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SECTION-A (READING) 30 marks

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Q. 1. Read the passage given below: 12 marks

- (1) Maharana Pratap ruled over Mewar only for 25 years. However, he accomplished so much grandeur during his reign that his glory surpassed the boundaries of countries and time turning him into an immortal personality. He along with his kingdom became a synonym for valor, sacrifice and patriotism. Mewar had been a leading Rajput kingdom even before Maharana Pratap occupied the throne' Kings of Mewar, with the cooperation of their nobles and subjects, had established such traditions in the kingdom, as augmented them magnificence despite the hurdles of having a smaller area under their command and less population. There did come a few thorny occasions where the flag of the kingdom seemed sliding down. Their flag once again heaved high in the sky thanks to the gallantry and brilliance of the People of Mewar.
- (2) The destiny of Mewar was good in the sense that barring a few kings, most of the rulers were competent and patriotic. This glorious tradition of the kingdom almost continued for 1500 years since its establishment, right from the- reign of Bappa Rawal. In fact, only 60 Years before Maharana Pratap, Rana Sagna drove the kingdom to the pinnacle of fame. His reputation went beyond Rajasthan and reached Delhi. Two generations before him, Rana Kumbha had given a new status to the kingdom through victories and development work. During his reign, literature and art also progressed extraordinary. Ratna himself was inclined towards writing and his works are read with reverence even today. The ambience of his kingdom was conductive to the creation of high quality work of art and literature These accomplishments were the outcome of a longstanding tradition sustained by several generations.
- (3) The life of the people of Mewar must have been peaceful and prosperous during the Long span of time; otherwise such extraordinary accomplishment in these filed would not have been possible. This is reflected in their art and literature as well as their loving nature. They compensate for lack of admirable physique their firm but pleasant nature. The ambience of Mewar remains lovely thanks to the cheerful and libera character of its people'

(4) Once may observe astonishing pieces of workmanship not only in the forts and palaces of Mewar but also in public utility buildings. Ruins of many structures which are still standing tall in their grandeur are testimony to the fact that Mewar was not only the land of the brave but also art flourished and creative pursuits of literature and artists did not suffer. Imagine, glorious the period must have been when the Vijaya Stambha which is the sample of our great ancient architecture even today, was constructed. In the same fort, Kirti Stambha is standing high, reflecting how liberal the then administration was which allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work. It is useless to indulge in the debate whether the Vijaya Stambha was constructed first or the Kirti Stambha. The fact is that both the capitals are standing side by side and reveal the proximity between the king and the subjects of Mewar.

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- (5) The cycle of time does not remain the same. Whereas, the reign of Rana Sanga was crucial in raising the kingdom to the acme of glory, it also proved to be his nemesis. History took a tum. The fortune of Mewar the land of the brave, started waning. Rana tried to save the day with his acumen, which was running against the stream and the glorious traditions for sometimes.
- **1.1.** On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer each of the questions given below with the help of the options that follows: 4 marks
 - (a) Maharana Pratap become immortal because:
 - (i) he ruled Mewar for 25 years.
 - (ii) he added a lot grandeur to Mewar.
 - (iii) of his valor, sacrifice and patriotism.
 - (iv) both (ii) and (iii).

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- (b) Difficulties in the way of Mewar were:
 - (i) lack of cooperation of the nobility.
 - (ii) ancient traditions of the kingdom.
 - (iii) its small area and small population.
 - (iv) the poverty of the subjects
- (c) During thorny occasions:
 - (i) the flag of Mewar seemed to be lowered.
 - (ii) the flag of Mewar was hoisted high.
 - (iii) the people of Mewar showed gallantry.
 - (iv) most of the rulers heaved a sigh of relief.

(d) Mewar was lucky because:

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- (i) all of its rulers were competent.
- (ii)most of its people were competent.
- (iii) most of its rulers were competent.
- (iv)only a few of its people were incompetent.

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- **1.2.** Answer the following question briefly: 6 marks
 - (e)Who is the earliest king of Mewar mentioned in the passage?
 - (f) What was Rana Kumbha's contribution to the glory of Mewar?
 - (g) What does the writer find worth admiration in the people of Mewar?
 - (h) How could art and literature flourish in Mewar ?
 - (i) How did the rulers show that they cared for their subjects?
 - (i) What does the erection of Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha in the same fort signify?
 - (k) Find words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following:

(i) surprising (para 4)

(ii) evidence (para 4)

Ans. (a) (ii)

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- (b) (iii)
- (c) (i)
- (d) (iii)
- (e) Bappa Rawal was the earliest King or Mewar as mentioned in the passage
- (f) Rana Kumbha had given a new stature to the kingdom through victories and developmental work. During his reign, literature and art also progressed extraordinarily.
- (g) The pleasant, loving and the cheerful nature of the people of Mewar is worth admiration according to the writer.
- (h) The peaceful and prosperous life of the people of Mewar for the long span of time would have made the art and literature flourish in Mewar.
- (i) The rulers were very liberal and allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work.
- (j) The erection of Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha in the same fort signifies the closeness between the King and the subjects of Mewar.
- (k) (i) Surprising = astonishing:
 - (ii) Evidence = testimony.

Q. 2. Read the passage given below: 10 marks

(1) To ensure its perpetuity, the ground is well held by the panther both in space and time. It enjoys a much wider distribution over the globe than its bigger cousins, and procreates sufficiently profusely to ensure its continuity for all time to come.

(2) There seems to be no breeding season of the panther, although its sawing and caterwauling is more frequently beard during winter and summer. The gestation period is about ninety to hundred days (Whipsnade, ninety-two days). The litter normally consists of four cubs, rarely five. Of these, generally two survive and not more than one reaches maturity I have never come across more than two cubs at the heels of the mother. Likewise, graziers in the forest have generally found only two cubs hidden away among rocks, hollows of trees, and other impossible places.

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- (3) Panther cubs are generally in evidence in March. They are born blind. This is a provision of Nature against their drifting away from the place of safety in which they are lodged by their mother, and exposing themselves to the danger of there being devoured by hyenas, jackals, and other predators. They generally open their eyes in about three to four weeks.
- (4) The mother alone rears its cubs in seclusion. It keeps them out of the reach of the impulsive and impatient male. As a matter of fact, the mother separates from the male soon after mating and forgets all about their tumultuous union. The story that the male often looks in to find out how the mother is progressing with her cubs has no foundation except in what we wish it should do at least.
- (5) The mother carries its cubs about by holding them by the scruff of their neck in its mouth' It trains them to stalk, and teaches them how to deliver the bite of death to the prey. The cubs learn to treat all and sundry with suspicion at their mother's heels. Instinctively the cubs seek seclusion, keep to cover and protect their flanks by walking along the edge of the forest.
- (6) I have never had an opportunity to watch mother panther train its cubs. But in Pilibhit forests, I once saw a tigress giving some lessons to its little ones. I was sitting over its kill of Mala. As the sun set, the tigress materialized in the twilight behind my machan. For about an hour, it scanned and surveyed the entire area looking and listening with the gravest concern. It even went to the road where my elephant was awaiting my signal. The mahout spotted it from a distance and drove the elephant away.
- (7) When darkness descended upon the scene and all was well and safe, the tigress called its cubs by emitting a low haa-oon. The cubs, two in number and bigger than a full-grown cat, soon responded. They came trotting up to their mother and hurrried straight to the kill in indecent haste. The mother spitted at them-so furiously that they doubled back to its heels immediately. Thereafter, the mother and its cubs sat under cover about 50 feet (15m) away from the kill to watch, wait look, and listen. After about half an hour's patient and fidgetless vigil the mother seemed to say 'paid for'. At this signal, the cubs cautiously advanced covering their flanks, towards the kill. No longer did not they make a decline for it, as they had done before.
- (8) The mother sat watching its cubs eat, and mounted guard on them. She did not partake of the meals.

2.1. On the basis of your understanding of the passage complete the statements given below with the help of options that follow: 2 marks

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(a) To protect its cubs the mother panther hides them:

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- (i) among rocks.
- (ii) in the branches of the trees.
- (iii) behind the tree trunks.
- (iv) at its heels.
- (b) The male panther:

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- (i) is protective of its cubs.
- (ii) trains its cubs.
- (iii) watches the progress of the mother.
- (iv) is impulsive and impatient.
- 2.2. Answer the following questions briefly: 6 marks
 - (c) How many cubs does the mother panther rarely deliver?
 - (d) What may happen if the panther cubs are not born blind?
 - (e) Why did the mahouts dive his elephant away?
 - (f) why did the tigress spit at its cubs?
 - (g) From the narrator's observation, what do we learn about the nature of the tigers?
 - (h) Why does the panther not face the risk of extinction?
 - (i) Find words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following: 2 marks
 - (a) moving aimlessly (para 3)
 - (b) came down/fell (para7)

Ans. (a) (i)

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- (b) (iv)
- (c) The mother panther rarely delivers five cubs.
- (d) If the panther cubs are not born blind, they might drift away from the place of safety
- (e) The 'Mahout' drive his elephant away as he want him to be away from the sight of the panther.
- (f) The tigress spit at its cubs, as they do not make a beeline to the kill and to make them come back to her heels.
- (g) From the narrator's observation, the nature of the tigress is caring and loving towards her cubs. She even acts like a good teacher to her cubs.
- (h) The panther does not face the risk of extinction because of the safety provided by the mother panther. It enjoys wider distribution
- (i) (i) Moving aimlessly = drifting
 - (ii) Came down/fell = descended.

Q. 3. Read the passage given below: 8 marks

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People tend to amass possessions, sometimes without being aware of doing so. They can have a delightful surprise when they find something useful which they did not know they owned. Those who never must change house become indiscriminate collectors of what can only be described as clutter. They leave unwanted objects in drawers, cupboards and attics for years to believe that they may one day need them. Old people also accumulate belongings for two other reasons, lack of physical and mental energy, and sentiment. Things owned or a long time are full of associations with the past, perhaps with the relatives who are dead, and so they gradually acquire a sentimental value.

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Something are collected deliberately in an attempt to avoid wastage. Among these are string and brown Paper kept by thrifty people when a parcel has been opened. Collecting small items can be a mania. A lady cuts out from newspaper sketches of model clothes that she would like to buy if she had money. As she is not rich the chances are that she will never be able to afford such purchases. It is a harmless habit, but it litters up her desk.

Collecting as a serious hobby is quite different and has many advantages. It provides relaxation for leisure hours, as just looking at one's treasure is always a joy. Once doesn't have to go out for amusement as the collection is housed at home. Whatever it consists of - stamps, records, first editions of books, China-there is always something to do in connection with it, from finding the right place for the latest addition to verifying facts in reference books. This hobby educates one not only in the chosen subject, but also in general matters which have some bearing on it.

There are other benefits also. One gets to meet like-minded collectors to get advice/ compare notes, exchanges articles, to show off one's latest find etc. so, one's circle of friends grows. Soon the hobby leads to travelling, perhaps a meeting in another town, possibly a trip abroad in search of a rare specimen, for collectors are not confined to one country. Over the years one may well become an authority on one's hobby and will probably be asked to give informal talks to little gatherings and then, if successful, to larger audiences.

- (a) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and subheadings. Use recognisable abbreviations (Wherever necessary minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also, supply an appropriate title to it. 5 marks
- (b) Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words. 3 mark

Collecting-A Hobby

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1. Reasons why old people accu. belongings

1..1 lack of pyh. & mental energy

1.2 Sentiment

2. Colleng. things

2.1 Avoid wastage

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2.2Mania

3. Colleng. as a serious hobby

3.1 relxn. for leisure hours.

3.2 amusnt.

3.3 source of edu.

4. Other benefits of colleng.

4.1 growth of frnd circle.

4.2 travelling.

4.3 meeting in another town.

4.4 able to address audience.

Key to abbreviations

accu. = accumulating phy = physical colleng. =collecting relxn. =relaxation amusnt. =amusement edu. = education frnd. = friend

(b)

Summary

People unknowingly collect different kind of things. They leave unwanted objects in drawers, cupboards for years believing that they may use them in the future. The two reasons why old people accumulate belongings are due the lack of physical and mental energy and sentiment. Collecting small items can be to avoid wastage or it can be a mania. There are many advantages for those who has collecting as a serious hobby. It gives relaxation for leisure hours, amusement and it is a source of education. The other benefits of collecting are: there would be a growth of friend circle, it leads to travelling, meetings in another towns and even one can become an authority on one's hobby and will be able to address gatherings and audiences.

SECTION – B. 30 marks Writing Skills

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Q.4. You are Karan Kumar/Karuna Bajaj a leading lawyer practising in Surat. You want to buy an independent house at City Light Road to be used as office-cum-residence. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words for the classified columns of a local newspaper. You can be contacted at 45645678. *4 marks*

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Ans.

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PROPERTY

For immediate purchase, an independent house at City Light Road for office-cu residence. Exquisitely designed, self-contained 3/4-bedroom house with ultra-modem amenities, along with spacious hall for office set up. Car parking space is a must. Bonafide owners or dealers contact at xxxx78

OR

On 30th November your school is going to hold its annual sports day. You want Mr. Dhanraj Pillai, a noted hockey player to give away the prizes to the budding sportspersons of the school. Write a formal invitation in about 50 wards requesting him to grace the occasion.

You are Karuna/Karan, Sports Secretary, Sunrise Global School, Agra.

Ans.

The Principal, staff and the of Sunrise Global School, Agra, request the auspicious presence of Mr. Dhanraj Pillai at its annual sports day on 30'h November, 2016. To grace the occasion and to give away the prizes to the budding sports persons Of the school.

Karan

Secretary.

Q.5.Along with air and water pollution, our cities are also under an attack of noise pollution. Marriage processions, DJ's during wedding receptions, loud music from neighbourhood flats etc. are all source of noise which is not good for the old, the ailing and students. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local newspaper describing the problem and making a request to the concerned authorities to solve it. You are Karan/Karuna, M 114, Mall Road, Delhi. 6 marks

Ans.

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M-11.4, Ma11 Road Delhi 01't march 2016 The Editor Delhi Times Delhi. Sub: Problem of noise pollution Sir,

Through the esteemed column of your newspaper. I wish to draw the attention of the concerned authorities regarding the noise pollution caused by marriage processions and DJ's.

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Our is the quietest area in the city. However, for the last one year, Noise pollution has snatched peace and tranquillity from our lives. Loud speakers at marriage processions, DJ's during wedding receptions, loud music from neighbourhood flats and the holy noise during nights have become the biggest enemy of the restful sleep.

I hope the concerned authorities will take prompt steps in this direction to ease the situation.

Your truly,

Karan.

OR

In all big cities road rage, has become a serious problem. A minor scratch, a little push, or a small brushing past can lead to a scuffle sometimes resulting even in murder. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the Police Commissioner giving your views on the problem and its solutions. You are Karuna/Karan, M-L14, Mall Road, Delhi.

Ans.

M-114, Mall Road Delhi 1st March, 2016 The Police Commissioner Delhi Times Delhi, Sub: Increase in crime on city roads. Sir,

Requesting your kind attention toward the road rage resulting even in murder. As the no. of vehicles on Delhi. Roads are increasing day by day the problems are also increasing innumerably. In this heavy traffic, it is so common that the vehicles get minor scratches, a little push or a small brushing past which is resulting in the fight and even a murder.

None gets convinced in these situations and they start scuffling there and then on the road. Even in a fit of anger, they kill the other person. These kinds of incidents had taken place many times on Delhi road. This is because of poor traffic management and unskilled drivers. I think the problem can be handled by appointing the traffic volunteers and also by effective traffic management. I hope my views will be considered for public benefit.

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