

Instructions-

- *All questions are compulsory*
- *Read each question and follow the instructions carefully*
- *Put the question numbers to the answers properly*
- *Adhere to the prescribed word limit*

Section A- Reading

**1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:
2X5=10 Marks**

1. Married life has a significant place in our Indian culture. It is the life of a householder that nurtures and enhances the society. The nation gets its future generation owing to this. Hence it is very important that married life is sweet and pleasant. However, it is seen that there is more of bitterness and tension in the relationship owing to incessant quarrels and differences of opinion. Husband and wife get disconnected from each other. The children become orphaned emotionally and the family disintegrates. There are small tips and habits which, when incorporated in daily life, can restore the sweetness of family life and may even lead to a blissful life of togetherness.
2. Each and every person leading a married life has his own individual life. One's habits, interests, way of life and perspective towards life can be temporarily changed, but cannot be modified permanently. This is the main reason for married life to be smooth for some time and unrest crawling in after prolonged periods. This is the very reason why each of them should allocate sufficient time to each other so that they not only understand each

other, but also do a thorough self-introspection and lead a life of their own choice.

3. Being honest in marriage is very important. This is the foundation for faith in the relationship. Honesty in talking, honesty in discharging one's responsibilities, honesty in fulfilling promises and honesty in all interactions is the key to strengthening the relationship and enhancing the personality of both husband and wife. For the couple to understand each other well, it is important that they are able to leave their fears and speak out their minds to each other. They should discuss freely; and even when they are upset with one another, it should be sorted out as soon as possible. There may be differences of opinion, but this should never lead to disruption of harmony in mind.
4. There is one habit that is noticed largely in people. They seem to have many complaints against all things in the world. This is primarily because of a facet in their personality which makes them focus on the negative aspects of others rather than looking at the positive ones. If we are prone to this habit, then we should ensure that this is kept under check so that our personality is not perceived as dissatisfied and irritable.

- 1) Why is married life important?
- 2) What is called a kind of bad habit?
- 3) What is the key to strengthening the relationship?
- 4) What can be temporarily changed?
- 5) What is the antonym of the word 'dissatisfied' in the last paragraph?

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

2X5= 10 Marks

1. Prince Siddhartha, the son of king Suddhodan, lived a very happy life in the pleasure-palace. He was married to a beautiful princess, Yashodhara. There was music, dancing and pleasure all around him. He knew nothing of want, pain, disease, old age or death.
2. One day a veena was put on the window sill. The wind touched the strings and it produced a music. The prince heard that the Devas were playing on the veena. He heard them giving a

message. The voices of the wind told the prince that he was born to save mankind. The world was waiting for him. He should leave worldly love to save humanity from miseries of life. He felt a great desire to see the vast world outside the pleasure-palace.

3. When the king came to know of the prince's desire, he ordered that the whole city should be decorated beautifully. The prince should not see any ugly and painful sight. No blind, sick, old person or a leper should come out. So the city of Kapilvastu was decorated in a very fine way. It looked quite clean and attractive – 'a capital of some enchanted land'. The people welcomed the prince joyfully. The prince also felt happy to see people's joy.
4. Then the prince saw an old man. He was wearing dirty and torn clothes. He was very lean and thin. He looked very tired and weak. He had no teeth. The prince asked his charioteer, Channa, who that man was. Channa told him that he was an old man. The prince asked if old age would come to all. Channa told him that it would. This made the prince very sad. He ordered Channa to return to the palace. He did not take food. The entire night he was sleepless, uncomforted.
5. That night the king saw a very fearful dream. He dreamed seven signs of fear. He was much disturbed. He lost all peace of mind. He called dream-readers to explain the meaning of the seven visions but none of them could explain the meaning. At last an old hermit came to the palace. He said that the seven fears were seven joys. The prince would shine like the sun. He would leave the world and give a new message of hope and love for the suffering humanity.
6. The king became very sad. For the prince's second trip, he doubled the number of guards at all the doors of the palace. He tried his best to divert the mind of the prince but his efforts were of no use. The Prince desired to see the city once more. The king gave permission for it. The next day, the prince dressed like a merchant and Channa in the dress of his clerk went out to see the city once more. The prince saw all kinds of people and all the common things.
7. The prince saw a sick man. He was painfully crying for help. He asked Channa why the man was crying. Channa told him

that he (the sick man) was suffering from a fatal disease. The disease would destroy all his powers. Then he would die. Channa further told the prince that all grow old, fall sick and die.

8. Then the prince saw a dead body being carried towards the river bank. He saw a group of people. They were crying, 'Ram, Ram satya hai'. The sight of the dead man and his cremation moved the prince deeply. Channa told him that no man is immortal. All must die. The prince was greatly troubled in mind. He said that he would try to remove suffering from the world. He then asked Channa to return home as he had seen enough.

1) How was the old man looking?

2) What did the prince decide finally?

3) Why did the king order to decorate the whole city beautifully?

4) What did the prince not know initially?

5) What did the old hermit say?

3. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

2X5=10 Marks

1. Make in India campaign was launched in New Delhi by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25th of September in 2014. It is an initiative to make a call to the top business investors all across the world (national or international) to invest in India. It is a big opportunity to all the investors to set up their business (manufacturing, textiles, automobiles, production, retail, chemicals, IT, ports, pharmaceuticals, hospitality, tourism, wellness, railways, leather, etc.) in any field in the country. This attractive plan has very attractive proposals for the foreign companies to set up manufacturing powerhouses in India.
2. Make in India campaign launched by the Indian government focuses on building the effective physical infrastructure as well as improving the market of digital network in the country to

make it a global hub for business (ranging from satellites to submarines, cars to softwares, pharmaceuticals to ports, paper to power, etc). The symbol (derived from national emblem of India) of this initiative is a giant lion having many wheels (indicates peaceful progress and way to a vibrant future). A giant walking lion with many wheels indicates courage, strength, tenacity and wisdom. The page of Make in India on the Facebook has crossed more than 120K likes and its twitter followers are more than 13K within few months of the launching date.

3. This national program is designed to transform the country into a global business hub as it contains attractive proposals for top local and foreign companies. This campaign focuses on creating a number of valuable and honoured jobs as well as skill enhancement in almost 25 sectors for improving the status of youths of the country. The sectors involved are automobiles, chemicals, IT & BPM, aviation, pharmaceuticals, construction, electrical machinery, food processing, defense manufacturing, space, textiles, garments, ports, leather, media and entertainment, wellness, mining, tourism and hospitality, railways, automobile components, renewable energy, mining, bio-technology, roads and highways, electronics systems and thermal power.
4. The successful implementation of this plan will help in the creation of 100 smart cities project and affordable housing in India. The main objective is to ensure solid growth and valuable employment creation in the country with the help of top investors. It will benefit both parties, the investors and our country. The government of India has created a dedicated help team and an online portal (makeinindia.com) for the easy and effective communication of investors. A dedicated cell is committed to answer all the queries from business entities anytime.

- 1) What is the symbol of Make in India campaign?
- 2) What does the symbol of Make in India indicate?
- 3) What will the successful implementation of Make in India help to achieve?
- 4) Who and when was Make in India campaign launched?
- 5) Who is an investor?

Section B- Writing Skills

1. Write an essay in about **200 words** on any one of the following topics- **10 Marks**
 - a) The Importance of Bhot Jyotish
 - b) Tibetan Festivals
 - c) Importance of Reading in Student Life
2. The life in hostel can be really challenging and lonely. Write a letter to your friend narrating your experiences of your hostel life in not more than **150 words**. **10 Marks**
3. Look at the picture below. Write a small paragraph describing about it in **50 words**. **5 Marks**



Section C – Vocabulary and Grammar

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given below- 5 Marks

- a) She was weeping when I (see) her.
- b) The train had departed before we.....(reach) the station.
- c) She usually never (cry) like that.
- d) Ram always(run) on the green grass.
- e) I(see) her yesterday at the party.

2. Fill in the blanks with a, an, the or 0 article. 5 Marks

- a) It ismagical thing.
- b) I bought a car last month; car is stolen.
- c) He isM.P. of Varanasi.
- d) Ukraine is not European Union Country.
- e)Tibet is known as roof of the world.

3. Convert the following sentences into passive voice.

5 Marks

- a) She has killed the snake.
- b) She killed a snake.
- c) She will kill a snake.
- d) She is killing a snake.
- e) She was killing a snake.

4. Rearrange the words to make proper sentences. 5 Marks

- a) of leather / The jacket / was made
- b) sipped / some water / The sparrow
- c) the computer / is working on / My neighbor

- d) our gratitude / to show / We have / to them
- e) brown/lives/house/brown/mr/in

5. Correct the mistakes in the following sentences and rewrite them. 5 Marks

- a) Ram and Sita is playing a major role.
- b) Bread and butter are my breakfast.
- c) Mr. Sharma, with his five friends, are flying to Hyderabad.
- d) She was sleeping when I call.
- e) If you work hard, you would pass.

6. Fill in the blank with appropriate prepositions. 5 Marks

- a) She is sleepingthe sofa.
- b) I live.....Varanasi.
- c) Varanasi isthe bank of river Ganges.
- d) He wasthe bridge.
- e) She livesthe river in a small house.

7. Match the words in column A with their meaning in column B. 5 Marks

A	B
1. Bankrupt	a) one who works for the welfare of women
2. Altruist	b) a story relating to birds/animals with a moral in the end
3. Fable	c) one who is unable to pay his debts
4. Feminist	d) a person having the same name as another
5. Namesake	e) a lover of mankind

8. Which of these words is most nearly the opposite of the word provided? **5 Marks**

A. Withdraw

- a) reduce
- b) need
- c) advance
- d) want

B. Secret

- a) friendly
- b) covert
- c) hidden
- d) overt

C. Heartfelt

- a) loving
- b) insincere
- c) unhealthy
- d) humorous

D. Impartial

- a) hostile
- b) biased
- c) dislike
- d) worried

E. Hatred

- a) jealousy
- b) benevolence
- c) fire
- d) beautiful

9. Each of the items in this section has a sentence with a blank space and four words given after the sentence. Select

whichever word you consider most appropriate for the blank space.

5 Marks

A. An accomplice is a partner in

(a) business (b) crime (c) construction (d) gambling

B. A person, who pretends to be what he is not, is called an

(a) imbiber (b) impresario (c) imitator (d) imposter

C. His nature would not let him leave his office before 5 pm.

(a) honest (b) selfish (c) unscrupulous (d) conscientious

D. The committee's appeal to the people for moneylittle response.

(a) evoked (b) provided (c) provoked (d) prevented

E. Too many skyscrapers the view along the beach.

(a) reveal (b) obstruct (c) make (d) clear
