

Time: 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)

Ms Parrot has been offered up to ___ thousand dollars ___ hour to help solve mysteries such as ___ case of ___ Australian owl in ___ uniform.

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

Both the robbers divided the loot ___ themselves. The money ___ this crime was enough ___ each ___ them to settle ___ comfortably.

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

- i) In the event of your being late, you will not be allowed entry. (Rewrite as a Complex sentence)
- ii) Neither of the contestants ___ able to win a decisive victory. (Fill in the blank with correct form of the verb 'to be')
- iii) He may pass the test. (Change into Past Perfect tense)
- iv) Miracles don't happen every day. (Add a Question Tag)
- v) Somebody cooks the meal every day. (Change the Voice)
- vi) He said, "Will you come for the meeting?" (Change to Indirect Speech)
- vii) Visualizing a danger ahead, the traveller became cautious. (Rewrite as a Compound sentence)
- viii) The news ___ false. (Fill in the blank with Simple Present Tense form of the verb 'to be')
- ix) Rafique said to Ahmed, "Please wait." (Change to Indirect Speech)
- x) She is an excellent administrator. (Change into Future Tense)

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

Something strange was happening to residents of the Kalachi village in Kazakhstan. They just couldn't seem to keep their eyes open. Every day, several villagers just fell asleep in broad daylight and remained asleep for at least a couple of hours. Some of them had reported only waking up after a couple of days. There was no apparent reason for these "sleep incidents", and more than 100 residents had inexplicably fallen asleep when they weren't tired over the course of a few years.

In September 2014, several children who were attending school on the first day of the new academic year also fell asleep for no reason. Medical experts were unable to come up with a verified explanation, much less a "cure" or form of prevention. Naturally, some of those who suffered from this "condition" were terrified that they might die in their sleep.

Some of the "sleepers" had reported strange feelings of memory loss, vertigo and extreme nausea after waking from their sleep. Other symptoms even included hallucinations. In addition to all this, doctors have found that some of the people suffering from this ailment have suffered other health scares such as brain dysfunction and even strokes. The sleeping villagers are not good for the economy, not only are their hours of work lost, but this fear is causing many people to leave the area.

In 2015, scientists found conclusive evidence which provided a clue in this mystery. The culprit was an old disused Soviet-era uranium mine the village is built on, which was pumping out high levels of carbon monoxide, poisoning the villagers.

Hailing the breakthrough, Kazakh vice president Berdybek Saparbayev said, 'The cause of the bizarre sleeping illness has been determined. After numerous medical tests, our researchers have confirmed that carbon monoxide is to blame for the sleeping epidemic in Kalachi village.' When carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon levels rose in the disused uranium mine, oxygen levels fell in the village, he added. Tests independently verified by experts in Prague and Moscow – showed levels of carbon monoxide in the air to be ten times the normal levels.

Now as the cause is known, Kalachi is being evacuated. The state is currently running an evacuation plan, under which people are given a place to live in a new location. Some 68 of the 223 families there have already been moved – with the rest being relocated by the end of the year.

1. What is strange about the village of Kalachi? 01
2. Did this strange condition affect the kids of Kalachi? YES/NO 02
Quote a sentence that gives you the answer.
3. Make a list of some of the serious ailments suffered by the people of Kalachi. 02
4. What does the word 'culprit' in Para 4 of the passage refer to? What was its fault? 02
5. What have the scientists concluded regarding the mystery? 02
6. Discuss the evacuation plan elaborated by the state. 02
7. Give the noun form of the given words: 02
 - a) Academic
 - b) Sleepless
8. Give antonyms for the given words: 02
 - a) Naturally
 - b) Abnormal
9. Find words from the passage that mean the following: 05
 - a) The action of stopping something from happening
 - b) Something that seems real but does not really exist
 - c) Something that has not been or cannot be explained
 - d) An outbreak of disease that spreads quickly and affects many
 - e) Move people from a dangerous to a safe place

Q.3

Answer any two of the following letters:

(20)

- i) Write an application letter in response to the following advertisement:
"Wanted management graduates with minimum five years' experience in the marketing field for the post of Senior Marketing Manager in a Multinational Company. Candidates with knowledge of spoken French will be preferred. Apply to P.O. Box 25, The Times of India, Mumbai – 400001."
- ii) Apply under the Right to Information Act for information regarding the bad condition of the road leading to your college.
- iii) Sara Thomas wants to apply to the Oxford University for a post-graduate programme in English Literature. Write out Sara's Statement of Purpose.

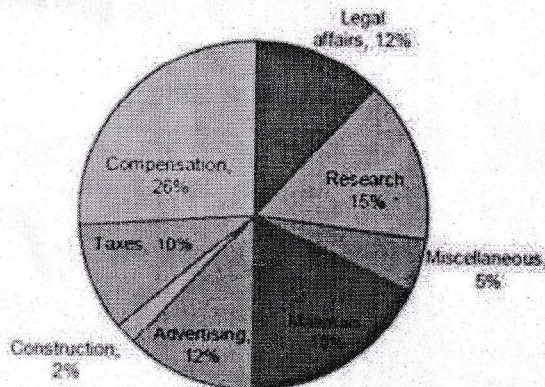
Q.4 A) Interpret the following data and write your analysis in around 150 words: (10)

Expenditures of a company (in Rs. Lakh) per annum over the given years

Years	Salary	Fuel and Transport	Bonus	Interest on Loans	Taxes
2000	288	98	3.00	23.4	83
2001	342	11	2.52	32.5	108
2002	324	101	3.84	41.6	74
2003	336	133	3.68	36.4	88
2004	420	142	3.96	49.4	98

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

Data of expenditure of major industries in 2017



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

- i) Environmental Degradation and Plastic Ban
- ii) The Selfie Mania
- iii) Importance of Cultivating a Hobby in Today's World
