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**NOTE :**

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**ENGLISH (Core)**

**Term-I**

Time allowed : 90 minutes

Maximum Marks : 40

**General Instructions :**

- (i) This question paper contains 60 questions out of which 50 questions are to be attempted. All questions carry equal marks.
- (ii) This question paper consists of three Sections, Section A, Section B and Section C.
- (iii) Section A – Reading – contains 18 questions. Attempt any 14 questions from Q. No. 1 to 18.
- (iv) Section B – Writing Skills – contains 12 questions. Attempt any 10 questions from Q. No. 19 to 30.
- (v) Section C – Literature – contains 30 questions. Attempt any 26 questions from Q. No. 31 to 60.
- (vi) First 14 questions in Section A, 10 questions in Section B and 26 questions in Section C will be evaluated.
- (vii) There is only one correct option for every multiple choice question (MCQ). Marks will not be awarded for answering more than one option.
- (viii) There is no negative marking.

**SECTION A**  
**(Reading)**

**I. Read the passage given below :**

- 1 Humility treads the fine line between arrogance and self-deprecation. Humility, modesty and down-to-earth are synonyms derived from the Latin, 'humus', translatable as 'grounded or from the earth'. So, what makes someone humble ? Are the humble meek or psychologically weak ?
- 2 In today's stressful world, greatly concerned with the pursuit of happiness, a bit of humility can deliver great reserves of inner strength.
- 3 Gandhiji felt that humility is an essential virtue that must exist in a person for other virtues to emerge. To Swami Vivekananda, humility did not mean crawling on all fours and calling oneself a sinner. Instead, it meant recognising and feeling oneness with everyone and everything else in the universe, without inferiority or superiority or any other bias.
- 4 Although humility is deeply revered in most spiritual traditions, in interpersonal narrative or management lingua, it hasn't found much salience. Amongst qualities of leaders, humility finds hardly any mention, although most of the world's great leaders are themselves lessons in the art of it. Fortunately, a great deal of management and psychological research today is devoted to the role of humility in character building and leadership.
- 5 As workplaces tend to be aggressive arenas and breeding grounds for misogyny and other abuse, humble co-workers are valued. They put their interlocutors at ease, and it takes fear and trepidation out of social intercourse. From the interpersonal perspective, being humble facilitates trust, and builds relationships. The humble may be more talented, gifted, or skilled than anyone else and above all better learners and problem solvers. In fact, studies show that humility is more important as a predictive performance indicator than IQ. With humbleness comes a self-acceptance from grounding one's worth in one's intrinsic value as human beings rather than other trappings of power and wealth.
- 6 Is it possible to develop humility ? We must first embrace our humanness and have an accurate understanding of our strengths and weaknesses. Expressing gratitude can induce humility in us, and humble people have a greater capacity for conveying gratitude.
- 7 Holding nature in high esteem, recognising it as an overwhelming and awe-inspiring force reminds us of our own insignificance in the cosmic scale. Being curious and open to learning fosters humility. Emulating great people and imbibing from them what we lack in our own understanding can build our own reserves of humility. After all, as Socrates said, wisdom is, above all, knowing what we don't know. (360 words)

Based on your understanding of the above passage answer any **eight** out of the ten questions by choosing the correct options.

8×1=8

1. The author uses the expression 'treads the fine line' to mean :  
(a) to create a borderline (b) to strike a balance  
(c) to discuss different options (d) to take the path of one's choice
2. The author's opinion about the ambience of the present day workplace is :  
(a) competitive and challenging (b) conducive and congenial  
(c) hostile and prejudiced (d) organised and respectful
3. Choose one of the following quotes that aptly conveys the main idea of the passage.  
(a) Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying. – Saint Vincent de Paul  
(b) Humility is royalty without a crown. – Spencer W. Kimball  
(c) There is no respect for others without humility in one's self. – Henri Frederic Amiel  
(d) True humility is staying teachable, regardless of how much you already know. – Anonymous
4. According to the author, understanding and respecting nature will make one realise that :  
(a) nature is supreme. (b) nature is immortal.  
(c) we are just a drop in the ocean. (d) man's life depends on nature.
5. Choose the option that lists the ways to develop humility.  
(i) knowing one's strength and weakness  
(ii) to be aggressive and arrogant  
(iii) to have low self-esteem  
(iv) to be ready to learn  
(v) to possess the quality of being human  
(a) (i), (ii) and (iii) (b) (ii), (iii) and (iv)  
(c) (i), (ii) and (v) (d) (i), (iv) and (v)
6. What lacuna does the writer find in the structure of management lessons ?  
(a) Humility is not featured in the leadership qualities.  
(b) No stress is laid on giving respect to nature.  
(c) Learning is not prescribed as one of the key traits.  
(d) Achieving happiness is ignored.
7. The author suggests to employ people who are humble because :  
(a) they are polite and ready to follow instructions.  
(b) they can be easily dominated.  
(c) they respect management and their leaders.  
(d) they facilitate creating conducive and congenial ambience.

8. Choose the option that reiterates the author's claim about a recent study.
- (a) Humility enhances IQ. (b) Performance enhances IQ.  
(c) Humility enhances performance. (d) IQ enhances humility.
9. Gandhiji's view on humility is that :
- (a) humility is the fountainhead of other positive traits.  
(b) humility gives inner strength to one.  
(c) humility is synonymous with surrender.  
(d) humility is 'being spiritual'.
10. By describing power and money as 'trappings', the author tries to convey that :
- (a) power and money make you influential.  
(b) power and money make one do something even against one's principle.  
(c) power and money reflect one's intrinsic values.  
(d) power and money hinder one's ability to remain grateful.

II. Read the passage given below :

- 1 The term Internet Addiction (IA) was first introduced in 1996 by Goldberg, who related it to substance dependence. IA can be defined as the maladaptive pattern of internet use which is time-consuming and leads to clinically significant impairment or distress. The symptoms of IA include tolerance, withdrawal, and lack of control, relapse, and a large amount of time spent online. Internet Addiction generally consists of four elements namely, excessive use, withdrawal, tolerance and negative social repercussions.
- 2 Considering the recent report on the addiction of internet in India, in 2018, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) claimed that the number of people visiting with the complaints of internet addiction has almost doubled since the launch of the facility two years ago. It is not only about the internet but is the symptomatic expression of other psychological problems such as anger, low self-esteem, isolation and depression. World Health Organisation (WHO) in June 2018 classified gaming disorder as a mental health condition, thus establishing the concern for the technology-oriented era on people. Further, as per the news, a London Hospital is also preparing to launch the first-ever internet addiction centre for young people and adults funded by the National Health Service (NHS).
- 3 Smartphones represent the edge of the evolution of information technology. As per the New Zoom's Global Market Report 2018, smartphone penetration in India is 28.5%, which constitutes 386,934,000 smartphone users.
- 4 The survey indicated the presence of addiction for 1.3% for internet (2% males and 0.6% females) and mobile phone overuse (4.1% – 2.5% males and 1.5% females).
- 5 Recent researches have shown a positive correlation between internet addiction and frequent use of smartphones, indicating a higher frequency of internet-based use of smartphone applications, priority being social networking sites and gaming applications.
- 6 As more and more people are getting involved in the internet and are getting addicted; thus, they have adopted the practice of "Internet fasting" by deliberately spending time offline. Internet fasting can be defined as the re-evaluation of one's lifestyle to learn appropriate ways to use the internet by maintaining the distance from digital life. (350 words)

Number of users of social networking sites in India

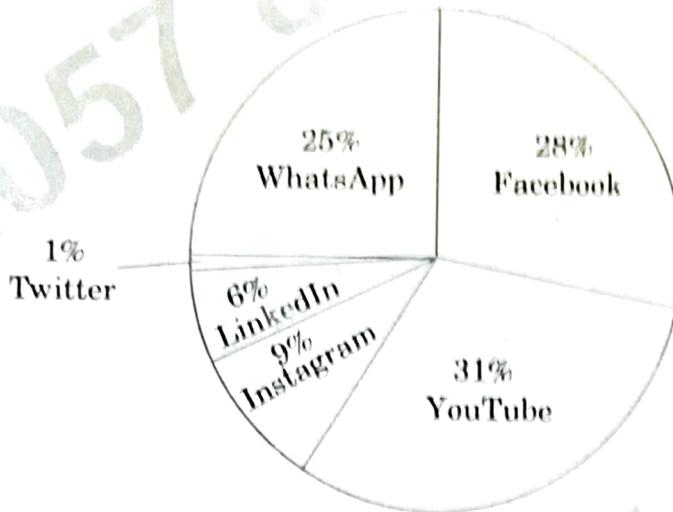


Figure 1

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any six out of the eight questions by choosing the correct options.

6×1=6

11. According to the author of the passage, the outcome of the advent of smartphones in the market is that :

- (a) it marked the evolution of information technology.
- (b) the number of smartphone users exploded in the recent years.
- (c) it triggered an increase in the number of people suffering from Internet Addiction.
- (d) it encouraged more people to become tech-savvy.

12/ Select the correct inference with reference to the following :

AIIMS claimed that the number of people visiting with the complaints of Internet Addiction has doubled.

- (a) AIIMS has expanded its facility.
- (b) The number of people reaping the benefits of the facility has increased.
- (c) AIIMS is one of the best health care facilities in India.
- (d) Technology has taken a toll on people's health.

13/ As per Paragraph 1, Internet Addiction is in a way responsible for :

- (a) promotion of smartphones.
- (b) expansion of internet facilities.
- (c) degeneration of social behaviour.
- (d) increasing clinical attention.

14. The survey mentioned in paragraph 4 establishes the fact that :
- (a) Addiction is a major problem.
  - (b) The overuse of mobile phone is a major threat to the younger generation.
  - (c) Males are more vulnerable to addiction than females.
  - (d) Internet addiction is more prevalent than mobile phone overuse.
15. The concluding paragraph conveys the message that
- (a) it requires will of the people to lead a healthy life.
  - (b) technology should be used sparingly.
  - (c) Internet should be used by more females.
  - (d) Internet and addiction are unavoidable.
16. WHO in June 2018 classified gaming disorder as a mental health condition. The above statement indicates that :
- (a) WHO is against the use of Internet.
  - (b) gaming disorder is a recognised global health issue.
  - (c) there is a need for ban on mobile games.
  - (d) there is a need to dissuade people from using smartphones.
17. Select the option that holds true as per Figure 1 :
- (a) More than 50% of people are addicted to Facebook and YouTube.
  - (b) Twitter is more popular than Instagram among people.
  - (c) More than 40% of people have subscribed to Facebook.
  - (d) Many people prefer LinkedIn to Instagram.

**Note :** The following question is for the **Visually Impaired Candidates** only, in lieu of Q. No. 17.

17. The term 'maladaptive' in paragraph 1 refers to :

- (a) not adjusting adequately to situations
- (b) not using Internet adequately
- (c) long time use of Internet
- (d) long-time distraction

18. Read the following statements :

- (i) Social networking sites and gaming applications are the root cause of Internet Addiction.
  - (ii) Internet Addiction can save people from many psychological problems.
- (a) Both (i) and (ii) are true
  - (b) Both (i) and (ii) are false
  - (c) (i) is false and (ii) is true
  - (d) (i) is true and (ii) is false

**SECTION B**

**(Writing)**

**III.** Answer any *four* of the five questions given below with reference to the context : 4×1=4

**19.** Raghav's office needs a receptionist. He is manager of the organisation and is asked to draft an advertisement to be published in a national daily. Choose the most appropriate title under which it will be published.

- (a) To Let (b) Situation Wanted  
(c) Situation Vacant (d) Accommodation Wanted

**20.** What are the personal details of the candidate that Raghav would ask for in his advertisement ?

- (a) personality, age, experience (b) age, qualification, experience  
(c) gender, address, experience (d) age, hobbies, qualification

**21.** Manohar is the Headboy of J.M. Modern School, Pune. He is asked to put up a notice informing students of Board classes about the enrichment classes to be conducted by the school.

Select the appropriate title for the notice.

- (a) Enrichment Classes.  
(b) Important Information for classes X and XII.  
(c) Enrichment classes for class X and XII students.  
(d) Classes for X and XII students.

**22.** Choose the option that lists the most accurate opening for this notice.

- (a) You are hereby informed  
(b) Greetings to the students of classes X and XII  
(c) I wish to inform the students of classes X and XII  
(d) This is to inform the students of classes X and XII

**23.** Select the option with the information points that Manohar has to include in the content of the notice.

- (i) Timing of the enrichment classes  
(ii) Subjects  
(iii) Time table for the classes  
(iv) The need for enrichment classes  
(v) Consent of the parents  
(vi) Dress code

- (a) (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) (b) (i), (ii), (v) and (vi)  
(c) (i), (ii), (iii) and (vi) (d) (ii), (iii), (v) and (vi)

IV. Answer any **six** of the seven questions given below with reference to the context. 6/1=6

Vijay is a member of his school Eco Club. As part of Earth Day celebrations, he decides to contribute an article to the school magazine advocating the use of solar power as a step to mitigate the energy crisis.

24. Select the option that lists an appropriate title for Vijay's article.

- (a) How to prevent energy crisis.
- (b) The best ways to use solar power.
- (c) Conservation of energy.
- (d) Solar Power — An excellent alternative energy resource.

25. Which option would help Vijay with the appropriate organisation of relevant ideas for his article ?

- (a) Expressing concern over energy crisis – the need to switch over – benefits of solar power – methods of saving energy – presenting a conclusive outlook.
- (b) Introduction to energy – resources – over consumption of energy by people – urging people to save energy – encourage use of renewable sources like the sun – presenting a conclusive outlook.
- (c) Man's dependence on energy resources – excessive use of energy by people – leading to crisis situations – the need to switch over – benefits of solar power – presenting a conclusive outlook.
- (d) Why solar energy is an excellent alternative – free and good for environment – cheaper and pollution free – suggestion to install solar power – presenting a conclusive outlook.

26. Read a sentence from the draft of Vijay's article and help him complete it by selecting the most appropriate option.

Solar power is the \_\_\_\_\_ to a clean energy future. That's why we need to \_\_\_\_\_ heavily in solar plants for a better future.

- (a) option, depend
- (b) reason, spend
- (c) key, invest
- (d) reason, install

27. Which quote should Vijay use to sum up the idea of his article ?

- (a) "Solar power, wind power, the way forward is to collaborate with nature — it's the only way we are going to get to the other end of the 21<sup>st</sup> century." – Bjork
- (b) "Solar power is the last energy resource that isn't owned yet – nobody taxes the sun yet." – Bonnie Raitt
- (c) "I have no doubt that we will be successful in harnessing the sun's energy." – George Porter
- (d) "Solar energy is bound to be our future. There's a kind of inevitability about it." – Jim Inhofe

28. Select the option that lists an appropriate title for the article.

- (a) Different types of Energy Resources
- (b) Exhaustible Sources vs Inexhaustible Sources of Energy
- (c) Solar Energy — the need of the hour
- (d) Preserve Energy

29. Which suggestions, from those given below, would be appropriate for Vijay's article ?
- (a) Excessive use of ACs/heaters to be avoided – higher rate of power recommended – advice to switch over to appliances using less energy – save resources for future generations.
  - (b) Solar energy – a renewable energy resource – many benefits – cleaner atmosphere, less expenditure – logical conclusion.
  - (c) Awareness of power crisis – rationing of power – increase in energy rates – encourage use of renewable energy resources like the sun, wind etc.
  - (d) Ways to protect our resources – incentives to those who use less energy – use of solar energy preferred – how to install solar appliances.

30. Read the following options for the self-checklist for this article and select the option that includes the most appropriate self-checklist for this article :

- (1) My Article contains
  - (i) address the audience – title
  - (ii) types of energy resources like coal, petroleum, sun etc.
  - (iii) their respective effects on the atmosphere
  - (iv) the best option
  - (v) conclusion
- (2) My Article contains
  - (i) an eye-catching relevant title
  - (ii) the present crisis – its cause and effect on people/coming generations
  - (iii) how to avoid the crisis effectively – a balanced viewpoint
  - (iv) an appropriate conclusion
  - (v) byline
- (3) My Article contains
  - (i) address to the targeted audience
  - (ii) a thorough analysis of the topic
  - (iii) my personal views
  - (iv) views of prominent stakeholders
  - (v) appropriate summing up
- (4) My Article contains
  - (i) relevant data and byline
  - (ii) a detailed arguement for/against different resources
  - (iii) viewpoint of different stakeholders
  - (iv) personal views on the topic
  - (v) conclusion

Choose the correct option :

- (a) Option (1)
- (b) Option (2)
- (c) Option (3)
- (d) Option (4)

**SECTION C**  
**(Literature)**

This section has sub sections V, VI, VII, VIII, IX. There are a total of 30 questions in the section.  
Attempt any **26** questions from the subsections V – IX.

26×1=26

V. Read the given extract and attempt the questions that follow :

The experience had a deep meaning for me, as only those who have known stark terror and conquered it can appreciate. In death there is peace. There is terror only in the fear of death, as Roosevelt knew when he said, "All we have to fear is fear itself." Because I had experienced both the sensation of dying and the terror that the fear of it can produce, the will to live somehow grew in intensity.

31. Choose the option that best explains the expression 'deep meaning' in the extract.
- (a) The experience left a deep scar in the narrator's life.
  - (b) The narrator drowned at the deep end of the pool.
  - (c) The narrator learnt a life lesson through that experience.
  - (d) The experience was still painful in the memory of the narrator.
32. Choose the correct option which refers to 'only those' as intended by the narrator.
- (a) Those who have the experience of drowning
  - (b) Those who have learnt swimming in YMCA pool
  - (c) Those who have experienced bullying
  - (d) Those who have experienced and conquered fear
33. Of the four meanings of 'sensation' select the option that matches in meaning with its usage in the extract.
- (a) Physical response to a stimulus
  - (b) Something extraordinary or surprising
  - (c) Feeling of excitement
  - (d) Strong feeling of enthusiasm
34. What was the impact of 'the experience' on the narrator's life ?
- (a) It forced the narrator to live in constant fear of water.
  - (b) It enhanced the narrator's survival instinct.
  - (c) It restricted him from enjoying his life.
  - (d) It made the narrator mature and philosophical in life.
35. Roosevelt's opinion on fear is that :
- (a) one should be scared of fear.
  - (b) fear is inevitable in life.
  - (c) one should not let fear enter one's mind.
  - (d) fear is an emotion of destruction.

VI. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

"It takes longer to build a school," I say, embarrassed at having made a promise that was not meant. But promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world.

After months of knowing him, I ask him his name, "Saheb-e-Alam," he announces. He does not know what it means. If he knew its meaning — lord of the universe — he would have a hard time believing it. Unaware of what his name represents, he roams the streets with his friends, an army of barefoot boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon. Over the months, I have come to recognise each of them.

36. Select the option that explains the appropriate reason for the narrator's embarrassment.
- (a) She was not able to build the school in time.  
(b) She does not know the name of the boys.  
(c) She is guilty of giving a false hope to the boy.  
(d) She is not aware of his bleak world.
37. Of the four meanings of 'embarrassed' select the option that matches in meaning with its usage in the extract.
- (a) Concerned (b) Uncomfortable  
(c) Sorry (d) Sympathetic
38. What does the author mean by 'his bleak world' ?
- (a) The world of children (b) His aspirations for future  
(c) Life with no hope for the future (d) His dark world
39. What view does the author express on the fact that 'Saheb-e-Alam' means lord of the universe ?
- The author
- (a) finds the name most suitable for the boy.  
(b) expresses her joy over the name.  
(c) is unable to believe the name.  
(d) finds the name ironical.
40. Select the option that describes the literary device used in the expression 'an army of barefoot boys who appear like morning birds'.
- (a) Metaphor (b) Simile (c) Hyperbole (d) Alliteration

VII. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

I saw my mother beside me  
doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that  
of a corpse and realised with pain  
that she was as old as she looked but soon  
put that thought away, and looked out at Young  
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling out of their homes.

41. Which amongst the following options has used the same poetic device in its underlined phrase as used in the expression 'ashen like that of a corpse' ?
- (a) He was a lion in the battle.  
(b) The flood swallowed more than a dozen villages.  
(c) He walked as slow as a snail.  
(d) The tree blocks the free flow of water.
42. Choose the correct option that best explains the reason for the poet 'to put that thought away'.
- (a) The mother's face was pale and ugly.  
(b) It was unbearable for her to see her mother sleeping.  
(c) She was troubled by the thought of her mother's perpetual state of exhaustion.  
(d) She was deeply pained by the thought of the mother's imminent death.
43. What do the expressions 'doze' 'open mouthed' describe about the poet's mother ?
- (a) She is sleeping and relaxing.  
(b) She is aged and exhausted.  
(c) She is tired of travelling.  
(d) She is not in a mood to talk to her daughter.
44. What mood does the expression 'merry children spilling' bring in ?
- (a) Happiness and enthusiasm  
(b) Laziness  
(c) Innocence and playfulness  
(d) Joy
45. Select the correct option to fill in the blank. The poet uses the image of sprinting trees to emphasize the \_\_\_\_\_ to the ageing mother.
- (a) comparison      (b) difference      (c) contrast      (d) similiarity



IX. Attempt the following

31. In 'Keeping Quiet', through the expression 'Fishermen in the cold sea would not harm whales', Pablo Neruda expresses his concern for :

- (a) cruelty to animals
- (b) the plight of fishermen.
- (c) food scarcity.
- (d) environmental destruction.

32. When Saheb said, "There is no school in my neighborhood," it reflects the :

- (a) sympathy of the narrator.
- (b) apathy of the Government.
- (c) empathy of the reader.
- (d) bitterness of the speaker.

33. Charlie wanted to travel to Galesburg as it was known for its :

- (a) huge lawns and big trees.
- (b) peaceful and leisurely life.
- (c) big spacious old houses.
- (d) green environment and broad streets.

34. By the phrase, 'familiar ache', Kamala Das refers to :

- (a) pain of separation.
- (b) pain of ageing.
- (c) pain of illness.
- (d) pain of travelling.

35. What was Hamel worried about when he said, 'She puts off learning till tomorrow' ?

- (a) He was concerned about the slavery of the French people.
- (b) He was worried about the illiteracy of people of Alsace.
- (c) He was worried that it was the last day of his French lesson.
- (d) He was concerned about the tendency of Alsace people to postpone things.

36. Why does Stephen Spender call map a bad example ?

- (a) Because it was a open handed map.
- (b) The map did not match sour cream walls.
- (c) The map would tempt them to steal.
- (d) Because the children could not read maps.

57. "My three hundred dollars bought less than two hundred in old styled bills, but I did not care." Why was Charlie not worried about getting less money ?
- (a) Because he wanted old currency to reach Galesburg.
  - (b) Because his hobby was to collect old currency.
  - (c) Because he was doing it secretly without his wife's knowledge.
  - (d) Because the cost of living was lower at the third level.
58. Dr. Sadao's thought, "But certainly I do not want this man to live." In the light of Sadao's situation, the above statement is :
- (a) humorous
  - (b) ironical
  - (c) serious
  - (d) critical
59. The phrase "lead sky" in the poem 'An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum' refers to :
- (a) pollution in the air.
  - (b) the dark clouds.
  - (c) their gloomy future.
  - (d) the smoke.
60. YMCA pool revived Douglas' unpleasant memories. 'Unpleasant memories' refer to his :
- (a) incident at the beach in California.
  - (b) near drowning in the YMCA pool.
  - (c) bullying by the big bruiser.
  - (d) stories heard about Yakima river.