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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll. No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. This question paper has two parts. Both parts are compulsory.
3. Part A - answer any 3 questions (3 x 10 = 30 marks)
4. Part B - answer any 3 questions (3 x 15=45 marks)

Part A

Read the following passage and answer any three of the questions given after the passage:

(10x3= 30)

The choices we make on a daily basis- wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation-can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances.

You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness.

We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe.

I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself. "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it." I ran to doctors, trying to make myself

feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress." That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life, and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, travelling, doing speaking engagements and so on simply exhausting myself.

Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle.

You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it. We're not all alike, and we need to find a comfort

zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

1. Comprehension questions:

(i) Mention two characteristics about the writer in the following context: "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it."? (2)

(ii) Comment on the central idea of the passage. (3)

(iii) "Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it." Elaborate on this idea with references from the text (5)

2. Write a summary of the passage above in 60 words. (10)
3. Kinesics is the way our body communicates with words. It can be personal appearance, posture, gestures, facial expression, or eye contact. Locate examples of Kinesics from the above passage. (10)
4. Differentiate between formal and informal communication. Which do we use in the office and why? (10)
5. Paralanguage is the way meaning is conveyed by how we say things while speaking. Examples of paralanguage are volume variation, pitch variation, speed of speaking, and pauses. Give examples of paralanguage from the passage above. (10)

Part B

6. Write a dialogue between a mother and daughter regarding the daughter's future plans after completing college. The mother wants the daughter to get married while she wants to study further. Write 10 turns for each.
7. As a journalist for a magazine you are putting together stories of people living alone. Write an interview with your grandmother who is living alone.
8. You are a psychological counsellor who has been invited to talk about coping with grief. Write a public speech that you would give on the topic.
9. Write a letter from from a brother to her sister encouraging her to

10. As a member of the Psychology Department of college you are compiling data on the mental health of students in the college. Write a report for the Principal of the college providing concrete suggestions on how it can be improved.