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Paper : **MAJM105CCT -: English Journalistic Skills**

Total Marks: 70

Time: 3 Hours

Instructions:

This Question Paper consists of three parts: Part- A, Part-B and Part-C. Attempt all Parts.

Part-A contains 10 compulsory questions of very short answer type questions. Answers to be given in one word/sentence. Answer all questions. Each question carries 01 marks. (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

Part-B contains 08 questions, of which students are supposed to answer any 05 questions. Answer each question in 200 words. Each question carries 06 marks. (5 x 6 = 30 Marks)

Part-C contains 05 questions, of which students are supposed to answer any 03 questions. Answer each question in 500 words. Each question carries 10 marks. (3 x 10 = 30 Marks)

PART - A

1. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence. 10 x 1 = 10
- I. (Its / It's) not my fault that you have failed in your tests.
 - II. (Its / It's) been two years since they came to Hyderabad.
 - III. We must try our best to (cast / caste) away all prejudices.
 - IV. They forgot to take (their / there / they 're) printouts from the shop.
 - V. It is much (to / too / two) early to know if she has passed her exams.
 - VI. This recipe uses two cups of (floor / flour / flower) and 1/4 cup of sugar.
 - VII. The new fighter jet streaked (threw / through/ thorough) the clear blue sky.
 - VIII. The journalist interviewed the film star in his London hotel (sweat / sweet / suite).
 - IX. When our new car broke down, a neighbour kindly (toad / toed / towed) it home for us.
 - X. When she has finished her (coarse / course) she wants to pursue a career in advertising.

PART - B

2. Rewrite the sentences by eliminating the redundant words. 6 x 1= 6
- a) Have you read the latest biography of Mahatma Gandhi's life?
 - b) Once we get permission we will proceed ahead with the project.
 - c) At the present time, the company employs about 50 truck drivers.
 - d) In a major breakthrough, scientists could edit the genes of a mosquito.
 - e) Due to the pandemic, some colleges have postponed their exams for a later date.
 - f) When I joined the gym, I received a complimentary personal training session for free.
3. Fill in the blanks with the given prepositions. Any 6. 6 x 1= 6
- a) The market was crowded _____ tourists (for/on/with)
 - b) The bride looked stunning _____ her red dress. (in/with/for/on)
 - c) Would you care _____ a cup of tea? (for/ about / to with)
 - d) The attic was full _____ discarded boxes and cobwebs. (of / with / about)
 - e) The chain _____ the boy's neck is not made of gold. (round / around / about)
 - f) It is best to stop worrying _____ the past and look forward to the future. (for/ about/ of /since)

4. Chose the correct synonyms from the underline words given below: 6 x 1 = 6
- Sivasubramania Iyer's father was very conservative. (traditional / ideal / liberal / formal)
 - The attainment of a developed status by 2025 does not mean that we can then rest on our laurels. (Failures / rewards / wealth / criticisms)
 - Lakshmibai is the most famous Indian woman to have defied the British. (opposed / accepted / considered / Joined)
 - Salma is bored with her daily chores. (plans / obstacles / lessons / tasks)
 - Let no one admit impediments to the marriage of true minds. (love / mind / marriage / obstacles)
 - She made herself indispensable to her institution. (scanty / vital / meagre / negligible)
5. Rewrite the sentences by placing the misplaced modifiers in their proper places. 6 x 1 = 6
- John asked me to go for a ride on the telephone.
 - I showed my dog to the veterinarian with the fleas.
 - The man was stopped for speeding in the yellow jacket.
 - My grandparents gifted a puppy to my baby brother they call Tiger.
 - Jeff bought an old jeep from a corrupt dealer with a faulty transmission.
 - Sitting on the top shelf of the refrigerator, Ammi's birthday cake caught Salma's attention.
6. Rewrite the sentences after eliminating sexism. 6 x 1 = 6
- The philosopher uses his reason to guide him.
 - If the writer plans ahead, he will save a lot of effort.
 - Early man used a system of gestures to communicate.
 - The student is accorded freedom to pursue his own educational interests.
 - A business owner should always do his research before investing his money.
 - Because man is a being of many environments, his education should not confine him to a limited view of himself.
7. Punctuate the sentences: 6 x 1 = 6
- Oh God screamed the girl.
 - I prefer reading books to playing games said John.
 - She cleaned the table while I quickly laid the plates.
 - Tamanna wanted bread butter jam and cheese for breakfast.
 - I am looking forward to our next trip I am sure it will be great fun.
 - There are two busy shopping malls in Hyderabad Inorbit Mall and GVK Mall.
8. Change to Reported / Indirect Speech 1 x 6 = 6
- Kiran: 'My brother Jeevan is allergic to pineapples'.
 - Nazma to her driver: 'I'll be using the car next Friday'.
 - Sumit Awasthy to his mother: 'I am reading a book'.
 - Ajith Swamy to his friend: 'I will be in Geneva on Monday'.
 - Rita to the Shopkeeper: 'Show me the latest edition of the Harry Potter'.
 - The local MP to the electorates: 'We plan to make this city a safer place for everyone'.

9. Write a lead from the given points. Answer all. 2 x 3 = 6

Who	What	When	Where	Why	How
3 bus passengers	Seriously hurt	Sunday evening	Tolichowki	Brake fails	Bus hit a truck
Indian cricket team	wins Third Test	Saturday evening	Mohali	England all out in the second innings	Bowled for 89
Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)	Tested Supersonic missile using ramjet technology	Saturday evening	Chandipur-on-sea	To ensure the ground booster motor performed as expectations	By firing the prototypemissile developed last year

PART - C

10. Write a news report. (250 words) -10 marks

You are a reporter with the *Hyderabad Chronicles*. Write a report on the launch of an entertainment TV channel. The report must mention the names of the celebrities who attended the event and also carry quotes from the celebrities and the CEO of the new channel.

11. The World Health Organization (WHO) released a report on road traffic injuries in the world. Prepare a news report from the given points. Minimum 250 words. 10 marks.

- Road traffic crashes cost most countries 3% of their GDP.
- 1.35 million people die each year in road traffic crashes.
- 93% of the world's fatalities on the roads occur in Asian countries.
- More than half of all road traffic deaths are among pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists.
- Road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death for children and young adults aged 5-29 years.
- The UN Agenda for Sustainable Development 2030 has set a target of halving the global number of deaths and injuries from road traffic crashes by 2025.

12. Write a news report based on the point given in inverted pyramid style – Words limit 250 words (10)

One Village organization (VO) & two women self-help groups (SHG) from Telangana - selected for National Awards for best performing VO & SHG - Award sponsor: Union Ministry of Rural Development - Velugu Gramaikya Sangham, the VO from Mundrai village in Siddipet district, Telangana - Sri Balaji Mahila Sangham, the SHG from Chilkoor village, Rangareddy district, Telangana - Award to be presented on 15th August 2021 - Cash prize of Rs 1 lakh - VO worked for village sanitation - SHG worked for women empowerment through employment generation.

13. Write a report in inverted pyramid style in not more than 250 words. 10 marks.

Sai Kumar – 30 years - killed – 8.30 am – today - MG. Road, Hyderabad - motorcycle crashed into a road divider – 25th victim – this month - not wearing helmet – Steady rise in casualties – Last month, 24 people killed in road accidents - Figures released by the Traffic Police, Hyderabad - 75% of road accidents' deaths involved two-wheelers - Traffic Police's Proposal: Road Safety Week from 1st May – 7th May 2021.

14. Prepare a news report from the given infographic below. An insurance agency has released the figures for the leading cause of death in India for 2018 December -2019 November. 10 Marks

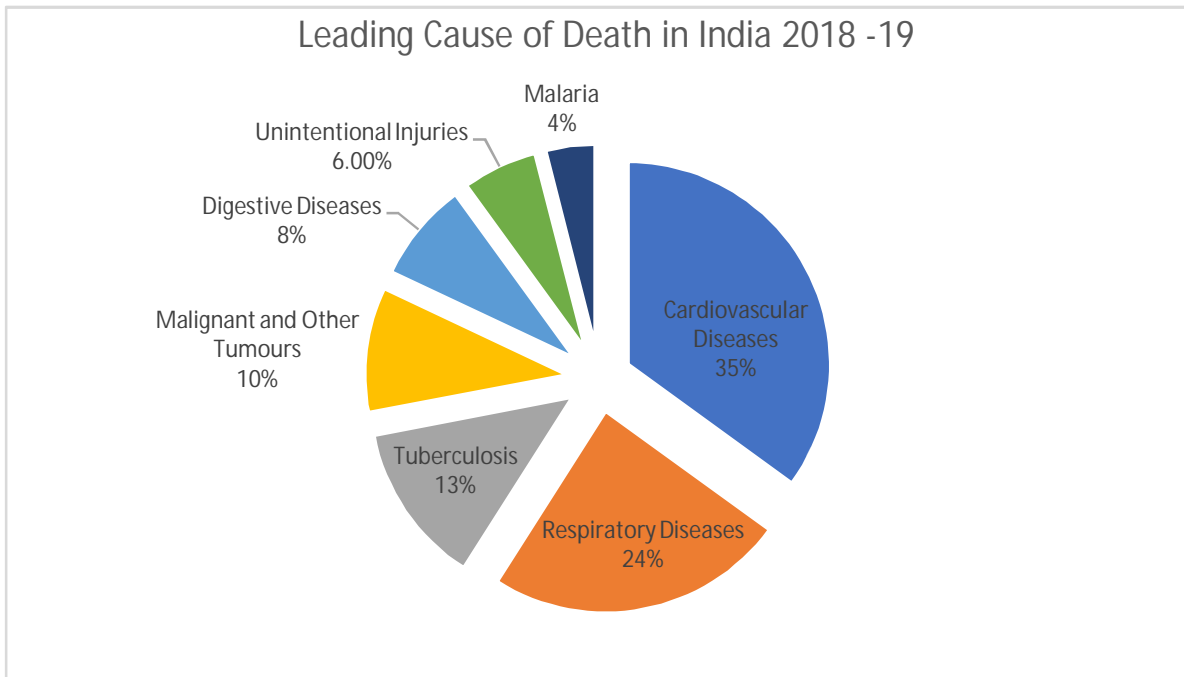


Figure 1. Figure released by XYZ Insurance Company.