouds covered the sun. Dust storm had hit (b)..... desert region and sand moved in swirling motion. The caravan had to stop and all the camels (c).....as the blinding sand blocked their view. After an hour, the storm subsided and the caravan (d)..... its journey.

- (a) on over off of
 (b) the a an none of these
 (c) had halted has halted halted halt
 (d) continues continued has continued will continue

6 In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the word before, missing and after in your answer sheet. (1×4=4marks)

I stayed a host family for one month. It was a huge disappointment !! to sit there the whole time staring them hoping that there would be some breakthrough. But nothing happened. It a total failure.

- (a)-----
 (b)-----
 (c)-----
 (d)-----

7 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follow: (1×4=4marks)

Raju :Do you know Varun was hit by a two-wheeler yesterday?

Arun :Oh no! When did it happen?

Raju :He was hit by a scooter on his way back from school.

Arun :Is he badly hurt?

Raju asked Arun(a)-----. Arun was shocked and wanted to know when (b)-----

Raju replied that (c)-----. Arun enquired (d)-----

SECTION-C (LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT:30 MARKS)

8 Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. (1×4=4marks)

*When wasteful war shall statues overturn
 And broils root out the work of masonry.*

- (a) Name the poetic device used in line 1.
 (b) In this stanza, what does the word 'broils' mean?
 (c) What does the phrase 'the work of masonry' imply?
 (d) Why is the war termed as wasteful?

OR

'Circumstances proved propitious.'

- (a) What circumstances is referred to here?
 (b) How did the circumstances prove propitious?
 (c) What does the word 'propitious' mean?
 (d) What kind of tiger was chosen for the purpose?

9 Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2×4=8marks)

- (a) Describe the early morning scene when Ali visited the post office.
 (b) What is the difference between the attitude of the elders and that of Vicky?
 (c) Why do the mariners hail the Albatross as a Christian soul?
 (d) Brutus allows Antony to speak in Caesar's funeral but Cassius was against it. Comment.

10 Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words: (8×1=8marks)

Patience and hardwork go a long way in achieving your goals. How does PatolBabu win the admiration of the director through a very small role?

OR

Snake is a poem that has a unique way of dealing with the moral consciousness of society .Explain the statement citing examples from the poem.

11 Answer any one of the following questions in 200-250 words: (10×1=10marks)

What effect did Hanneli's appearance have on Anne Frank?

OR

How does Anne mature and develop through the course of her diary?

OR

What do you understand from the statement "Any teacher can take a child to the classroom but not every teacher can make him learn."

OR

"And even now I sometimes feel the same uneasiness and disquietude." What is the line referring to ? Now she was meticulously careful about everything that she wrote. Explain.

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