2018

भाषा

समय : तीन घंटे

अधिकतम अंक : 200

विशेष अनुदेश

सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं।

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LANGUAGE

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 200

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

All questions are compulsory.

Marks are allotted against each question.

Word limit in questions, wherever specified, should be adhered to.

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1. Write an essay in English on any one of the following topics, in about **500** words : 60

(a) Corruption in Public Life

(b) Science and Religion

(c) Violence against Women

2. Make a précis of the following passage in your own words in about one-third of its length, and suggest a suitable title to it : 58+2=60

Conversation is a fine art. It is the art of exchanging thoughts. It is an art which even the least gifted of us can learn. Not everybody can paint or play music, but almost everyone can talk. Conversation, therefore, is that art which gives the greatest pleasure to the greatest number. "To talk", says R. L. Stevenson, "is our chief business in the world; and talk is by far the greatest source of pleasure. It costs nothing in money; it is all profit; it completes our education, founds and maintains our friendship and can be enjoyed at any age and in almost every state of health."

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Conversation is indeed the most easily teachable of all the arts. All you need to do in order to become a good talker is to find a subject that interests you and your listener. There are, for example, numerous things to talk about. But the important thing is that you must talk about the secret of your popularity. Talk to your friends about the things that interest them, and you will get a name for good fellowship, charming wit and a brilliant mind. There is nothing that pleases people so much as your interest in their interests.

It is just as important to know what subjects to avoid as what subjects to select for good conversation. If you don't want to be a bore, be careful to avoid certain unpleasant topics. Avoid talking about yourself, unless you are asked to do so. People are interested in their own problems, not in yours. Sickness and death bore everybody. The only one who willingly listens to such talk is the doctor, but he gets paid for it.

(293 words)

3. Translate the following passage into English : 40

प्राचीनकाल में विक्रमादित्य नाम का राजा इस देश में राज्य करता था। वह बड़ा न्यायी राजा था। आज भी लोग उसके न्याय की प्रशंसा करते हैं। एक दिन कुछ लड़के एक गाँव के निकट जंगल में खेल रहे थे। वहाँ उन्होंने एक मिट्टी का ढेर देखा जो एक पत्थर से ढका हुआ था। उनमें से एक लड़का उस पत्थर पर बैठ गया। उसने अपने साथियों को बुलाया और कहा, "मित्रों ! आज मैं राजा विक्रमादित्य हो गया हूँ। तुमलोग अपने मुकदमे मेरे पास ले आओ मैं न्याय करूँगा।" उस लड़के ने अपने साथियों के मुकदमों का निर्णय किया। उसके निर्णय इतने अच्छे थे कि यह कहानी दूर-दूर तक फैल गयी। जो झगड़ा करते थे उस लड़के के पास आते थे। प्रत्येक व्यक्ति उस लड़के के न्याय से संतुष्ट होता था। जब वह मिट्टी का ढेर खोदा गया, लोगों को मालूम हुआ कि सचमुच वह राजा विक्रमादित्य के बैठने का स्थान था।

4. Translate the following passage into Hindi : 40

Even during the brief span of our lives we have seen these two forces at play in India and the world at large—the forces of constructive and creative effort and the forces of destruction. Which will triumph in the end? And on which side do we stand? That is a vital question for each one of us, and, more especially, for those from whom the leaders of the nation will be drawn, and on whom the burden of tomorrow will fall. We dare not sit on the fence and refuse to face the issue. We dare not allow our minds to be befuddled by passion and hatred when clear thought and effective action are necessary.

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