

WRITING SKILLS - A

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Note : Attempt all questions.

Maximum Marks : 100

1. Write a paragraph of about 200-250 words on any one of the following :
 - (i) A Street Quarrel
 - (ii) India's Neighbours.
2. Attempt any five :
 - (i) Use "thumb" as a verb.
 - (ii) Use 'Shoe' as a verb.
 - (iii) Use "dirty" as a verb
 - (iv) Change the narration :
He said, "I go out for a walk daily."
 - (v) Change the narration :
The beggar said, "Eyes are ablessing."
 - (vi) Join the sentences :
Julius Caesar came to Britain in 55BC. He was a powerful Roman General.
 - (vii) Join the sentences :
The antiquities of Egypt should not be missed. Such a lot has been written about

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- them.
3. Attempt any fifteen :
- (i) Rewrite the following in simple past, negative :
- I break a cup
 - She comes early.
 - We like oranges.
 - He teaches English.
 - You lie to me.
- (ii) Use the following idioms in sentences :
- A cash cow.
 - A class act.
 - Go ape.
 - A grey area.
 - Eager Beaver.
- (iii) Complete the following :
- He gets free meals.... ?
 - This shop is opening on March 5, 2014.... ?
 - How much do you owe me.... ?
 - I don't know.....
 - I don't like him.....
 - I bet you will get married before I....
 - Are there any pencils here ? I need.....
 - Do you have any sugar ? I need.....

4. Write a letter to a classmate on the harmful effects of students' taking part in politics. 15

OR

Write a letter to your brother advising him to read newspapers regularly. 7½

5. Precise the following :

Speech is a great blessing, but it can also be a great curse, for while it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word, or of an ambiguous word, and so on, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again different classes of people use different vocabularies, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike an uneducated listener as showing pride; unwittingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listeners from what it does to men of our own class. Thus speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling. Only a fool will express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.

OR

Read the para and answer the questions that follow :

Many people foolishly look upon manual labour as degrading. The Maharaja of Travancore, not many years ago, said : 'Be assured that the wielding of a spade, or the driving of a plough, or the drawing of water in one's own interest, is not less honourable than scratching foolscap (paper) with goose-quills (pens). Some of the greatest men that have ever lived have cultivated their fields with their own hands. Peter the Great, Czar of Russia worked as a blacksmith. The late Emperor of Germany, the son-in-law of Queen Victoria, learned the art of printing. The life of Mahatma Gandhi was a living lesson on the dignity of labour. Useful work of all kinds is honourable. It is of false pride that men have reason to be ashamed.

Read the above passage, and answer the following questions :

- What did the Maharaja of Travancore say about the dignity of manual labour ?
- How do the lives of great men teach us that all work is noble ?
- What should men be ashamed of ?
- What most people think about manual labour ?
- Which work is honourable ?

6. Describe a nightmare. 7½

OR

Write a report of 70-100 words about cheating in exams. 7½

7. How will you compare a Morning Assembly in a school ?

OR

Compare the Sports Day of your college.

7½

8. Attempt any ten :

- (i) Use "frequent" as an adjective in a sentence.
- (ii) Use "live" as an adjective in a sentence.
- (iii) The professor came home drunk last night, and that shocked the wife.
(use a relative pronoun as a connective)
- (iv) They are going on a voyage to the South pole and it will be a dangerous undertaking.
(Use a relative pronoun as a connective)
- (v) Do you have to go back tonight ? (use "get" form)
- (vi) He has to work overtime for a few weeks (use "get" form)
- (vii) They are starting up a cafe here.....they ? (Fill in the blank)
- (viii) He does half the sewing and so..... (Fill in the blank)
- (ix) Use "To win hands down" in a sentence.
- (x) Use "To end in a draw" in a sentence.

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9. (a) Paraphrase the following :
- Much have I travell'd in the realms of gold
And many goodly states and kingdoms seen :
Round many western islands have I been
Which bards in fealty to Apollo hold.
Off of one wide expanse had I been told
That deep brow'd Homer ruled as his demesne ;
Yet did I never breath its pure Serene
Till I heard Chapman speak out loud and bold ;
Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
When a new planet swims into his ken;
Or like stout Cortez, when with eagle eyes
He stared at the Pacific and all his men
Look'd at each other with a wild surmise-
Silent, upon a peak in Darien.

(b) Expand the following : 7½

(c) Fortune favours the brave. 7½

(d) What points should be kept in mind while writing a script for a fashion-show ? 7½
Describe an oil-painting. 7½

