

3 hours

Marks: 100

Please check whether you have got the right question paper.

N.B. 1. All questions are compulsory.

2. Figures to the right indicate maximum marks for each question.

3. Answers to the questions are to be written in full on the booklets provided.

Q.1 A) i) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles: (05)

___ bus bound for Pune halted at Karad where ___ lot of passengers got in; but as they did not get ___ place to sit, some of ___ passengers got down and ___ bus resumed its journey.

ii) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions: (05)

___ 30,000 rescue personnel have been kept ___ standby mode and all educational institutions ___ Puducherry will remain closed ___ account ___ the cyclonic storm.

Q.1 B) Do as Directed: (10)

- i) The project is a failure and this is obvious. (Rewrite as a Simple sentence)
- ii) Babita said to Geeta, "I want to purchase a car." (Change into Indirect Speech)
- iii) She is very weak and she cannot walk on her own. (Change into a Complex sentence)
- iv) The old man said, "Things have always been the same in this village." (Change into Indirect Speech)
- v) It has been raining since morning. (Add a Question Tag)
- vi) They don't like us. (Add a Question Tag)
- vii) She makes beautiful cakes. (Change the Voice)
- viii) Fight corruption. (Change the Voice)
- ix) Our departure _____ due to bad weather. (Fill in the blank with the Past Perfect form of the verb 'to delay')
- x) He _____ cricket for his country since 1991. (Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb 'to play')

Q.2 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (20)

It is my painful duty to have to record here my marriage at the age of thirteen. As I see the youngsters of the same age about me were under my care, and think of my own marriage, I am inclined to pity myself and to congratulate them on having escaped my lot. I can see no moral argument in support of such a preposterously early marriage.

Let the reader make no mistake. I was married and not betrothed. For in Kathiawad, there are two distinct rites – betrothal and marriage. Betrothal is a preliminary on the part of the parents of the boy and the girl to join them in marriage, and it is not inviolable. The death of the boy entails no widowhood on the girl. It is an agreement purely between the parents and the children have no concern with it. Often they are not even informed of it. It appears that I was betrothed thrice, though without my knowledge. I was told that two girls chosen for me had died in turn and therefore, I infer that I was betrothed three times. I have a faint recollection, however, that the third betrothal took place in my seventh year. But I do not recollect having been

informed about it. In the present chapter, I am talking about my marriage of which I have the clearest recollection.

It will be remembered that we were three brothers. The first was already married. The elders decided to marry my second brother, who was two or three years my senior, a cousin possibly a year older, and me, all at same time. In doing so there was no thought of our welfare, much less of our wishes. It was purely a question of their convenience and economy.

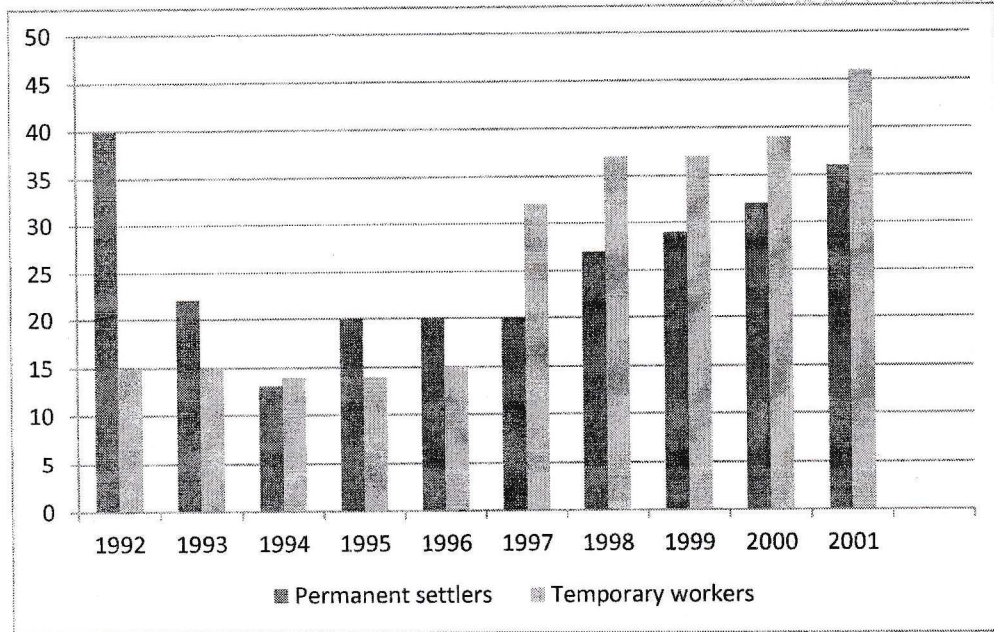
1. What does the writer wish to document? Quote the phrase that informs us of his feelings. 02
2. What does the writer tell us about the betrothal rite? 02
3. Does the writer have any recollection of his third betrothal? YES/NO
Quote the sentence that gives you the answer. 02
4. What were the reasons for the writer's early marriage? 02
5. The writer is arguing a case. State the main points made by him. Are these points based on sufficient evidence? Give examples of the evidence presented. 02
6. What does the phrase 'escaped my lot' mean? 01
7. Which heading would be most suitable for this passage?
 - a) The writer's Marriage
 - b) Customs in Kathiawad
 - c) Betrothal and Marriage01
8. Give the verb forms of the following words: 02
 - i. recollection
 - ii. argument
9. Give the noun forms of the following words: 02
 - i. moral
 - ii. purely
10. Find words in the passage that mean the following: 04
 - i. A formal promise to marry someone
 - ii. unbreakable
 - iii. completely unreasonable
 - iv. coming before an important action or event

Q.3 Answer any two of the following letters: (20)

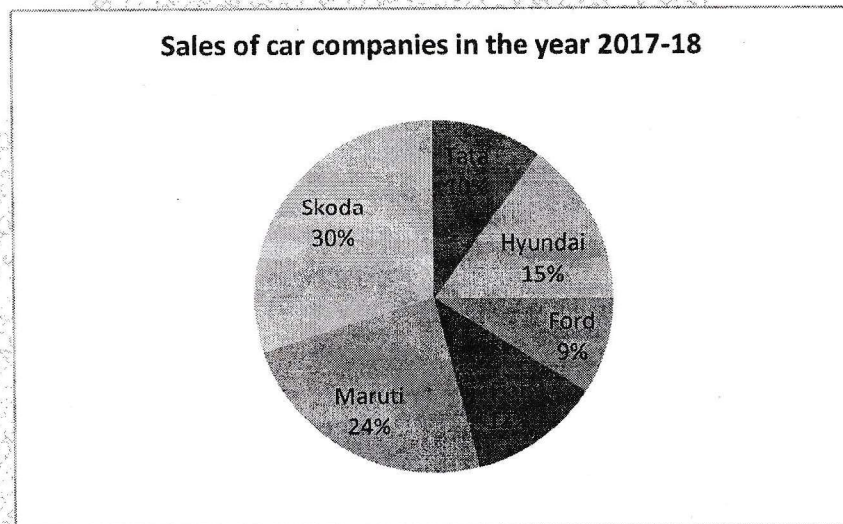
- i) Write an application letter for the post of Assistant Professor in English, SB College, Aurangabad.
- ii) You wish to pursue your doctoral degree in Economics from Cambridge University, England. Write a suitable Statement of Purpose for the same.
- iii) You have not received your money order from the post office in spite of its being due two months ago. Draft an application under the Right to Information Act for information regarding the same.

Q.4 A) Interpret the following data and write your analysis in around 150 words: (10)

Inflow of foreign workers in Australia 1992-2001



Q.4 B) Interpret the following data and write your analysis in around 150 words: (10)



Q.5 Attempt any one of the following essays: (250-350 words) (20)

- i) Importance of Yoga
- ii) Empowerment of Women
- iii) Impact of Social Media
