



'समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी'

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**SEC2-P1-ENGLISH**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 60

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**The question paper contains GROUP-I and GROUP-II.  
The candidates are required to answer any *one* from *two* Groups.  
Candidates should clearly mention the Group on the Answer Booklet**

**GROUP-I**

**TEXT COMPREHENSION AND EDITING**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 2×8 = 16

The culture of nuclear families is in fashion. Parents are often heard complaining about the difficulties in bringing up children these days. Too much freedom in demand, too much independence; overnight parties; excessive extravagance, splurging pocket money; no time for studies and family all this is a common cry of such families. Aren't parents, themselves responsible for this pitiful state? The basic need of a growing youth is in family, love, attention and bonding along with moral values. One should not forget that 'charity begins at home'. Independence and individuality both need to be respected, in order to maintain the sanctity of family. Children, today are to be handled with tact in order to bridge the ever widening generation gap. Only the reasonable demands need to be fulfilled, as there are too many expenses to be met and too many social obligations to be taken care of by the parents. Our forefathers lived happily in joint families. Children loved to live with their cousins, learnt to adjust within means. There was perfect harmony between the generations. There never existed the concept of old-age homes. There was deep respect for the family elders and love, care and concern for the youngsters. Even the minor family differences were solved amicably.

Answer **all** the questions:

- (a) Mention any two major common concerns of a nuclear family.
- (b) Who, according to the passage, are responsible for the irresponsible attitude of children?
- (c) Explain the expression 'charity begins at home'.
- (d) Describe the atmosphere in joint families.
- (e) Which word in the passage means "Holiness of life"?
- (f) What are the basic needs of a growing youth?

- (g) What is generation gap?
- (h) How did children adjust in joint families?

2. Read the following poem and answer the following questions:

2×8 = 16

I lay in sorrow, in deep distress;  
My grief a proud man heard;  
His looks were cold, he gave me gold,  
But not a kindly word.

My sorrow passed — I paid him back  
The gold he gave to me;  
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks  
And blessed his charity.

I lay in want, and grief and pain  
A poor man passed my way,  
He bound my head, he gave me bread,  
He watched me night and day.

How shall I pay him back again  
For all he did to me?  
Oh, gold is great, but greater far  
Is heavenly sympathy.

Answer *all* the questions:

- (a) How did the proud man help the poet when he was “in deep distress”?
- (b) What was it he did not give the poet?
- (c) How did the poor man take care of the poet?
- (d) Which word in the poem means “giving money to a person who is in need”?
- (e) Describe the proud man.
- (f) How did the speaker behave afterwards with the proud man?
- (g) Describe the condition of the speaker when he met the poor man.
- (h) What is greater than gold?

3. Summarize the following:

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In today’s interconnected world, the concept of cultural diversity is of paramount importance. Cultural diversity encompasses a wide range of differences including ethnicity, language, religion and traditions. Embracing cultural diversity fosters a rich tapestry of perspectives, ideas and experiences. It encourages cross-cultural communication, understanding and cooperation. However, challenges such as cultural misunderstandings and stereotypes must be actively addressed. By promoting inclusivity and respect for all cultures, societies can create an environment where diversity becomes a driving force for progress and unity.

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions: 6×1 = 6
- (a) Write a short essay on the importance of copy editing.
  - (b) What are the different stages of academic editing?
  - (c) What skills are required to be a copy editor?

5. Apply any **six** proof reading symbols to the paragraph given below with reference to the correct version of it: 2×6 = 12
- but untill that happy day he was stuck at home slugging it out with peter he could spend the afternoon watching silly billy cooking cuties and sammy the snail

**Correct version:**

But until that happy day, he was stuck at home slugging it out with Peter. He could spend the afternoon watching “Silly Billy”, “Cooking Cuties”, and “Sammy the Snail”.

**GROUP-II**

**CREATIVE WRITING**

1. Answer any **four** of the following questions: 10×4 = 40
- (a) Discuss the role of objectivity in creative writing.
  - (b) What role does motivation play in the creative process?
  - (c) How do you think the process of reading is essential to creative writing?
  - (d) Discuss the importance and purpose of creative writing.
  - (e) Would you consider diary writing as a mode of creative writing? Give reasons for your answer.
  - (f) How does writing for Digital Media differ from writing for print media?
  - (g) Discuss the main features of media writing.
  - (h) What role does “setting” play in a short story?

2. Answer any **four** of the following questions: 5×4 = 20
- (a) What is the role of language in creative writing?
  - (b) How does imitation help in creative writing?
  - (c) Do you think censorship hampers creativity? Discuss.
  - (d) Write a short review of a theatre performance that you witnessed recently.
  - (e) Prepare a radio script for introducing a special programme on the occasion of Independence Day.
  - (f) What is the role of a copy editor?
  - (g) Create an advertisement for a heart check-up camp.
  - (h) What is the role of proof reading to make a manuscript print-worthy?

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