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STUDY SKILLS IN ENGLISH

Full Marks- 70

Pass Marks- 21

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The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

PART- A

Q.1. Answer all questions:

16 x 1 = 16

- Q 1. a) What is scanning?
b) What is mapping?
c) What is intensive reading?
d) What is critical reading?
e) Define a paragraph.
f) What is an abstract?
g) Write the full forms of APA and MLA
h) Give an example of work cited with more than three authors.
i) State the difference between a Footnote and an Endnote.
j) Mention any four components of a research paper.
k) Discuss briefly the significance of the including 'Literature Review' in dissertations.
l) What is an index?
m) What is a finite verb?
n) What do you mean by concord?
o) Give an example of a modal.
p) What is an Article?

PART- B

Answer the following:

7x2=14

- Q 2. a) Write a comparative note on research paper, dissertation and thesis.

(b) Read the paragraph and make notes from it. Give a suitable title also.

The tests of life are its plus factors. Overcoming illness and suffering is a plus factor for it moulds character. Steel is iron plus fire, soil is rock plus heat. So let's include the plus factor in our lives. Sometimes the plus factor is more readily seen by the simple hearted. Myers tells the story of a mother who brought into her home – as a companion to her own son- a little boy who happened to have a hunch back. She had warned her son to be careful, not to refer to his disability. The boys were playing and after a few minutes she overheard her son say to his companion “ Do you know what you have got on your back ?” The little boy was embarrassed, but before he could reply, his playmate continued “ It is the box in which your wings are, and some day God is going to cut it open and then you will fly away and be an angel.” Often it takes a third eye or a change in focus, to see the plus factor. Walking along the corridors of a hospital recently where patients were struggling with fear of pain and tests, I was perturbed. What gave me a fresh perspective were the sayings put up everywhere, intended to uplift. One saying made me conscious of the beauty of the universe in the midst of pain, suffering and struggle. The other saying assured me that God was with me when I was in deep water and that no troubles would overwhelm me. The forces of death and destruction are not so much physical as they are psychic and psychological. When malice, hatred and hard heartedness prevail, they get channeled as forces of destruction. Where openness, peace and good heartedness prevail, the forces of life gush forth to regenerate hope and joy. The life force is triumphant when love overcomes fear. Both fear and love are deep mysteries, but the effect of love is to build, whereas fear tends to destroy. Love is generally the plus factor that helps build character. It creates bonds and its reach is infinite. 6. It is true there is no shortage of destructive elements – forces and people who seek to destroy others and in the process destroy themselves – but at the same time there are signs of love and life everywhere that are constantly enabling us to overcome setbacks. So let's not look at gloom and doom – let us seek positivity and happiness. For it is when you seek that you will find what is waiting to be discovered.

PART- C

Answer the following:

10x4=40

Q 3. (a) Discuss the various reading techniques.

OR

(b) Discuss the various uses of the articles "a" and 'an'.

Q4. (i) Write a paragraph of about 500 words on any of the topic given below:

- (a) Describe a place, either of a natural beauty or of historical importance to which you intend to take your pen friend, to whom you wish to provide with an interesting and memorable impression.
- (b) Importance of petroleum
- (c) Shakespeare is the greatest dramatist

OR

(ii) “A research paper is a piece of written communication, organised to meet the needs of a standard, valid publication” Explain briefly the component parts of a research paper.

Q5. (a) Write a persuasive essay on the basis of any one of the following topic sentences:

- i) In a technical society such as ours, many young people who lack an academic bent would profit more from technical training than from a three-year liberal arts degree.
- ii) A good education will continue to give young people an edge in the job market.
- iii) Capital punishment should be avoided.

OR

(b) Explain the features of good paragraph? Read the paragraph given below and modify it in terms of its unity of organisation, verbalisation, achieving the purpose.

Chocolate. Three different types and three different distinct flavors, each of which has its own unique benefits. Because, you know, chocolate is sooooo healthy. It has no sugar in it whatsoever, and has tons of vitamins and minerals (she wrote sarcastically) Chocolate may not have health benefits, but its unique and rich flavor has been influencing human actions since the time of the Aztecs, who used cocoa beans. Historians estimate that chocolate has been consumed for OVER 2000 years!!! That means that chocolate has been around since the fall of the Egyptian empire. When most people think chocolate, they think of a yummy delicious substance that can be eaten, but what about a substance that people can drink? Not hot chocolate, but actual normal chocolate that you can drink? Well, that's how chocolate began, without all the sugar and milk, just a bitter drink somewhat similar to hot chocolate. In mesoamerican cultures, chocolate was considered so valuable and luxurious, that it was used as a currency, like modern day paper money. In fact, these native americans loved chocolate so much, that they called it xocoatl, or the food of the gods. Both the Aztecs and the Mayans believed that chocolate had divine properties, so cacao beans were commonly used during birth, marriage, sacrifice, and death ceremonies. Sacrificial victims were given a drink made of cacao and previously sacrificed human blood to cheer them up before there death, which, as you can imagine did not work very well... (Because they were wondering who would drink their blood next...) Chocolate remained extremely bitter until explorers came to America, tried the stuff, and decided it needed to be sweetened. After it was sweetened with either cane sugar or honey, drinking chocolate became extremely popular in Europe, although it was only available for the privileged and wealthy. Then, in the 1700s, its use became more widespread after the invention of the steam engine, which made mass production possible. The foundation for the idea of the modern chocolate bar was not conceived until 1828 by a Dutch chemist, who invented Dutch cocoa by removing cacao butter from the chocolate paste. Then, another man by the name of Joseph Fry discovered a way to turn Dutch Chocolate into a paste by adding back some of the cacao butter. Using this idea, two companies, Cadbury and Nestle, began making modern chocolates treasured by people across the globe.

Q 6. (a) Discuss the various rules of using concord of noun and verb.

OR

(b) Discuss the function of modals with suitable illustrations.