

**ENGLISH**  
**(COMPULSORY)**

Time allowed : **Three Hours**

Maximum Marks : **100**

**QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

*Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions:*

1. Candidates should attempt all questions as per the instructions given.
2. The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.
3. Attempt of a part/question shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a part/question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.
4. Answers must be written in **ENGLISH** only.
5. Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.
6. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.
7. Your answer should be precise and coherent.
8. If you encounter any typographical error, please read it as it appears in the text book.
9. Candidates are in their own interest advised to go through the General Instructions on the back side of the title page of the Question-Cum-Answer-Booklet for strict adherence.
10. Candidates shall put a cross (x) on blank pages of Question-Cum-Answer-Booklet.
11. No programmable Calculator is allowed.
12. No stencil (with different markings) is allowed.

**Q1. Write an essay of not more than 600-800 words on any one of the following topics: (30)**

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- (a) How to balance environmental concerns and the need for development
- (b) Social Media and Social Relationships
- (c) The recent # Me Too Campaign and its impact on gender equity in Society
- (d) Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) and Sustainable Development.

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**Q2. Write a precis of the following in about one-third of its original length suggesting an appropriate title. Do not reproduce the sentences. The precis should be written in your own words.**

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AIDS stands for Acquired immune Deficiency Syndrome. AIDS is caused by a virus called HIV, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. If you get infected with HIV, your body will try to fight the infection. It will make "antibodies", special molecules that are supposed to fight HIV. When you get a blood test for HIV, the test looks for these antibodies. If you have them in your blood, it means that you have HIV infection. People who have the HIV antibodies are called "HIV-Positive". Being HIV-positive, or having HIV disease, is not the same as having AIDS. Many people are HIV-positive but don't get sick for many years. As HIV disease continues, it slowly wears down the Immune system. Viruses, parasites, fungi and bacteria that usually don't cause any problems can make you very sick if your immune system is damaged.

You don't actually "get" AIDS. You might get infected with HIV, and later you might develop AIDS. You can get infected with HIV from anyone who's infected, even if they don't look sick, and even if they haven't tested HIV-positive yet. The blood, vaginal fluid, semen, and breast milk of people infected with HIV has enough of the virus in it to infect other people. There are no documented cases of HIV being transmitted by tears or saliva, but it is possible to be infected with HIV through oral sex or in rare cases through deep kissing, especially if you have open sores in your mouth or bleeding gums.

You might not know if you get infected by HIV. Some people get fever, headache, sore muscles and joints, stomach ache, swollen lymph glands, or a skin rash for one or two weeks. Most people think it's the flu. Some people have no symptoms. The virus will multiply in your body for a few weeks or even months before your immune system responds. During this time, you won't test positive for HIV, but you can infect other people. When your immune system responds, it starts to make antibodies. When this happens, you will test positive for HIV. After the first flu-like symptoms, some people with HIV stay healthy for ten years or longer. But during this time, HIV is damaging your immune system.

One way to measure the damage to your immune system is to count your CD4+ cells you have. These cells, also called "T-helper" cells, are an important part of the immune system. Healthy people have between 500 and 1,500 CD4+ cells in milliliter of blood. HIV disease becomes AIDS when your immune system is seriously damaged. If you have less than 200 CD4+ cells or if your CD4+ percentage is less than 14%, you have AIDS.

AIDS is different in every infected person. Some people die soon after getting infected, while others live fairly normal lives for many years, even after they "officially" have AIDS. A few HIV-positive people stay healthy for many years even without taking anti-HIV medications. There is no cure for AIDS. There are drugs that can slow down the HIV virus, and slow down the damage to your immune system. But there is no way to get all the HIV out of your body.

**(533 words)**

**SPECIAL SHEET FOR PRECIS**

Write five words in each line. Punctuate your passage in the usual way and divide it into paragraphs, if necessary. You may make a rough copy first, if you so wish, on the rough pages in the Question-Cum-Answer Booklet. The rough work should be scored through before you hand over your Answer-book.

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**Q3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. (5×4=20)**

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I was elected to the Executive Committee of the Vegetarian Society, and made it a point to attend every one of its meetings, but I always felt tongue-tied. Dr. Oldfield once said to me, "You talk to me quite all right, but why is it that you never open your lips at a committee meeting? You are a drone." I appreciated the banter. The bees are ever busy, the drone is a thorough idler. And it was not a little curious that whilst others expressed their opinions at these meetings, I sat quite silent. Not that I never felt tempted to speak. But I was at a loss to know how to express myself. All the rest of the members appeared to me to be better informed than I. Then it often happened that just when I had mustered up courage to speak, a fresh subject would be started. This went on for a long time.

Meantime a serious question came up for discussion. I thought it wrong to be absent, and felt it cowardice to register a silent vote. The discussion arose somewhat in this wise. The President of the Society was Mr. Hills, proprietor of the Thames Iron Works. He was a puritan. It may be said that the existence of the Society depended practically on his financial assistance. Many members of the committee were more or less his protégés. Dr. Allinson of vegetarian fame was also a member of the Committee. He was an advocate of the then new birth control movement, and preached its methods among the working classes. Mr. Hills regarded these methods as cutting at the root of morals. He thought that the Vegetarian Society had for its object not only dietetic but also moral reform, and that a man of Dr. Allinson's anti-puritanic views should not be allowed to remain in the Society. A motion was therefore



brought for his removal. The question deeply interested me. I considered Dr. Allinson's views regarding artificial methods of birth control as dangerous, and I believed that Mr. Hills was entitled, as a puritan to oppose him. I had a high regard for Mr. Hills and his generosity. But I thought it was quite improper to exclude a man from a vegetarian society simply because he refused to regard puritan morals as one of the objects of the society. Mr. Hill's view regarding the exclusion of anti-puritans from the Society was personal to himself, and it had nothing to do with the declared object of the society, which was simply the promotion of vegetarianism and not of any system of morality. I therefore held that any vegetarian could be a member of the Society irrespective of his views on other morals.

l There were in the Committee others also who shared my view, but I felt myself personally called upon to express my own. How to do it was the question. I had not the courage to speak and I therefore decided to set down my thoughts in writing. I went to the meeting with the document in my pocket. So far as I recollect, I did not find myself equal even to reading it, and the President had it read by someone else. Dr. Allinson lost the day. Thus in the very first battle of the kind I found myself siding with the losing party. But I had comfort in the thought that the cause was right. I have a faint recollection that, after this incident, I resigned from the Committee.

This shyness I retained throughout my stay in England. Even when I paid a social call the presence of half a dozen or more people would strike me dumb .

*(The Story of My Experiments with Truth by Mahatma Gandhi)*

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**Questions :**

Q3. a) What impression do you form of the speaker of these lines? In your opinion, is 'shyness', the word that the speaker himself uses, appropriate to describe his condition? (5)

l b) What are the views of the speaker of the passage above on the issue of birth control? Why does he still choose to defend Dr. Allinson's inclusion in the Vegetarian Society? (5)

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- c) Explain the line "The bees are ever busy, the drone is a thorough idler." How appropriate is it in the context of the speaker of the passage above? (5)

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- d) Use the following words from the passage above in sentences of your own, to make their meanings clear: (1×5=5)

- i) banter; (1)

- ii) mustered:

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- iii) tongue-tied:

- iv) protégé:

v) puritanic

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Q4. (a) Rewrite the following sentences after correcting the grammatical errors in each: (1×5=5)

i) He cannot cope up with heavy physical work. (1)

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ii) If I were there, I will attend it. (1)

iii) Srinagar is one of the most beautiful places in India. (1)

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iv) Let us make a move, do we? (1)

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v) No sooner had the teacher entered the classroom, all students got up. (1)

Q4. (b) Make sentences using the following words in such a way that the meaning of each word is clear from the context:

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(1×5=5)

i) affect, effect

l ii) adapt, adopt

iii) de cease, disease

iv) pail, pale

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v) stationary, stationery

l Q4. (c) Make adjectives from the following words: (1×5=5)

i) Collection

ii) devotion

iii) Sincerity

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iv) Laugh

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v) Cheer

Q4. (d) Make Nouns from the following words:

(1×5=5)

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i) expect

ii) breathe

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iii) lose

iv) reduce

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v) assess

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Q5. (a) Use the following idiomatic expressions in sentences in order to bring out their meaning (1×5=5)

i) the last straw

ii) at sixes and sevens

iii) beat about the bush

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iv) the lion's share

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v) a Himalayan blunder

Q5. (b) Rewrite the following sentences as directed without changing the meaning: (1×5=5)

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i) He always helps me.

(Change into passive voice)

ii) The bell rang. All came out.

(Rewrite in a complex sentence)

iii) He said to her, "Who is your father?"

(Rewrite in reported speech)

iv) Neem is the most medicinal tree.

(Change into positive degree)

v) He is very clever. He will perform the task.

(Combine the two sentences using 'enough')

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