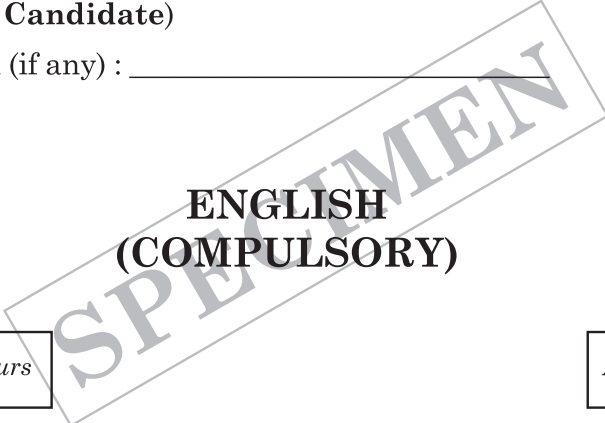




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**ENGLISH  
(COMPULSORY)**

Time allowed : **Three Hours**

Maximum Marks : **100**

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

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- (a) Ecologically Sensitive Areas(ESA) of India.
- (b) Management of Indian border issues
- (c) Federal Structure of India
- (d) How crucial is it to preserve the diverse pluralities that India comprises?

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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.**

**(20)**

Cell phones have become a compulsory device for our times, as they give us access to voice, and data services in almost every part of the world. Hazardous effects of cell phones are significant because they are kept on our bodies, in our pockets, or held in our hands at all times. School-grade students today beg for smart phones more than even new bags, shoes or dresses.

In today's era, children using handheld devices are more likely to have delays in expressive speech. These children start talking much later than their peers. Since the cell phone does not respond back to their communication, children cannot develop a communication channel with it. Soon, they get accustomed to using signs and symbols for things rather than asking for the same. They just get habituated to the mechanical model of handling cell phones by following a few simple steps. Human beings generally master speech gradually and progressively. If the children skip on the fundamentals of speech, which require constant repetition of letters, sounds, syllables, words and sentence, their speech tends to get delayed

As per famous research recently conducted in Toronto, it was found that with every 30 minutes of screen time, the risk of delayed speech increased by 49 per cent. Usually, infants should be able to communicate in sentences using three to four words, by the age of two to three years. However, those who spent the most time on handheld devices were found to struggle with their communication skills. As per another popular study conducted in the UK, electronic gadgets may be blamed for 70 percent rise in speech problems in six years. Another famous study conducted in the University College, London, found that screen time also had an impact on sleeping duration of infants, which affected their brains. **(300 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 Answer-book. 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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A research study shows that among the older adults, friends are actually stronger predictors of health and happiness than relatives. In a pair of studies involving nearly three lakh people, William chopik of Michigan state university finds that friendships become increasingly important to our health and happiness across the lifespan. Friends become even more important as we advance in our age. Keeping a few really good friends around can make a world of difference for our health and well-being. So, it is advisable to invest in friendship that makes us happy, healthy and relaxed. It reduces our stress and tension. Moral support is extended and wise solutions are offered.

In the first study, the researcher analysed survey information about relationships and self-rated health and happiness from about three lakh participants of all ages from nearly a hundred countries. The second study looked at data from a separate survey about relationship support, strain and chronic illness from about eight thousand older adults in the United States.

According to the first study, both family and friendly relationships were linked to better health and overall happiness, but only friends became dependable predictors of health and happiness at advanced ages. The second study also showed that friendships were very influential. When friends were the source of strain, participants reported more chronic illnesses, but when friends were the source of support, participants were happier.

Owing to the optional nature of relationships over time, we keep the friends we like and make us feel good and discard the rest. Friends also can provide a source of support for people who do not have spouses or for those who do not lean on family in times of need. Friends can also help prevent loneliness in older adults who may experience bereavement and often rediscover their social lives after they retire or attain superannuation.

**Questions :**

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**Q3.** a) Who make us happy and healthy? And How?

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b) What is the difference between friends and relatives at an advanced age?

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c) What does the word 'Superannuation' mean?

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d) How is the problem of loneliness attended to in old age?

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- e) What kind of friends are continued and who are discarded?

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- Q4. (a) Rewrite the following sentences after correcting the grammatical errors in each: (1x5=5)**
- i) The Indian coral reefs are world famous but less explored, studied and utilised

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ii) I am sitting here for hours

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iii) Because of the storm, I would have been home before eight

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iv) He both stole my camera and cell phone

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v) The higher the bill, wider the view

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

(1x5=5)

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i) Same:

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ii) Good:

iii) Cease:

iv) There:

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v) Paint:

**(c) Make adjectives from the following words: (1×5=5)**

i) Sun

ii) Violence

iii) Ability

iv) Fame

v) Poverty

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**(d) Make nouns from the following words:**

**(1×5=5)**

i) Quick

ii) Learn

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iii) Amass

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iv) Grand

v) Hot

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

i) To play to the gallery

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ii) A feather in one's cap

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iii) The writing on the wall

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iv) To get on someone's nerves

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v) To take the bull by the horns

**(b) Rewrite the following sentences as directed: (1x5=5)**

i) Are you listening to the story?

(Change to passive voice)

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ii) The captain said to the boys, "Let us play a match".

(Change to indirect speech)

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- iii) I \_\_\_(not smoke) since I \_\_\_(leave) school.  
(Use the correct form of the verbs)

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- iv) He tried every plan.  
(Change to negative)

- v) He is very sensible. He will understand it.  
(Combine the two sentences using 'too')

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