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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

Group A. Answer any Questions. Each question carries 1 mark. 10 x 1 = 10

1. Use the necessary punctuation marks where appropriate.

- i. What a great book
- ii. He is a handsome strong healthy man.
- iii. Aslam ran towards me fell yelled and fainted.
- iv. Saneha wanted the black green and blue shoes
- v. The girl who is wearing a pink shirt is my cousin.
- vi. Arbaz Salim's brother gave a brilliant speech last night.
- vii. Road construction can be inconvenient but it is necessary.
- viii. The dinner consisted of *biryani haleem* plum cake and coffee.
- ix. After me my estate goes to my son daughter daughter-in-law and niece.
- x. The conference has people from New Delhi India Dhaka Bangladesh Colombo Sri Lanka and other places as well.

Group B. Answer Any 5 questions. Each Question Carries 6 marks. 1 x 6 = 6

2. Rewrite the following sentences after removing the sexist words and making them gender neutral.

- a) A good employee knows that he should strive for excellence.
- b) The person who wants his résumé to stand out will make sure it highlights his best points.
- c) A person applying for a job as a policeman should emphasize his honesty and responsibility.
- d) Someone seeking work as a computer programmer will highlight his experience with computers.
- e) Each laboratory assistant must perform the experiment at least once before he teaches it to the class.
- f) When a student applies for a job, he should prepare the best possible résumé because the businessman who is scanning a stack of résumés will read them all quickly.

3. Re-write sentences by placing the *Misplaced Modifiers* in the proper places in the space given below:

- a) While camping, I saw a bear in my tent.
- b) Villagers hunted elephants armed with spears.
- c) I brushed my teeth after eating with toothpaste.
- d) The dog was chasing the boy with the spiked collar
- e) My sister came in when I was cleaning the floor with her baby.
- f) Nafisa opened the package brought by the postman with a cry of delight.

4. The following sentences contain words that are redundant. Find them and put a ~~line~~ across them.
- Tim and Tom decided to return again for a second time to the old ancient house.
 - The consensus of opinion on the basic fundamentals created the shortest meeting of the year.
 - Mall researchers often interview and talk to many people who are respondents for their surveys.
 - In order to participate in the study, the patients had to be older than 35 years of age and citizens of India.
 - Although my future plans are uncertain, I intend to adhere to my basic and fundamental belief that humans were meant to be lazy.
 - In a very real sense, the side effects of today's pharmaceutical discoveries have created many health complications, including results that are not related to a drug's purpose.
5. Rewrite the sentences after correcting the dangling modifiers.
- I showed my dog to the veterinarian with the fleas.
 - While taking a shower, mother pounded on my door.
 - She watched her brother play cricket in her new clothes.
 - Aslam ate the tomato that he had grown in his tiffin-box.
 - She gave chocolates to the children wrapped in brown boxes.
 - The cat was rescued after the building had been set on fire by a fireman.
6. Use appropriate punctuation marks in the sentences.
- While he was eating lunch Salman suddenly felt ill
 - Salma who sat next to me in class lent me her notes
 - Farha wants to lose weight so she walks two miles every day
 - The concert tickets were expensive we went to the movies instead
 - Practice will be held before school in the afternoon at night and on Sundays.
 - Mr. Rahman the principal of the college gave the students a welcoming speech.
7. Convert sentences into reported speech. $5 \times 1 = 5$
- The woman said, 'I have seen nothing'.
 - Raju: 'I think I have sprained my ankle'.
 - The foreign visitors' group said, 'Jaipur is hot and dusty'.
 - Ashfaque said to his mother, 'I am going on a business trip to Pune'.
 - Mrs. Tandon said to her neighbour, 'I am positive I heard strange noises in the night'.
 - Vishal Rao, engineering student: "I decided to board any train that passes through my hometown".
8. Choose the right word from similar sounding words
- We had a quick _____ for lunch. (brake / break)
 - Farmers _____ seeds in the dirt. (sow / so / sew)
 - She _____ that she was in trouble. (knew / new/ know)
 - They _____ our proposal for the conference. (accepted / excepted)
 - We needed to borrow a cup of _____ to make our cookies. (floor / flour / flower)
 - Salim _____ Imran to copy his class notes as he was absent yesterday. (aloud / allowed)
9. Write a short news report from the points given below: Two persons killed — five injured — AC Bus skidded off the highway — plunged into a river - near Lonavla—83 kms from Mumbai — police said on Friday. Accident due to fog - vehicle going to Pune — Those killed included a seven years old girl child — injured admitted to Lonavla GB Pant Civil Hospital — conditions of one serious.

Group C. Answer Any 3 Questions. Each Question Carries 10 marks.

10. Make summary lead from the information given below

	Who	What	When	Where	Why	How
1	Diesel	price touch 6 months low	Tuesday evening	across India	The government reduced tax on imports	
2	Supreme Court	Will hear petition against import of onions from Turkey	Next week	New Delhi	Petitioner SK Naresh has filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) against it	
3	Crops worth Rs 600 crores	Destroyed	Saturday	Andhra Pradesh	Due to Cyclone Amphone	
4	1.5 lakh Americans	visited India	2022	Hyderabad	For Medical treatment	
5	Indian cricket team	Defeated South Africa by an Inning and 2 wickets	Today	In Goa Test	The South African failed to save a follow on.	By bowling out SA for 200 runs.
6	3 school children	Seriously hurt	Yesterday	Outer Ring Road	Their bus rammed into a truck	

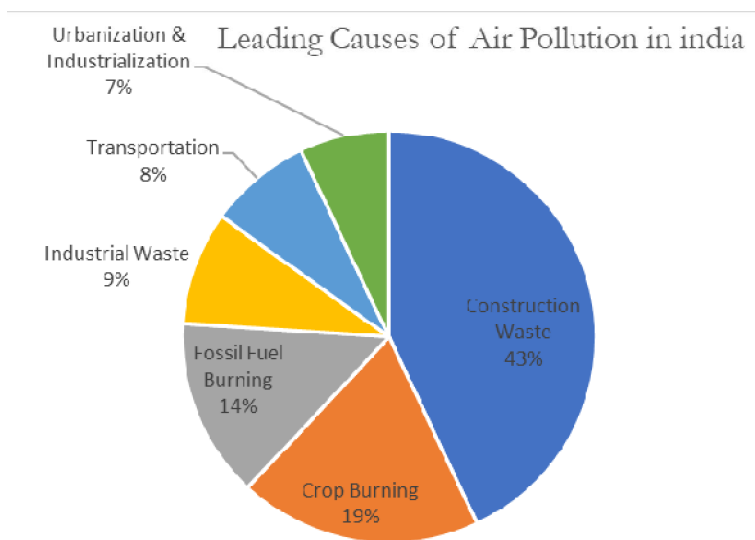
11. Write a report in 250 words from the given points. Suggest a suitable headline.

Floods in South Bihar - Mahananda, Gandak, Kosi, Bagmati rivers overflow – Bhagalpur, Purnea and Katihar districts worst hit – 20 lakhs people affected – 250 people killed - Rescue operations launched – Army called out – Continuous rain for 3 days - relief efforts hampered – compensation declaration shortly – MET dept. predicts more rain – red alert for West Bengal.

12. The Ministry of Road Transports and Highways has released the figures of deaths in road accidents for India 2021-22. Prepare a report from the information given below.

Leading Causes of Death in Road Accidents for India 2021-22	
Drunken/ intoxicated driving	22%
Jumping red lights	18%
Use of mobile phones while driving	16%
Over-Speeding	15%
Not wearing helmets	13%
Not wearing seat-belts	10%
Due to potholes	06%

13. According to *Save Earth* a leading environmental protection agency, the leading causes of pollution in India are given below. Write a news report base on the data given.



14. Use copyediting symbols to correct errors in the report below:

As the jobbmarket coontinuesto chngeto change, EMPLOYERS are looking for employees WHO can change and adapt to new technologies and processes. This makqsit impoortant to know whaat your soft skills are and how to display them effectively.SooftSKILLS are your personal characteristics that are displayed when you interact with others...

They could be persoonality, intellectual or eemotional traits, as well as other uniqque gifts you may have.Iffyou are uunsure of what yur soft skills are, it can be helpful to ask a few close friends, family members or colleagues to describe you using three adjectives. Additionally, taaking a strengths or personality assessment can help you to clarify your sooft skills. Identifying your set of soft skills iss critical tto effective professional development and for your job search.