

Gussed paper XII - English

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Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

IT IS GUESSED VERY DEEPLY

A.1 Read the passage carefully and answers the questions that follow:

Science and technology have annihilated distances, brought the various parts of the world much nearer each other, enormously increased international trade and integrated the economy of all nations. It is consciousness of the need for regulating the operations of world economy to make it more orderly and stable that has led to the formation of international bodies to ensure order and stability in matters like tariffs, currency and labour. Foreign aid is being given to developing nations individually because it is now recognized that economic stability and full employment in the world cannot be achieved unless two-thirds of humanity now living at the subsistence level is helped to attain economic maturity as expeditiously as possible. Yet it cannot be said that the material and manpower resources of the world are being utilized on a scientific and planned basis. This country for example, could have raised the standards of living of its people to a much greater extent than at present if it had not been thwarted in its endeavors by shortage of foreign exchange and inadequacy of world statesmanship that, while astronomical amounts are being spent on manufacturing weapons of mass annihilation and space exploration, the affluent nations are not prepared to help developing nations on a scale which would make a significant impact on their lives. Only a world government looking at progress. Many civilizations in the past perished because the people recklessly exploited natural resources, exhausted the soil and turned the land into a desert. Impelled by the profit-motive, nations are still recklessly exploiting world resource without giving any serious thought to what would happen a few hundred years hence. When we know that man has to live on this planet for millions of years, this policy of exploiting, nation's resources and not judiciously conserving them is, to put it mildly, extremely short-sighted. The same short-sightedness is being displayed over population growth. Science has rendered great service to humanity by finding a cure for most diseases, by preventing the outbreak of epidemics which formerly used to kill million of persons and by curtailing the death rate in other ways. But unless men learn to curtail the birth rate as well, we will, before long, be faces with a population explosion. Science has not proved that Malthus was wrong. It has only proved that for some time natural restraints on population in the form of wars, pestilences and famines can be held back. This planet can be made a decent place to live in only if man is wise. Science given Knowledge and power but not necessarily wisdom.

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- (a) Make notes on the above passage using suitable format and recognizable abbreviations (minimum-4). Apply a suitable title also. (5)
- (b) Write a summary using note in about 80 words. (3)

A.2 Read the passage carefully and answers the questions that follow:

1. Most capital cities have fallen victim to the car. Here is a report from Lagos, the capital of Nigeria (Africa)
2. Try not to schedule business appointment in Lagos on a Wednesday-particularly if you have to cross one of the many bridges into the commercial centre, called 'the Island'. It is not that Wednesday is work-free days in Lagos. Just the opposite: mid week is now the day Lagos roads are busiest. (In Lagos they have a five-day week-Monday to Friday.)
3. In 1989, when the city's population was about five million, no fewer than two million people hit Lagos roads at the same time, generally to the same place- the Island . Two million people filled the city's roads in every conceivable kind of vehicle: buses, mini-buses, taxis, mini-taxis and of course, cars, cars and more cars.
4. Car ownership shot up in the oil boom of the mid-1980s. Before anybody realized what was happening, nearly all middle- income workers in business and in the civil service even teachers and clerks, had joined the rich in the car owners' club. Every day more than 150,000 cars contributed to the traffic headache.
5. The State Government decided to take action. It enacted an ingenious traffic control law which divided the cars on Lagos streets into two groups- based on whether they had registration numbers starting with odd or even numbers, On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; only the odd-numbered cars could use the roads. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, cars with registration numbers beginning with 2, 4, 6 or 8 were permitted.
6. The first problem is that there will always be more cars on the roads on the 'odd-number' days, because there are odder than even digits- no registration numbers in Nigeria start with zero.
7. But on Monday things are not too bad. The week is still young and business activities are still fairly quiet. Then on Friday, Juma prayers by Muslims mean that the day virtually ends at noon. So Friday is quiet as well. Wednesday is therefore the choice day when as many people as possible- and as many odd- number vehicles as possible- are on the move. Traffic is a nightmare.
8. This law had many interesting effects. Some former car owners, for example, became hitch-hikers. And neighbors with odd-and even- number cars suddenly became friendlier, giving each other rides to work on the alternate days when their cars had no right to the road.

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9. But soon the richer Lagosians found another solution. They began to buy second cars, so. They had a car each for odd and even number days could therefore drive into the city when they liked.

10. By 1993, second cars had become so common that the traffic control law become virtually useless. Since then the traffic chaos has gone from bad to worse. Today 300,000 cars compete daily for the 50,000 available parking spaces on the Island. The population of Logos- a tiny stretch of coastal land 35 kilometers wide and ten kilometers long- has ballooned to eight million.

1. Answer the following given questions:

(a) Wednesday is the third day of the week, but in the given passage it been called mid-week. Why? (2)

(b) How was the traffic in Lagos affected by the oil boom in the mid-1980s? (2)

(c) The State Government to of Lagos divided the cars into two groups- odd and even. Why were there more cars in the group? (2)

(d) On two working days – Monday and Friday – the traffic conditions were not so bad. Why? (2)

2. Find single words in the passage which mean the opposite of each of the following:

(a) Same (Para 3) (4×1= 4)

(b) depression (Para4)

(c) order (Para10)

(d) uncomfortable (Para 10)

SECTION – B (ADVANCE WRITING SKILLS)

B.1 You have lost your wallet containing your valuable documents (ATM card, bunch of keys etc.). While traveling by Rajdhani Express from Agra to Delhi. Write an advertisement to be published in “The Times of India” under the column “Lost and Found” you are Nisha\Nishant of DST 1\A-74, Jeenat Apartments, Dwarka, Delhi. (5)

Or

You have received a formal invitation from Nikhil’s father to attend the dinner party arranged by him. You are unable to attend the dinner. Write a formal regret letter your inability. Sing yourself as Pallavi/Vivek of 82 Arjun Vihar, New Delhi.

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Or

You are Ankit/Ankita, head boy/girl of summer villa public school, Lajpat Nagar. You are asked to draft a notice informing the students that football match has been postponed. Mention the reason, new date, time etc. (words limit 50).

B.2 You are Karthik/Krithika of Chennai. Of late chain-snatching incidents are increasing in the city and poor patrolling of police. Write a letter to the Editor 'The New Indian Express' drawing the attention of the concerned authorities. Also give suggestion. (10)

Or

You are Ranjan staying at D-85 Preet Vihar Delhi -92. You saw an advertisement for the various Posts in BPL Pvt. Ltd. But you found your self eligible for the "Technical Incharge. Draft an App. for liable post to Director, BPL Comp Delhi-92.

Or

As Principal of ABC School, F- block, Shakti Nagar, New Delhi. Place an order with M/S Sports Goods, Darya Ganj, New Delhi for some sports goods you require for your school. With request to deliver the ordered goods well in time as your Zonal competitions are approaching fast.

Or

You are Jagjeet Singh. You have passed your 12th & now finding a course to do. As you saw that MBS institute of Management has started new courses. You keen Interested to join sales Management one of them. Apply for same to get enquiries to Director MBE Institute of management, G-95, Sec-10, Noida Up.

B.3 You are Seema Verma, a staff reporter of "Hindustan Times" Lucknow. You are witness of an road accident involving a lorry and Maruti omni in Hazrat Ganj, Lucknow. Write a report giving details of people injured and the extent of damage caused to the colliding vehicles in not more then 125 words for your newspaper. (10)

Or

You are Harsh Gupta, you have attended a seminar on "How the burden of school bag" is increasing on school going children. You decided to write an article.

Or

Write report on "How chief minister of Delhi Sheila Dixit" inaugurated the metro station linking "Delhi to Noida"

B.4 Write any one article from given following: (Words limit 200) (10)

1. Trees are our friend.
2. Child labour is an offence.
3. Value of education.
4. Declining of sports level in India.
5. How is Delhi changing its shape?

SECTION – C (LITARATURE)

C. 1 (a) Read the lines given below and answer the question that follow:

Aunt Jennifer tiger's prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree,
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

- a. How do the prancing tigers look like?
- b. How can you say that they are fearless?
- c. What are Aunt's Jennifer's tigers doing?
- d. What is the world of green? What kind of the inhabitants are these tigers?

Or

Here far from the city we make our
Roadside stand
And ask for some city money to feel in hand
To try if it will not make our being expand,
And give us the life of the moving-
Pictures' promise
That the party in power is said to be
Keeping from us.

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- a. Who made a roadside stand and where?
- b. Who wanted to feel the money in hand?
- c. who did wish to be helped?
- d. what was the promise made and who made it.
- e. what words here mean-government?

(b) Answer any three of the following questions in about 30-40 words: (2×3 = 6)

- i. What kind of pain and ache that the poet feels?
- ii. What is it that blocks the path of the progress of these children of slum?
- iii. Why does the poet aim at in his poem ‘Keeping Quiet’?
- iv. What do the things of nature do for the living beings?
- v. How does a thing of beauty of the past, become a joy for us?
- vi. Why does the poet criticise the people who prepare green wars?
- vii. Explain ‘Slag heap’?(Elementary School)

C.2 Answer any five of the following questions in about 30-40 words each :- (2 × 5 = 10)

- i. Why was M. Hamel going from that school?
- ii. What are the suggestions given to students by M. Hamel on “The Last Lesson”?
- iii. Why does Sahib feel that canister is heavier than his rag picking bag?
- iv. Where did the rattrap peddler escape after stealing the old crofter’s Money? Could he really escape?
- v. Why was Gandhi not allowed to draw water from the well?
- vi. When did Gandhi exclaim, “the battle of champaran is won”?
- vii. Write Sophie’s description of her first meeting with Danny Casey?
- viii. What was the weekly Pilgrimage in the story “Going places”?

C.3 Answer any one of following in about 150 words: - (10)

- i. What is the place of the narrator little Franz in the story 'The Last Lesson'.
- ii. Why was Gandhi Summoned to appear in court the next day? How did the trial proceed? What was the Penalty imposed as a result of it?
- iii. Compare the situation of rag pickers and bangles maker reference to "Lost spring"
- iv. What were the feelings and fears of young Douglas when every time he went down in the pool?

C.4 Answer the following in about 125 words: - (7)

Why did Jo want the wizard to hit the mummy?

Or

Write the character sketch of Evans.

Or

Write the Character sketch of the king Pratibandapuram?

Or

How did Bama come to know that she was an untouchable?

C.5 Answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words each :- (2×4 = 8)

- i. What is global warming and how is this caused?
- ii. What made Jo unhappy about skunk's story?
- iii. What difference did Charley find at the third level of Grand Central Station?
- iv. How did Evans' manage to get blood in his cell?
- v. How will the Maharaja prepare himself for the hundredth tiger which was supposed to his fate?
- vi. What did children call Mr. Lamb? Did it hurt him?
- vii. What is global warming and how is this caused?

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