

SUBJECT : ENGLISH (SET-I)

Time : 3 Hrs.

M.M.: 80

General Instructions :

- 1. This paper is divided into four sections, A, B, C and D. All the sections are compulsory.**
- 2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them meticulously.**
- 3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions**

SECTION-A (READING)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (8 marks)

My dear Meher

1. As I pass on the chairperson's baton to you, I have a host of feelings which I would like to share with you.
2. I am very proud and confident that you have the capabilities, educational background and most important, the imbibed values to take Thermax to greater heights. I am also nostalgic about years I spent in this company. Unfortunately I had to take over, not in a planned way, but because of the sudden demise of your father. I am very happy that you did not have to go through such a trauma and we have succeeded in planning my succession. I am a bit nervous about my new role, but I am confident that with time, I will find it meaningful.
3. Meher, I know you are a little anxious about shouldering this responsibility. However, let me try and share with you what I feel. I strongly believe that this life is one small stretch of our long journey and your role is a small part of your total being. Give it your best, but do not hanker after results; allow yourself the freedom of failing occasionally, provided you learn from the experience.
4. Over the years, Thermax has earned the affection, respect and goodwill of all its stakeholders and it is your responsibility to see that it is enhanced. Never knowingly let down any of your shareholders because they have put their faith in us and have been with us in good as well as bad times. When in doubt, always lean towards openness and transparency. This world is quite a safe place. And don't be afraid to show your vulnerability.
5. As a corporate leader, your first responsibility is to see that the company grows. Having said that, please do not define the role of Thermax as only growing the top and bottom line. Let Thermax achieve outstanding financial results by satisfying its customers and reaching out to its employees, but always remember that the wealth we generate is for the larger good of the community. So far we have earmarked one percent of our profits after tax towards social causes, but I hope you will be able to motivate our employees to be engaged in causes that are worthwhile.
6. As the head of Thermax you can always hire skills and brilliance, but wisdom will have to come from you. This will be possible only if you are focused. Fortunately, you have done Vipassana and I do hope you practice it regularly. Meher, the chairperson's role is one of your many roles. While I am confident that you will perform outstandingly, do remember your other roles as wife, mother and daughter-in-law. As you must have heard from me a number of times, don't let success at work lead to failure in meaningful relationships. Learn to achieve the well-being of yourself, your family and the company.

Yours lovingly

Mom

(Anu Aga)

- (A) Answer the given questions :
- (i) What are the qualities that the mother feels will help the daughter in being successful? (1)
 - (ii) What does the mother advise Meher to do to relieve herself of her anxiety? (2)
 - (iii) 'The wealth we generate is for the larger good of the society'. Explain this remark by Mehar's mother. (1)
 - (iv) Mention the responsibilities that the daughter will have to shoulder as Corporate head. (1)
- (B) Pick out words from the passage which mean the opposite of :
- (i) insignificant (para 2)
 - (ii) frequently (para 3)
 - (iii) worsened (para 4)

Q2. Read the passage given below : (7 marks)

People are usually trained to think about their work in a logical, left-brained manner. Even though logic is vital to the thinking process, you can vastly expand your understanding by learning to take a wider view of your work lives. This includes projects that one is involved in, the contribution one makes, co-workers, salary, vacation days, benefit packages - all of which are thought of from a right brain perspective, which in turn helps one to understand how a given job will fit into the overall pattern of life, now and through time.

To comprehend this further, think of the time you are deciding how to approach the boss about a new idea. Do you feel a thrill whenever you have that idea in your head and want to share it? These obviously positive feelings convey that your intuition is saying, 'Yes!' A negative response might be a feeling of heaviness, or of being stuck. This type of response, which you should pay attention to, is your intuition saying, 'No way!'.

The most successful inventors, business people, scientists and those in any other field of endeavour become successful because they have learned to trust their inner voice. The objective is to approach a decision by listening to your inner voice. It is important for you to step back and take a hard look at aspects like : How will the decision you are making affect you, your family, your long-term goals, your spiritual side, and your health?

Once you review all these aspects in relation to each other, you can see their interconnectedness and learn to rely on your intuition.

With each step you take, ask yourself, both logically and intuitively, how it affects your health, your well-being, your environment. If you sense adverse effects, step back and come up with a different approach and live a happier, healthier life.

- (A) On the basis of your reading of the passage, make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title to it. (5)
- (B) Write the summary of the passage in about 80 words. (2)

SECTION-B (WRITING)

Q3. You are Sharad/Shalini, the General Manager of E.V.L. Company which requires posh bungalows on company lease, as guest houses. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words for the 'To Let' columns to be published in 'The New Indian Express'. (4)

OR

As an educated citizen you are pained to see that the feeling of patriotism is deteriorating in the present consumeristic society. Draft a poster reflecting your concern and creating a feeling of nationalism and patriotism in one and all.

- Q4. Some students of class XI of Aryadev School, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi, collectively authored a book, 'The Childhood Days' that recounts episodes from the childhood of Indians who achieved legendary success in their field of work. The school organised a book release function which was attended by eminent educationists who applauded the efforts of the students. Write a factual description of the function in about 100-125 words. (6)

OR

After the scorching heat of summer in north India, rains are welcomed joyously. Men, women, children, animals, even plants and trees rejoice in the first monsoon showers. Give a factual description in 100-125 words of the scene in your neighbourhood showing how people, specially little children, come out in the streets and parks to enjoy the first cooling showers.

- Q5. As a social worker you had a chance to visit some slum areas of your city. You were deeply pained to see the unhygienic living conditions - lack of drinking water and sanitation facilities. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper pointing out the lack of concern on the part of the government as well as non-government organisations at such a state of affairs. Write about the need to improve the living conditions in such areas. You are Sanchit/Sanchita living at 88, SFS Flats, Hauz Khas, Delhi. (7)

OR

The world we are living in is under a great threat of extinction. Large scale pollution, deforestation, industrialization is suffocating the environment. As a concerned citizen you want to share the causes and effects of global warming with other people. You would also like to give a few suggestions on how to contribute towards making of a better world. As Vivek/Vineeta, write a letter to the Editor of a national daily on 'The Hazards of Global Warming'.

- Q6. Latika/Lalit, a student of Class XI, is quite impressed by the role of Metro Rail in controlling air pollution and traffic jams while providing a world-class facility of transportation. She/He decides to write an article for the school magazine. Write the article in about 150 words. (8)

OR

Disasters find us Indians unprepared and slow to respond. Even after disaster strikes, be it flood or cyclone or earthquake, we are confused and unorganised. Write an article in 150 words for a newspaper giving suggestions about disaster management. You may suggest having special equipment, trained personnel, better communication and transport and above all freedom to take quick decisions.

SECTION-C (TEXT BOOKS)

- Q7. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow : (3 marks)

Now she's been dead as many years
As that girl lived. And of this circumstance
There is nothing to say at all.
Its silence silences.

- (a) Who is 'she' in the given lines? (1)

- (b) Why is there nothing to say about 'this circumstance'? (1)
- (c) Explain - 'It silence silences'. (1)

OR

And forever, by day and night, I give back life to my own origin,
 And make pure and beautify it;
 (For song, issuing from its birth-place,
 after fulfilment, wandering
 Reck'd or unreck'd, duly with love returns)

- (a) What is the impact of the rain on its origin? (1)
- (b) How does a song seek its fulfilment? (1)
- (c) Why are the last lines put within brackets? (1)
- Q8. Answer the given questions in about 30-40 words each : (2x2=4)
- (a) What did the poet Shirley Toulson's mother recall with pleasure?
- (b) Justify the strange answer given by the rain to the poet. (The Voice of the Rain)
- Q9. Answer any three questions from the questions given below in about 30-40 words each : (2x3=6)
- (a) "The grandmother celebrated the return of the author by singing the 'homecoming of warriors'." Justify.
- (b) Why didn't the narrator get any reply for their Mayday calls? ('We're not Afraid to Die...')
- (c) What did John Byro mean when he said, 'A suspicious man would believe his eyes instead of his heart'?
- (d) How can you say that Ranga and Ratna were very fond of the narrator?

- Q10. Attempt any one of the given questions in about 125-150 words : (7)
- What did the captain of the 'Wavewalker' do to protect his ship when rough weather struck?

OR

Show how the story 'The Address' reveals a deep sadness that has become a part of a war survivor's life.

- Q11. In the zest of acquiring material gains and earning quick money, rural people move to cities and city people move to foreign countries, leaving their parents alone and uncared for. There is an urgent need to spread awareness that it is the duty of the youth to protect and care for the old. "Heavens are found under parents' feet". This ideal has been completely lost and forgotten in the present scenario. Write a speech in about 100 words on the topic 'Importance of respect and care for the elderly in the society'. (5)

SECTION-D (LONG READING TEXT)

- Q12. Who was the housekeeper of the Canterville Chase? What did she tell the Otises about the blood stain? (150 words). (8)
- Q13. What impression do you form about Mr. and Mrs. Otis on the basis of your reading of the book 'The Canterville Ghost'? (150 words) (7)