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HPSAS (Main)—2016

GENERAL ENGLISH

(Compulsory)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 150

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. Don't lift sentences from the passage, use your own language in the answers. The length of an answer should be between 3 to 5 sentences (except for the last one) : 18

Education and learning are about acquiring knowledge by study and experience, while wisdom is about judiciously applying this knowledge and experience to critical or practical situations that demand common sense as well. The purpose of education is to improve in knowledge, behaviour and

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work for the betterment of society. The purpose of learning is to acquire knowledge or skill by study and experience to gain a means of livelihood. Learning is a lifelong process that puts in memory the experiences of life so as to avoid mistakes in future. But it is only wisdom that makes a person complete to deal with critical situations in practical life. In addition to learning by study and experience, it requires a common sense to supplement intelligence and training of mind to mix emotions and intuitive power justly in suitable proportion. The ultimate aim in all processes of acquiring knowledge and experience is to become a better person. The right mix of human faculties of thought, memory and intuition flowers in a person through hard work,

patience and regular practice by right thinking, right speech and right action.

Questions :

- (i) How can one become a balanced human being ? 4
- (ii) Why must society promote education ? 4
- (iii) Why is education a vital tool for gaining wisdom ? 4
- (iv) Why can there be no shortcuts to learning ? 4
- (v) Give a suitable title to the passage. 2

2. Make a precis in 1/3rd length of the following passage. Give a suitable title to it. Use your own words in the precis : 20+2=22

A country is deemed great only when its citizens are proven great—great in attitudes, acts, conduct and

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discharge of public responsibilities. These qualities require that people are honest in words and deeds, maintain integrity in discharge of duties entrusted to them. These qualities are to be developed in persons during their growing days. India, a country of great reputation for its civilization, culture, and perfection in attitudes from the oldest of times finds itself suffering from erosion of values. It is time the situation is studied in a holistic and objective manner and steps taken to set the things right without any delay.

After attaining independence this country has made rapid progress in the field of education. Here what is meant by education is removal of illiteracy. During the pre-independence days the rulers of the day had a vested interest in keeping the general

population illiterate and semi-literate. This helped them to maintain their full hold on the people. The education imparted, further, had a heavy bias towards this end.

The need for literacy is too obvious to need explanation. Though the need for a high level of literacy is a basic requirement, it is only one aspect of the total development that an individual can be bestowed with through a properly conceived system of education at childhood. As can be easily realized, the broad term of education comprises besides raising the standards of literacy of the masses, creation of a large army of personnel with a high level of knowledge in specific fields such as technology, engineering, science, medicine etc., so as to run

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institutions meant for the welfare of the society. However, there is lack of clear policy guidelines, lack of motivation and a sad absence of policy aimed at introducing innovative programmes at each stage of the system. (304 words)

3. Write an essay in about 250 words on : 40

We need to go beyond talks to tackle pollution.

Or

What will be, will be.

Or

Resurgent India : Myth or Reality.

4. Complete the second sentence in the following so that the meaning is similar to the first : $5 \times 2 = 10$

(a) I'm sorry that I didn't take your advice. = I regret

(b) My wife said that I was a liar. = My wife
accused

(c) Shall I call you tomorrow ? = Do you
wish ?

(d) I'd better not leave you right now. = I'd like
to

(e) She doesn't play Hockey any more. = She has
given up

5. 'They don't know who you are'.

Make suitable changes in the above sentence to fulfil
the following requirements : 5×2=10

(a) Change the sentence into assertive (positive)
form.

(b) Change the sentence into interrogative form.

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(c) Replace 'They' with 'She', making other changes in the sentence.

(d) Convert it into an indirect sentence beginning with 'He said that'

(e) Convert it into an indirect sentence beginning with 'He is saying that'

6. Use the following as verbs to meet the requirement specified against each in brackets : $5 \times 2 = 10$

(a) Tally (present simple tense)

(b) Pay (past simple tense)

(c) Achieve (present perfect tense)

(d) Arrive (present continuous tense)

(e) Bother (present perfect continuous tense)

7. Change the voice of the following sentences :

5×2=10

- (a) Students don't use this facility commonly.
- (b) The courtyard is cleaned everyday by the special staff.
- (c) My friend advised me not to carry cash.
- (d) We'll explain everything some day.
- (e) What has upset you ?

8. Provide interrogative words to the following :

10×1=10

Whya..... roads in India crumble so quickly ?
.....b..... we in no position to learn from our
mistakes ?c..... long shall we keep ignoring
tragedies ?d..... lessons has NHAI learnt ?
.....e..... India a heartless nation ?f.....

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mustg..... things gone wrong ?h.....
we care for our citizens ?i..... this go on ?
.....j..... will take responsibility for this
scenario ?

9. Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions in the
following dialogue : 10×1=10

‘What time did you arrivea..... the party ?
You must have been very late,b..... I never
saw you while I was there.’

.....c..... tell you the truth,d..... I didn’t
want to be seene..... the company
.....f..... of that rascal, I didn’t go there
.....g..... all.’

‘Whichh.....’ the two are you referring
.....i....., Dimpy or his boss ?’

‘Neither. I was concernedj..... the host.’

10. Supply the correct articles (a, an, the) in the blanks below. If no article is required, put 'o' in the blank : 10×1=10

There wasa..... accident as I was going home
.....b..... last night. Asc..... result two
people got injured and were taken tod.....
hospital. Out ofe..... two, one was
.....f..... nomad andg..... other
.....h..... orphan.i..... latter is said to be
inj..... critical state.