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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Attempt any **three** questions from **Part A**, and any **three** questions from **Part B** of this paper. Both parts are compulsory.

PART A

Answer any three questions : (10×3=30)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (5×2)

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The discovery of coffee is lost in legend. Perhaps a thousand years ago, an Abyssinian (living in Eastern Africa) was attracted by the smell that came from a burning shrub. He chewed a few of its berries. Taken up by the aroma he brewed it. Thus was discovered coffee. The coffee bean is a seed, or a stone, of a fruit resembling a small cherry. It grows on a tall bush.

From Abyssinia it was taken to Arabia in the 15th century and then 200 years later spread to several tropical countries. The Dutch and the English colonisers distributed it across the world. It soon became a much sought after beverage in Europe and the Americas.

Three-fourth's of the world's coffee is produced in Brazil as the red soil, temperate climate, and high grounds with good drainage provide it with perfect conditions. Some coffee plantations extend for miles. Called 'facendas', these plantations produce over 50 million bags of coffee annually. Brazilian coffee is prized for beans that are processed by the dry method.

Climate change affects coffee plants in multitudes

through drought and frost. Moreover, many coffee processing plants often discharge waste into the rivers, creating pollution, contamination of the water, causing the death of aquatic plants and creatures. Yet, commercial agriculture wins as the market demands more coffee.

Coffee is also grown in large quantities in Venezuela, Colombia, Guatemala, countries in the West Indies and Uganda. Terms like Moca and Java no longer refer to the places where coffee comes from but merely a particular kind which is grown in different countries. Indonesia in Asia, and Ethiopia in Africa are major producers of coffee outside South and Central America.

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- (i) How was coffee discovered?
 - (ii) What explains the high growth of coffee production in Brazil?
 - (iii) Name five countries which are major producers of coffee.
 - (iv) How has coffee cultivation been affected by climate change?

- (v) Describe the damage to the environment from coffee processing.

2. Complete the given sentences by selecting the correct word from the pair given in brackets after each blank : (10)

- (i) Careless students are _____ (last/least) bothered to prepare for their exams.
- (ii) The bus conductor asked the passengers for the _____ (fare/fair) of the journey.
- (iii) Families enjoy visiting and using the different rides at the Diwali _____ (fare/fair)
- (iv) The carpenter tied his baggage to the _____ (career/carrier) of his cycle.
- (v) _____ (Now/Now) fewer families spend time together.
- (vi) Ilma was _____ (disappointed/appointed) at not being given the prize for All Rounder of the Batch.

(vii) Transplanting a heart is a _____ (majority/
major) operation for any person.

(viii) Medical advice is to not eat _____ (later/
late) at night.

(ix) Nani wants to occupy the rocking _____
(chair/cheer) all the time.

(x) The success of teamwork rests on _____
(operation/cooperation).

3. Form questions for the statements given below :

(5×2)

Example:

Statement: Rishi Valmiki wrote the epic 'Ramayana'.

Question: Who wrote 'Ramayana'?

(i) The assignment has to be submitted on Friday.

(ii) Yes, the temperature outside is 42 degrees
Celsius.

(iii) I can dance to any tune.

(iv) No, we have never met before.

(v) A fortnight has 14 days.

4. Complete the dialogue given below between two individuals X and Y by choosing suitable words/expressions from the following box to fill in the five blanks : (10)

X; Sorry, Please, Sure, Good morning, Thank you

Good morning! How may I help you?

Y: _____ ! I want a dental appointment for tomorrow morning.

X: _____ to say that is not possible. Would 1 pm be convenient to you?

Y: _____ , it will be convenient.

X: _____ wait while I write a slip for you. Here it is.

Y: _____ .

5. Use the information given below to write a paragraph of 100 words on the famous tourist destination of Coonoor. (10)

Location	Nilgiris district, western Tamil Nadu.
Top attraction	Hill station, Greenery, Cool climate, Nilgiri tea.
Altitude	1850 metres above sea level
Best time to visit	October to May
Temperature	18°C to 37°C
Places to visit	Nilgiri Tea Farms, All Saints Church, Sim's Park, Dolphin's Nose, Ooty (21 kms away)
Connectivity	Air: Coimbatore International Airport, 70 kms. Buses, taxis available. Rail: Nilgiri Mountain Railway Heritage train track Road: National Highway 67 connects Coonoor to Ooty, Coimbatore, Kotagiri, Bangalore.
Languages spoken	Tamil and English

PART B

Answer any three questions

(15×3=45)

6. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow it, in brief, using your own words as far as possible. (5×3)

On March 15th, 2025, a newspaper reported the creation of a one-kilometre-wide crater in the Rann of Kutch by a falling meteoroid. When Siddharth finished reading, his father, a scientist at the Space Laboratory, Ahmedabad, asked, "So, what do you make of this?"

He shook his head. Dr Majumdar had launched a project to capture a UFO in a Net created by his

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team. It had a powerful magnetic field but not strong enough to neutralise the magnetic field generated by UFOs, despite super conducting magnets attached to the handless, butterfly-catcher shaped Net.

When it took off and gained altitude the scientists cheered lustily. Just then a group of UFOs were sighted. Soon enough, one UFO came under the Net's magnetic field. It came right below the falling UFO with its 'mouth' upwards to catch it. Suddenly, the screens in the laboratory went blank. The contact with the Net had been lost at the crucial moment.

The UFO released tremendous energy, melting parts of the Net, and eventually parting company. Both fell, one into the Arabian Sea and the other in Kutch. Since the project was secret, only the crater was mentioned in the newspaper report.

"But what does the large amount of silicon found in its mineral content mean?" asked Siddharth.

"It means there were some living beings inside the UFO. Carbon is the main building block in the tissue of earthlings. Some scientists opine that there could also be living beings with silicon as their base material.

Such living beings could have evolved in an environment altogether different from Earth's. Now do you understand, Siddhu?"

"I do," he said sadly. "What a horrible end."

"To the project?" asked his father sharply.

"Yes. And for the living beings, whoever they were," said Siddharth.

(Abridged from Dilip M. Salwi's 'Space Hunt Extraordinaire')

- (i) What was the content of the newspaper report?
- (ii) What had been created by the scientists at the Space Laboratory, Ahmedabad?
- (iii) Describe the encounter between the Net and the UFOs.
- (iv) What explanation does Dr Majumdar offer to his son regarding the secret project?
- (v) Comment on this episode's effect on Siddharth.

7. Complete the given sentences by selecting the correct word from the pair given in the brackets after each blank : (15)

- (i) Mosquitoes _____ (are/were) disturbing me till I applied _____ (the/a) mosquito repellent ointment.
- (ii) There is nothing _____ (better/best) than _____ (an/a) apple a day, advise doctors.
- (iii) _____ (Ease/Please take) _____ (the/a) seat till I bring your file.
- (iv) The _____ (good/best) time _____ (for/to) visit a hill station is when we want to escape a hot summer.
- (v) I _____ (have/had) eaten _____ (much/enough) food to feel full today.
- (vi) Holding the examination will not be _____ (hour/our) headache.
- (vii) As all the seats in the auditorium were occupied, many students had to stand in the _____ (isle/aisle).

(viii) The surgeon assured the patient that the operation was not going to be a _____ (major/minor) one.

(ix) The auto driver asked for the _____ (fare/fear) from the passenger.

(x) Trying out this outfit in the trial room took _____ (quite/quiet) some time.

8. Create a dialogue for all of the following situations:
(3×5)

- (i) You have learnt there is a metro station close to your college. How would you approach any college student to guide you to it?
- (ii) You have several plants on your balcony. A neighbour across the road has an eye grabbing garden. Please write how you would praise her talent and, gather hints from her to improve your collections.
- (iii) You have recently moved into a flat in a colony. Imagine asking your neighbour for information regarding facilities of a bank, a medical store and groceries stores.

9. In a paragraph of about 150 words, express your views on which one is better-a smart phone or a simple cell phone. Give reasons for your choice. (15)
10. The Institute of Arts is looking for a library assistant. Write a letter to the Director expressing your interest in the position. Give reasons why you consider yourself suitable for the job. (15)