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GENERAL ENGLISH

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Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 300

INSTRUCTIONS

- i) *Answer must be written in English.*
- ii) *The number of marks carried by each question is indicated at the end of the question.*
- iii) *The answer to each question or part there of should begin on a fresh page.*
- iv) *Your answer should be precise and coherent*
- v) *The part/parts of the same question must be answered together and should not be interposed between answers to other questions.*
- vi) *Candidates should attempt ALL questions. The paper will be of qualifying nature only. The marks obtained will not be counted for ranking.*
- vii) *If you encounter any typographical error, please read it as it appears in the text book.*
- viii) *Candidates are in their own interest advised to go*

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through the general instructions on the back side of the title page of the answer script for strict adherence.

- ix) *No continuation sheets shall be provided to any candidate under any circumstances.*
- x) *Candidates shall put a cross(X) on blank pages of answer script.*
- xi) *No blank page be left in between answer to various questions.*
- xii) *No programmable calculator is allowed.*
- xiii) *No stencil(With different markings) is allowed.*

1. Write an essay of about 400 words on any one of the following topics. (100)

- a) The role of media is strengthening the traditional gender roles.
- b) Importance of the study of pure science
- c) ✓ Inflation
- d) ✓ Sexual harassment in work place.
- e) The mall culture and increase in consumerism.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow in your own words:

Light houses occupy a special place in the history of the world.

For millions of people they were the first sign of civilization after a long sea voyage. For others they are grim remainders of the sea's dangers. Modern technology has made light houses redundant, but they remind us of a time when ships ruled the world.

Lights for navigation have existed for more than 3000 years. The purpose was to show ships where they are and guide them into safe harbours and to warn them of rocks and reefs. Although preventing loss of life has always been a consideration, it is the preservation of ships and cargoes that has been the real driving force behind light house construction. The Light houses reached their zenith during the first of the 20th century. Today the satellite navigation technology is taking the place of the light-house as the safe, economic and reliable way to navigate the oceans of the world.

The first lights were fires in bronze baskets along the Nile delta as early as 1000 BC. The oldest surviving light house is the Tower of Hercules in Spain. It was built around 29 BC by the Romans. It served as a light house until 5th century A.D. There it was abandoned for sometime. But then again it was rebuilt in 1682 and it is still in service. Accurate marine charts are now available for literally the whole of earth's watery surface. These charts have also been computerized and in conjunction with GPS can display the exact position of a ship on the screen. These developments have made light houses lose their importance.

- i) What was the primary purpose behind building the light houses?
- ii) Which is the oldest surviving light house and since how many years is it in use?

- iii) How did the light houses help the navigators?
- iv) Why have the light houses become redundant?
- v) Make sentences of the following words so as to make their meaning clear
 - a) Redundant
 - b) zenith
 - c) Abandon

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3. Read the following passage and make a precis in about one third of the passage and give a suitable title:

There is in everyone the need to feel that we and our efforts are being appreciated by those for whom we strive day in and day out. Everyone needs to be regarded by someone as being of some importance, and doing something that is of some good.

If often happens that a man may leave a perfectly good position, because he feels that his efforts are not being praised and recognised. He resents the fact that although he worked above the call of the duty and did an extraordinarily good job, none of his superiors or equals showed any inclination of having recognised and appreciated it. His need for recognition is given a severe blow and therefore, he resigns. This is what any man of average ability or above would do.

Let us consider the unthankable home maker - the housewife. Actually from a stand point of sheer dreariness and the amount of time spent on the job. She has the toughest job there. But most of the housewives never receive a word of thanks or

recognition. They and their washing, ironing and cooking, come to be taken as a matter of their routine and bounden duty, by their husbands and children. It seems that everyone assumes that the house cleans up itself and that the things they drop pick themselves up, that the clean clothes they wear get cleaned automatically, that the comforts of home just naturally exist, without anyone's skillful touch.

The lack of recognition for a difficult job, this thanklessness, goes a long way to make housekeeping the world's toughest job. The husband quits his job because of lack of recognition, but the housewife doesn't quit hers. But she feels, all the more keenly the disappointments at the lack of recognition. Much of the tiredness that goes with constant house work rises directly out of the lack of recognition the housewife receives. Her tiredness is the tiredness of a human being who is being relegated to the position of a lifeless, meaningless drudge.

Again in old age most of the recognition for man's work gradually fades away with the death of his friends. An important element what we mean by friendship is the trading of mutual recognition. A man who has no friends can fill his need for recognition only by sheer capacity, and avenue is no longer open to the elderly person who is denied a job even in his old trade. People surrounding him regard age as having no capacity and generally do not regard the old as worthy of respect for the mere reason he is old. He is also regarded as a social inconvenience especially when he is poor. If he is rich, he becomes an exploitable opportunity. An aged person is treated as a failure. On the other hand a person who has lived courageously and well and whose earlier actions have benefited the younger generation is often ushered out coldly and unsympathetically gone are the recognition, gone are the a

claim; he is just an old man no one really wants. Such a crying need of recognition brings emotions that hasten the end. (80)

4. Make a sentence with each of the following pairs of words to bring out their meaning difference. (Do any five)

- a) Cloek, Cloak
- b) Confident, Confidant
- c) Emigration, Immigration
- d) Scold, Admonish
- e) Rain, Reign
- f) Pail, Pale. (20)

5. Convert the following into indirect speech.

- a) The dancer said, "Today we will perform."
- b) Father told, "Are you following the lessons?"
- c) The Commander said, "Don't shoot."
- d) Suresh told Sheela, "How many days do you stay in America?"
- e) Beggar told the richman, "Please give me some money." (15)

6. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verb :

- a) He _____ to office everyday.

- b) Madhu _____ preparing coffee for us.
- c) We have _____ the movie.
- d) Rama _____ in forest for 14 years.
- e) He doesn't _____ liquor. (10)

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