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TIME - 3HR. | QUESTIONS - 13

THE MARKS ARE MENTIONED ON EACH QUESTION

SECTION-A (READING) 20 marks

Q. 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 12 marks

1. Air pollution is an issue which concerns us all alike. One can willingly choose or reject a food, a drink or a life comfort, but unfortunately there is little choice for the air we breathe. All, what is there in the air is inhaled by one and all living in those surroundings.
2. Air pollutant is defined as a substance which is present while normally it is not there or present in an amount exceeding the normal concentrations. It could either be gaseous or a particulate matter. The important and harmful polluting gases are carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, ozone and oxides of sulphur and nitrogen. The common particulate pollutants are the dusts of various inorganic or organic origins. Although we often talk of the outdoor air pollution caused by industrial and vehicular exhausts, the indoor pollution may prove to be as or a more important cause of health problems.
3. Recognition of air pollution is relatively recent. It is not uncommon to experience a feeling of 'suffocation' in a closed environment. It is often ascribed of the lack of oxygen, Fortunately however, the composition of air is remarkably constant all over the world. There is about 7.9 per cent nitrogen and 21 per cent oxygen in the air-the other gases forming a very small fraction. It is true that carbon 'over-crowded dioxide exhaled out of lungs may accumulate in a closed and place. But such an increase is usually small and temporary unless the room is air-tight. Exposure to poisonous gases such as carbon monoxide may occur in a closed room, heated by burning coal inside. This may also prove to be fatal.
4. What is more common in a poorly ventilated home is a vague constellation of symptoms described as the sick-building syndrome. It is characterized by a general feeling of malaise, head-ache, dizziness and irritation of mucous membranes. It-may also be accompanied by nausea, itching, aches, pains and depression. Sick building syndrome is getting commoner in big cities with the small houses, which are generally over-furnished. Some of the important pollutants whose indoor concentrations exceed those of the outdoors include

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(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it in recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Also, suggest a suitable title.

(b) Write a summary of the above in about 80 words. *3 marks*

SECTION-B: (ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS) *35 marks*

Q. 3. You are Smitha/Sunil, Secretary AVM Housing Society. You are going to organize a blood donation camp. Write a notice is not more than 50 words, urging the members of your society to come in large numbers for this noble cause. Invent all the necessary details. *5 marks*

OR

You are General Manager, Hotel Dosa, Gurgaon. You need a lady Front Office Assistant with sound knowledge of computers. She must be a graduate and good in communication skills with pleasing manners. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in Gurgaon Times.

Q. 4. Your school, Sun Public School, Poona, celebrated 'Environment Day' on 5th November. Write a report on the Programme in 100-125 words for your school newsletter. You are Neeta/Naveen, Cultural Secretary of the school. Invent the necessary details. *10 marks*

OR

You are Deepak/Deepika, Secretary of Ahimsa Club, Parsva Public School, Delhi on 2nd October your school observed 'International Day for Peace and Non-violence', organizing various activities such as visit to Raj Ghats, Charkha spinning, lectures by eminent Gandhians etc. Write a report on the same in 100-125 words.

Q. 5. As a regular commuter by bus from Noida to Delhi, you. have been witnessing rash driving by the bus drivers daily without an exception. Write a letter to the Editor. 'The Times of India' drawing the attention of the General Manager, Delhi Transport Corporation to this problem. You are Priti/Prakash, 15 Udyog Vihar, Noida. *10 marks*

OR

You are Amit/Amita living at F-25, Shalimar Colony, New Delhi. You have observed that many school-going children drive around on bikes without a valid driving licence, thereby endangering their own lives as well as those of others. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily with a view to sensitizing students about the risks involved in underage driving. Also, give suggestions.

OR

Do you think Dr. Sadao's final decision was the best possible one in the circumstances? Why/ Why not? Explain with reference to the story 'The Enemy'.

SECTION-D: (NOVELS) 15 marks

(Long Reading Text)

Attempt any question either Q. No. 12 or Q. No. 13.

Q. 12. Answer the following questions in 125-150 words:

- (i) Discuss the Character as Destiny of Silas Marner.**
- (ii) To have 'sought a medical explanation for this phenomenon would have been held by Sims himself, as well as by his minister and fellow-members, a wilful self-exclusion from y the spiritual significance that might lie therein.**

OR

Q.13. Answer the following questions in 125-150 words:

- (i) Give an estimate of Mrs. Hall courteous woman with a strong mind.**
- (ii) Do you consider Marvel to be a smart turncoat? Why/ Why not?**

OR

Assess the character of Marvel, the tramp



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