

Important Notes

- (1) The number of questions to be attempted and their marks are given against each question.
- (2) Answer to each question should be written continuously in the answer book and should not be mixed with those of other questions. In the event of candidate writing answer to a question alongwith the other question, the answer shall not be examined.

Section- I

- 1 Write an essay in about two hundred words on any **one** of the following :
 - (a) A day in the life of a Police Constable.
 - (b) My visit to a Town Destroyed in an Earthquake.
 - (c) Advantages of Television.
- 2 (a) Write a letter to the Health Officer of your town municipality drawing his attention to the detereorating health conditions and suggesting ways of restoring conditions health.

OR

Write a letter to a friend telling him how to spend the long summer vacation usefully.

- 3 Read the Following paragraph carefully and answer the questions that follow it :

Nowadays everybody is talking about wildlife conservation. Many animals are in danger of extinction and must be saved : this is the plea of the conservationist. You may be wondering what he means when he says that a particular animal belongs to an endangered species. If you ask him, he will draw your attention to thwo dangers that threaten the wildlife of the world. Let us look at each of them. An animal may be said to be endangered when people begin to kill it indiscriminately. Elephants are killed for their ivory; alligators are killed for their skin; and several kinds of birds are killed for their feathers. If such killing is not checked these animals may become extinct. There is an even more serious threat to animals. When people cut down the trees of forest, the animals living there lose their home. Trees are cut for fuel or for timber, and little by little the forest area diminishes. Sometimes the distruction of the forest takes places with the connivance of the government, as when thousands of acres of forest are cleared to make way for a reservoir or a dam. The animals of the area are then pushed out of existance.

What does that at matter, you may ask. We can do without many of these animals. The world will be safer without poisonous snakes and maneating tigers.

But if one animal species is removed from the earh, it would be like removing one link from a chain. Wildlife is important as a vital part of our eco-system. Nature maintains a delicate balance among the plants and animals of the world. If we go on killing species after species of animals, we will be removing thread after thread from the cmplex tapestryof life until finally nothing will be left of life on earth.

Questions :

- (i) What is meant by conservation ?
- (ii) What threat faces the wildlife today ?
- (iii) Below in colum 'A' are given expressions that occur in passage. Find out which explanation from those given in column 'B' fits best each one of them in the context of the passage :

- | 'A' | 'B' |
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| (a) extinction | (a) ignoring what should be opposed and prevented. |
| (b) Tapestry of life | (b) those varieties of life forms which may soon disappear. |
| (c) Connivance | (c) Life pattern formed by a variety of living things. |
| (d) Endangered species | (d) Branch of biology deaing with habits of animals. |
| (e) Kill indiscriminately | (e) Complete destruction. |
| | (f) Make or become less |
| | (g) Destroying aimlessly and without making distinction. |
| (iv) How are animals in forests rendered homeless ? | |
| (v) For what different reasons are animals killed ? | |
| (vi) What will be the ultimate consequence of destroying the ecosystem ? | |

- 4 Make a precis of he following paragraph in about one-third of its length and give it a suitable title :

To the ordinary man, one kind of oil may be as important as another. But when the politician or the engineer refers to oil, he almost always means mineral oil, the oil that derives tanks, aeroplanes and warships, motorcars and diesel locomotives; the oil that is used to lubricate all kind of machinery. This is the oil that has changed the life of the common man. When it is refined into petrol it is used to drive the internal combus -tion engine. To it we owe the exist-

ence of the motor-car, which has replaced the private carriage drawn by the horse. To it we owe the possibility of flying. It has changed the methods of warfare on land and sea. This kind of oil comes out of the earth. Because it burns well, it is used as fuel and in some ways it is superior to coal in the respect. Many big ships now burn oil instead of coal. Because it burns brightly, it is used for illumination; countless homes are still illuminated with oil burning lamps. Because it is very slippery, it is used for lubrication. Two metal surfaces rubbing together cause friction and heat; but if they are separated by a thin film of oil, the friction and heat are reduced. No machine would work for long if it were not properly lubricated. The oil used for this purpose must be of the correct thickness; if it is too thin it will not give sufficient lubrication, and if it is too thick it will not reach all parts that must be lubricated. (264 words)

Section -II

5 (a) Rewrite the following sentences as directed :

- (i) As soon as the bus stopped, the waiting passengers made a rush to board it.
(Rewrite using "no sooner...than")
- (ii) The innocent young man was beaten up by the police by mistake. (Rewrite using in active voice)
- (iii) The villagers were too frightened after the earthquake to return home. (Remove "too")
- (iv) If you do not apologise for your behaviour, you will not be allowed to take the examination.
(Rewrite using "unless")
- (v) Paramjit was found to be the healthiest among the 100 children who took part in "healthy child" contest. (change to positive degree.)

(b) Fill in the blanks in the following with suitable articles "a", "an", "the" or "zero" if no article required:

Supernatural events have always held _____ fascination for mankind. At various times in history men have claimed to possess extraordinary mental or psychic powers, such as _____ ability to see ghosts or spirits, to talk with _____ dead and to foretell _____ future, scientists have ignored such claims as fictitious and unscientific.

(c) Fill in the blanks in the following passage with appropriate prepositions from those given here :

(of, since, for, in, on, at, from, with, by, upon)

The material _____ the clothes we wear comes _____ three sources. The first _____ these is plant fibre. The cotton _____ the clothes many _____ you are wearing comes _____ a plant that grows _____ many tropical countries. The second material is animal fibre. The wool obtained _____ sheep has been providing warm clothing to man _____ an-

cient times. The third source _____ material is artificial fibre : nylon, terylene, etc.

(d) In the following sets of words form words of another category as directed :

- (i) Truth, universe, religion, scholar (form adjectives)
- (ii) memory, joy, temptation, paint (form verbs)
- (iii) red, pure, sympathise, argue (form nouns)
- (iv) fold, adequate, inhale, complex (give antonyms)

(e) Make sentences, using any **two** of the following idioms so as to bring out their meaning :

- (i) to get on well with
- (ii) to be ill at ease
- (iii) at a stone's throw
- (iv) pros and cons.

(f) In the following supply the correct verb forms of those given in the bracket :

- (i) Mr. Wells _____ (visit) India several times in the past.
- (ii) The robbers _____ (flee) to safety before the police arrived.
- (iii) He failed because he _____ (not take) his examination seriously.
- (iv) My friend _____ (inaugurate) his new office tomorrow.
- (v) She had orders to finish all typing work before she _____ (leave).
- (vi) Vishal rushed into my room _____ (shout) cheerfully.

6 Turn the following conversational piece into the indirect form of narration :

Interviewer : When did you pass your B.Com examination, Mr. Joshi ?

Mr. Joshi : I cleared my B.Com. in June this year, Sir.

Interviewer : Did you clear it at the first attempt ?

Mr. Joshi : Yes, Sir.

Interviewer : I can see from your record that though you have passed your B.Com., yet you have failed to obtain second class.

Mr. Joshi : That's true, Sir, but...

Interviewer : No, Mr. Joshi. I don't want to hear excuse. You may have had very genuine reasons. But as an employer I am interested in your net achievement.

Mr. Joshi : But, Sir, if only you would give me one opportunity, I shall prove my worth.

Interviewer : Are you sure ?

Mr. Joshi : I am confident, Sir.

Interviewer : O.K. We will consider the matter and let you know in due course.

Mr. Joshi : Thank you very much, Sir.