

Std. 11
02-12-2015

Second Unit Test in ENGLISH

Time : 1 hr.
M. Marks: 20

General instructions:

- i) The paper contains three sections; Sections A, B, and C. All the sections are compulsory.
- ii) Read the questions carefully before answering.
- iii) Marks will be deducted for exceeding word limit and for illegible, untidy presentation.

SECTION - A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions.

The inspiring story of India's blade runner Major D.P Singh

It was July 8th 1999. India was taking on Pakistan in the Kargil War. Major D.P. Singh fought bravely, but was severely injured by a mortar fired from other side of the border. He was declared dead at the Army hospital, but another doctor saved him. Singh's leg was amputated in order to keep him alive.

He did not let his disability affect him as he took up running and wanted to be a part of the Delhi Marathon in 2009. That was how long it took for Singh to recover from his injuries.

"When I learnt I lost my leg, I told myself that this would be yet another challenge in my life. I just couldn't get used to the sympathetic glances I used to get from people. After a while, I was desperate to change that," Singh said.

The training schedule of Singh is gruelling. It takes him close to two hours just to get ready and wear the prosthesis. "So to run at 5 am, I wake up at 3", he says.

He initially hopped on his good leg and dragged the prosthetic leg. After months of practice, he was able to hop-run for about five kilometers. Singh was happy with all the hard work he put in.

"Sweating out like this after so long elated me. Although it was slow going, but I managed to run two half marathons like this," he said. The amazing part about the run was that Singh improved his timing by 15 minutes in each attempt. Singh got to know about the fibre blade prosthetic from South African blade runner Oscar Pistorius. He has entered the Limca book of records for being the first Indian to run a half marathon with a blade. He attributes his success to the discipline he received in the Indian army. "I owe it all to my upbringing as a Sikh and training in the Indian army, which has given me the ability to convert adversity into opportunity". His goal is to run a full marathon.

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- 1.1 Answer the following questions as briefly as possible: (1x3=3)

- a) Major D P Singh became disabled in Kargil war, how did he gather the will power to overcome his handicap?
- b) Describe the most difficult part of his training.
- c) Why does Major Singh feel that he has "Blood of India" running in his veins?

- 1.2 Find words from the passage which mean the same as:- (1/2x4=2)

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| a) punishing | b) artificial |
| c) hardship | d) incredible |

SECTION - B (Writing and Grammar)

2. You are the secretary of Indian Institute of Foreign Languages, Hyderabad. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in a newspaper announcing the commencement of new courses. (3)
3. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. (1/2x6=3)

We live in an era of globalization
and age old prejudices continue.
Most solid and bigger than the
Great Wall of China, the battlements
of casteism here never resist the
onslaught about liberal thought.
If casteism is deeply ingrained in
society it was because people are
afraid of change and move out of
collective consciousness and conformity.

- a) _____
b) _____
c) _____
d) _____
e) _____
f) _____

4. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (1)
- a) have hindered / lack of opportunity / from attaining / poor persons / majority of / formal education / poverty and
- b) have been made / lamp of / concerted efforts / National Literacy Mission / nook and corner / last two decades / during the / to take the / knowledge to every / under the

SECTION - D (Literature)

5. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow: (2)

When did my childhood go?
Was it the time I realised that adults were not
All they seemed to be,
They talked of love and preached of love,
But did not act so lovingly,
Was that the day!

- a) What idea do you get about the child who learns to see through the hypocrisy of the adult?
- b) What does the poet think about adulthood?
6. Answer any three of the following questions in about 50 to 60 words each: (2x3=6)
- a) "For the first time in human history we see a transcending concern-the survival not just of the people but of the planet". Elucidate.
- b) "I knew you were going to leave before you knew yourself". Who is the speaker? Why was he so sure of himself when he made this statement?
- c) How are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted?
- d) What was the 'Albert Theory of Education'? What is your opinion about the education system of those days?