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Max. Marks: 100

PART - A (10 × 2 = 20 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

- Marks,
K-Level, CO*
1. **Fill in the blanks using suitable Tense form of the verbs given in the brackets.** *2,K1,CO1*
- (i). They _____ (stand) in the queue for over an hour when the manager _____ (tell) them that there were no more tickets.
- (ii). When he _____ (find) Microsoft, Bill Gates was only 20 years old. He _____ (already write) his first computer programme six years earlier.
2. **Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form.** *2,K1,CO1*
- (i). Either one of the choices ___ (is / are) going to disrupt the schedule.
- (ii). Aruna, as well as my sister, ___ (is / are) in college now.
3. **Choose the appropriate homophones given in brackets.** *2,K2,CO2*
- (i). They tried to ___ (steel/steal) the painting.
- (ii). The negative feeling you get when you do something wrong is _____. (gilt/guilt)
4. **(i). Change the following direct speech into indirect.** *2,K2,CO2*
She said, "I must finish the work on time."
- (ii). Change the following indirect speech into direct.**
They told that they had been living in Paris.
5. **Fill in the blanks with suitable connectives.** *2,K2,CO3*
- (i). Sea levels will probably rise in next few decades _____ of global warming.
- (ii). The couple broke up a few days ago. _____, they are still living together because of the children.
6. **What is a survey report?** *2,K1,CO3*
7. **(i) Convert the following sentence into a comparative sentence.** *2,K2,CO4*
No other girl in the class is as smart as Sukanya.
- (ii) Convert the following sentence to a positive sentence.**
Greenland is the largest island in the world.
8. **Rewrite the following as numerical expressions.** *2,K1,CO4*
- (i). An interval of 15 minutes
- (ii). A drive for 8 hours
9. **What is the difference between CV and Resume?** *2,K2,CO5*
10. **Punctuate the following sentence.** *2,K2,CO5*
Read not to contradict or to believe but to weigh and consider

PART - B (5 × 13 = 65 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

11. a) **Answer both the subdivisions (i) and (ii).**

(i) You have decided to go on a weeklong tour with all your family members. Prepare a checklist that consists of eight-items that are to be checked before you leave the house.

8,K2,CO1

(ii) Write an extended definition for 'Virtual Reality'.

5,K2,CO1

OR

b) **Answer both the subdivisions (i) and (ii).**

(i) Read the following Passage and answer the questions:

8,K2,CO1

We admire better hygiene and better traffic discipline abroad, but would breach the same back home. We condemn our system for churning out unemployed youth, but don't like working hard to acquire knowledge. Students demanded their right to cheat in an examination; it is the same set of discards that later become a burden as they fail to acquire a skill for gainful employment. Rights are forcefully demanded, but duties generally detested. As citizens of a functioning democracy, we welcome populist policies and government bounties. The State is expected to provide free electricity, free Wi-fi, free water, free books, free housing, free transport, free health facilities, free education. This will not raise much cavil if they are provided to the deserving sections of society. The problem arises when undeserving elements try to corner these benefits through devious means. The benefits that are provided by the government are seldom used in a responsible manner. Water and electricity are wasted, public utilities vandalised. We want the State's delivery mechanism to be prompt and efficient, but we seldom reciprocate. We forget that it is the people who make the country and not the other way round. We resent nepotism and favouritism in government service delivery, but would not mind peddling influence to seek undue favours. The plan to develop smart cities would turn out to be still-born if we don't have smart citizens who would be willing to make sacrifices for a dignified living. We under-report our income and underpay our taxes, but we resent the government's plea on inadequate resources to provide for basic amenities. Digging the road for a private purpose, piling building materials on thoroughfares, tapping of the sources of water or electricity is a common sight; but the same people will complain of congested roads, contaminated water or load-shedding without realising that it is their selfish actions which are affecting the quality of public services. There are enough laws and rules, but enforcement is seldom effective. While you pay a hefty \$ 1000 fine for littering in a developed country or for a traffic violation, in India you can get away without penalty through various *desi jugad* (influence-peddling). Sometimes, the systemic imperfections impede the enforcement of the rule of law as the law-abiding citizens do not always get their rightful dues. Today, hundreds of thousands of applications for a fire licence or a building plan are allegedly pending in government offices for years, unless you pass on the speed money to those in the gravy train. Many services in the government are rightly being outsourced on account of the inability to deliver in a timely, transparent and efficient manner. Similarly, many other critical services with substantive time and cost overruns, such as clearing a building plan or sanctioning a statutory licence should also be outsourced. Information technology needs to be suitably harnessed for most of these services. E-governance is definitely the way to the future. As a country

we shall continue to grovel in the dust until the citizens are aware of their responsibilities. One only hopes that we shall soon wake up by acting as responsible citizens of a great nation.

1. According to the passage, what are the main causes of outsourcing of the government works?

- A) Lack of technology aptitude among the government employees.
- B) Lack of resource and man power.
- C) Inability to maintain robust pattern of work process.
- D) Lack of confidence to implement process in time with transparency and efficiency.

2. Which of the following is/are valid suggestion given by the author?

- (i) Responsibility should be shared among the citizen.
- (ii) E-governance should be encouraged.
- (iii) Rules should not be seen in totality.

- A) Both (i) and (ii)
- B) Both (ii) and (iii)
- C) All (i), (ii) and (iii)
- D) Only (i)

3. Which of the following is/are the ironical part of Indian citizens, according to the passage?

- (i) We blame our govt for non availability of jobs, but don't like to work hard.
- (ii) We admire better hygiene and better traffic discipline abroad but usually breach the same in our country.
- (iii) Rights are violently expected, but duties are generally neglected.
- (iv) People resent favouritism and nepotism but would not mind seeking favours.

- A) Only (i) and (iii)
- B) Only (ii) and (iii)
- C) All (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)
- D) Only (iii)

4. Which of the following is the most suitable phrase/word to 'Cavil' as used in the passage?

- A) A trivial and annoying objection
- B) To act in an objectionable manner
- C) To lower the dignity
- D) Possessing qualities that given great satisfaction

5. Which of the following is/are the constraints to the healthy civil/society?

- (i) Lack of effective enforcement of rules.
- (ii) Lack of political will
- (iii) Selfish actions by the irresponsible citizens.
- (iv) An organized cartels to seek private interests.

- A) Only (i) and (ii)
- B) Only (i) and (iii)
- C) Only (ii) and (iv)
- D) All (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)

6. What does the gravy train expression mean?

- A) An activity from which people make a lot of money very quickly and easily.
- B) Very fast train.
- C) Very comfortable train.
- D) A situation of high inflation.

7. Choose the word which is most similar in meaning to the word 'Grovel' as used in the passage?

- A) Crawl B) Search C) Value D) Elevate

8. Choose the word which is most similar in meaning to the word 'Devious' as used in the passage?

- A) frank B) open C) truthful D) dishonest

(ii) Write an extended definition of 'Green Technology'.

5,K2,CO1

12. a) Write an essay on 'Digital Economy' of about 300 words.

13,K2,CO2

OR

b) Write an essay on 'Cyber Crimes and its Impacts' of about 300 words.

13,K2,CO2

13. a) Assume yourself as the General Manager of a company; write a report on the fire accident that took place in the manufacturing unit with your recommendations to avoid such mishaps in future.

13,K3,CO3

OR

b) As the Manager of Zora-Tech Solutions, Tambaram, Chennai, submit a report to the Proprietor on the feasibility of opening a new branch in Mumbai.

13,K3,CO4

14. a) As a secretary of National level Symposium of your College, write a letter to the CEO, Wipro Pvt. Ltd. inviting him to be the Chief Guest of the Valedictory programme.

13,K3,CO4

OR

b) Imagine you are the CEO of a Multinational Company. You have been invited as the Chief Guest to inaugurate the National level Hackathon organized by a College. Write a formal reply that you are willing to attend the function.

13,K3,CO4

15. a) Zoho Corporation requires Software Engineers (B. Tech / M. Tech) with expertise in C++ and Python. Write a job application letter along with your resume to The HR Manager, Zoho Corporation Pvt. Ltd., Vallencherry, Chengelpet.

13,K3,CO5

OR

b) MSN Tech Solutions, Bangalore, requires Mechanical, ECE, EEE, CSE graduates with a minimum of 3 years of experience for the post of Project Engineer in their respective domains. Interested candidates should apply with your resume to The HR Manager.

13,K3,CO5

PART - C (1 × 15 = 15 Marks)

16. a) Assume yourself to be the Secretary of National Service Scheme of your college. You conducted a meeting regarding the arrangements for the Blood Donation Camp. Draft a notice, Agenda and Minutes of the Meeting.

15,K3,CO6

OR

b) Elaborate on the role of Group discussion in an interview process and do's and don'ts for the participants.

15,K3,CO6