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SECTION – A

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

To make our life a meaningful one, we need to mind our thoughts, for our thoughts are the foundations, the inspiration and the motivating power of our deeds. We create our entire world by the way we think. Thoughts are the causes and the conditions are the effects. Our circumstances and conditions are not dictated by the world outside; it is the world inside us that creates the outside. Self awareness comes from the mind, which means the soul. Mind is the sum total of the state of consciousness grouped under thought, will and feeling. Besides self- onsciousness, we have the power to choose and think. Krishna says, "No man resteth a moment inactive." Even when inactive on the bodily plane, we are all the time acting on the thought plane. Therefore, if we observe ourselves, we can easily mould our thoughts. If our thoughts are pure and noble, naturally actions follow the same. If our thoughts are filled with jealousy , hatred and greed , our actions will be the same.

Questions:

(a) How can we make our life meaningful?

Ans – We can make a life meaningful by minding our thoughts which are the foundations, the inspiration and the motivating power of our deeds.

(b) What is it that motivates our deeds?

Ans –

(c) How can be mould our thoughts ?

Ans – We can mould our thoughts by observing ourselves

(d) What do our thoughts do?

Ans –

(e) Why does Krishna say," No man resteth a moment inactive"?

Ans – Krishna says that because while resting also a person is always thinking.

Q2. Read the poem and answer the questions that follow:

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No doubt they'll soon get well; the shock and strain
Have caused their stammering, disconnected talk.
Of course, they're 'longing to go out again,'-
These boys with old, scared faces, learning to walk
They'll soon forget their haunted nights; their cowed
Subjection to the ghosts of friends who died,-
Their dreams that drip with murder; and they'll be proud

Of glorious war that shatters all their pride...
Men who went out to battle, grim and glad;
Children, with eyes that hate you, broken and mad.

Choose the correct alternatives from the options given below:

(a) Who are 'they' referred to in the first line?

(i) survivors of the war

(ii) civilians who have survived a war

(iii) both of the above

(iv) none of the above

(b) How has the war impacted them?

(i) caused stammering/disconnected speech

(ii) caused sleepless nights

(iii) caused physical injuries and mental trauma

(iv) all the above

Answer the following questions briefly in your own words:

(c) Why are the survivors called 'boys'?

Ans – The survivors are called boys because of the trauma of war which has reduced them to children who have to learn to walk and talk again.

(d) Why are their nights 'haunted'?

(e) What has the war-shattered?

(f) What is the contrast in their condition before and after the war?

(g) Who is the speaker of the line 'Of course they are longing to go out again'?

(h) Who do the survivors hate and why?

Find words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following:

(i) intimidated/frightened (lines 3-5)

(j) serious (lines 8-10)

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Q3. In most Indian families, particularly in rural areas, the girl child is considered inferior to the male child. As a result of this bias, a daughter is considered a burden and she suffers discrimination in the matter of food, freedom, health and education. Write an article in 150-200 words showing how such an attitude is harmful and unjust. You are Satyen/Sunidhi.

Ans –

Save the girl child

By Sunidhi

India is a country where girls are revered as they Devi. But the irony is ours is a country where criminal acts on women and girls can be witnessed. The rate of female infanticide in India is pretty high as well, especially in the rural areas. Lack of proper education and awareness are the most important reasons.

Q4. . One of your classmates has come from a small city and is unable to speak in English with fluency. He is otherwise a sharp student. Yesterday he was fined for speaking some words in Hindi. You do not appreciate this action of the school authorities. Make a diary entry in 100-120 words expressing yourself on the incident.

Q5. to his dismay, the rooster had walked over his newly woven Pashmina shawl drying in the courtyard... This sentence is picked from the middle of the story. Complete the story by giving it a beginning and an end in 150-200 words.

Q6. You have won a prize in a competition. Write a letter in about 120 words to your friend in another city breaking the news.

**Ans – 6. 18 Nyaya Puri
Ahmedabad**

3 June 2023

Dear Vani

I've done it! I've won it! Yes, the State Level Avantika Gold

Medal for Oil Painting is mine! I'm feeling on top of the world. My painting on 'Female Foeticide' was one among the 100 shortlisted at the state-level. It has been adjudged the best in its category. It's a great honour for me. It's the two year long hard work under Mrs Jyoti's guidance that has borne fruit. Do you know, today I was honoured by the Principal in the morning assembly and my photo will be published in the school magazine, too?

Mom and dad are happy, too. Mom couldn't believe that her daughter has won a state level prize! She is proud of me, she says and wants me to do the ditto in academics, too.

I'll send you a picture of the painting through email.

See you.

Yours lovingly

XYZ

Q7. Write an E- mail to your friend requesting him to raise funds for a poor patient whose parents cannot afford the treatment.

From :- abc123_99 @yahoo.com

To :- Mohit _ 212@gmail.com

Date :- 3 June 2023

Subject :-

Hi, Mohit

Hope everything is fine.

Well, I'm writing to ask you a favour. You see, a ten-year-old patient in our hospital needs immediate heart surgery that will cost one lakh rupees. The problem is that his family does not have that much money. I was wondering if you could raise some funds for his surgery. How much shall I count on you for? And do spread the word, please. Remember all donations are to be sent through demand draft superscribed Master Shobhiths Account.

Reply as soon as you can.

Catch you later.

xyz

Section –C

Q8. Directions: Each of the question below consists of a word printed boldly, followed by four words or phrases numbered (a) to (d). Choose the numbered word or phrase which is most nearly similar in meaning to the word printed boldly.

1. **HIRSUTE**

- (a) damp (b) bearded (c) humorous (d) formerly

2. **CELIBATE**

- (a) single (b) double (c) married (d) bald

3. **MERETRICIOUS**

- (a) conspicuous (b) blonde (c) tawdry (d) angry

4. **BLISSFULLY**

- (a) maudlin (b) dour (c) beatific (d) moot

5. **RESURRECTION**

- (a) death (b) life-less (c) abandoned (d) comeback

Q9. DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1 – 5): In the following questions, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase

1. For some people, writing verse is as duck takes to water.

- (a) like taking the duck to water (b) like bursting out suddenly
(c) like dropping the duck in the water (d) like easily and naturally speaking

2. He made my day by telling me how important I was to him

- (a) gave me great pleasure (b) displeased me
(c) spoiled my day (d) made me resentful

3. He made away with ten thousand rupees in the course of three months.

- (a) earned (b) ran away with (c) squandered (d) saved

4. The students of that group have assured their project guide that they will all work against the clock.

- (a) work while keeping patience (b) work with vigour to finish in limited time
(c) work with enthusiasm (d) work hard to go against the time

5. To let off steam, my friend started murmuring.

- (a) to release his tension (b) to show his anger
(c) to show his approval (d) to show his displeasur

Q10. Choose the correct option:

(a) I didn't _____ what she said.

- (i) hear (ii) here

(b) They forgot to take _____ printouts.

- (i) there (ii) their (c) they're

(c) Venison is the meat from a _____.

- (i) dear (ii) deer

(d) The house is by the _____.

- (i) see (ii) sea

(e) She held the _____ in her hand.

- (i) regins (ii) rains (iii) reins

Q11. Directions: Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part and indicate

your answer in the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter i.e., (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no error, your response should be indicated as (d).

1. I am told (a) John is ill (b) since Monday. (c) No error. (d)
2. I shall leave school (a) as soon as (b) I shall find a job. (c) No error. (d)
3. The girls said that (a) that she preferred (b) the blue gown (c) than the black one./ (d) No error
4. Nobody can deny (a) that Gandhi's ideas (b) are different than / (c) Lenin's (d) No error (e)
5. Neither of the two letters of credit (a) were useful (b) when he needed it. (c) No error, (d)

6. This building (a) / comprises of six houses, (b) / three parking lots and one basement (c) / No error (d)
7. I cannot (a) / cope up (b) / with this pressure. (c) / No error. (d)
8. I came (a) / to this place (b) / by walk. (c) / No error. (d)
9. The council does (a) / not hold itself responsible / (b) for the loss or damage / (c) to any article. (d) no error (e)
10. Glimpses to / (a) the religious side of his / (b) nature appear in / (c) in the majority of his plays / (d) No error (e)

Q12. Supply suitable form of verb.

- (a) _____ (was / were) he a bird , he would definitely fly to you.
- (b) Not only the doctor but also the nurses of this nursing home _____ (is / are) very kind and helpful to the attendants.
- (c) Mita as well as some of her friends _____ (has / have) fallen in for the dress.
- (d) Patience and compassion in addition to a wallet bulging with money _____ (make / makes) every want Rohit as a friend.
- (e) We should not forget that we have a right to citizen but at the same time each of us _____ (have / has) to remember the duty also.

Q13. Put the following indirect speech.

- (a) She said, 'If he arrives before I get back give him something to drink.'
- (b) 'Will you be able to guide me or shall I bring a map?' I asked.
- (c) 'Don't wait till tomorrow,' said the advertisement, ' post the coupon at once.'
- (d) 'Make a list of what you want,' she told us.
- (e) 'Remember to write to your mother,' I said to them.
- (f) 'Do sing it again,' he said.
- (g) ' Could I speak to Mrs Pitt ?' said the caller.
I'm afraid she's out,' said the au pair girl. 'Could I take a message ?'
- (h) 'You'd better slow down. There's a speed limit here,' she said to me. (use advise)
- (i) 'I was intending to do it tomorrow ,' he said ,'but now I don't think I'll be able to.'
- (j) 'Are you going to see him off at the station ?' I asked her.

Q14. Look at the words and phrases given. Rearrange them to make meaningful sentences.

- (a) elephant / land animal / present / largest./ is/day / the / of / the /
- (b) on peace loving/is/animal/it/earth/most / the/ the /
- (c) more easily / that is why / domesticated / be / can / and / it / trained /

Q15. In the given passage, one word is omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after against the correct blank.

	Before	word	after
(a) As always government is trying	_____	_____	_____
(b) to make situation look less grim.	_____	_____	_____
(c) "We have requested centre for financial	_____	_____	_____
(d) help and stone will be left unturned	_____	_____	_____
(e) to mitigate people's problems,	_____	_____	_____
(f) says senior minister. Free	_____	_____	_____
(g) kitchens will be started in blocks	_____	_____	_____
(h) in affected areas.	_____	_____	_____

Q16. Apply suitable preposition / phrasal verb in the blank of each item.

(a) Universities in Germany and Denmark will have an input _____ the project.

- (a) for (b) into (c) about (d) at

(b) He gave me a leg _____ when I was completely new to the business.

- (a) up (b) down (c) off (d) for

(c) You should have nothing to do with those criminals; they all have violent attitudes and long records.

They are men _____ the same kidney.

- (a) with (b) in (c) of (d) on

(d) He didn't have the guts to stand _____ his friends when he was in trouble.

- (a) with (b) for (c) by (d) beside

(e) He broke out of the prison _____ dressing as a woman.

- (a) in (b) as (c) by (d) with

(f) When electricity failed , emergency generators _____

- (a) cut out (b) cut off (c) cut on (d) cut in

(g) We need two more hands to _____ the heavy rush of work.

- (a) cope up (b) cope with (c) cope to (d) cope in

(h) Twenty – five candidates _____ each other for the first prize.

- (a) compete for (b) compete with (c) compete to (d) compete on