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Maximum Marks : 100

Note : All questions are compulsory.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

There are many who believe that to turn spiritual you have to change your wardrobe, diet and lifestyle and adopt a sombre and boring pattern. This does not appeal to those who continue in their materialistic ways. A few inspired ones change everything except their thinking ! They fail to benefit, get frustrated and give up. Rare is the wise one who focuses only on 'attitude'. And succeeds ! You have a fundamental choice in every situation, at every moment. You can be unhappy and complain. Or you can be happy and cheerful.

It has nothing to do with the world or what it presents. You could have the best of things and still be miserable. You may have nothing and yet be deliriously happy. The difference is in your attitude. In life, everyone is denied a few things. But all of us have been blessed with millions of gifts. If you focus on what you do not have, you will be unhappy. If you choose to focus on the things you have, you are grateful and you develop an irresistible desire to share, contribute, and give. This gives you happiness. It is all in the mind !

The most precious things come free, which you do not even consider ! You remain absolutely oblivious of all that can be yours for the asking ! Hence you live life feeling deprived and deficient when, in fact, you could be totally fulfilled and abundant. An object is red in colour because it reflects red. It gains what it gives and loses the other colours it takes. So shift your focus from 'what can I gain' to 'how can I add value to others' and success will be yours. Besides, all selfish people are unhappy. To the extent you turn unselfish you will be happy. Unselfish giving gives immense joy and lasting happiness.

Do you have conflict with the people you love the most ? Do you blame the 'other person/s' for it ? Maybe it has to do with your attitude. Do you have expectations of your family members ? Do you make demands on your spouse and children ? Do you always expect your friends to do things for you because you are good friends ? This is not love. It is attachment. Love tainted with selfishness is attachment. You only love yourself. You claim to love because they happen to cater to you in some way. This causes conflict and untold suffering. In the end you lose them. This could happen with your family members or dear friends who you think you love, but who you are actually attached to, for your selfish purpose.

Physically hanging on to spouse, children and friends does not make for meaningful relationships. You need to earn their love and respect. Shift your stance from 'hanging on' to 'letting go' — from binding them to releasing them from your clutches; from focussing on your happiness to enabling their fulfilment. Accept them for what they are, not for what they can do for you. The world and all that it offers is temporary, fleeting, passing. Understand the transient nature of the world while living in it and you will be happy.

- (a) After reading the passage, complete the sentences below :
- (i) Being happy or unhappy depends upon _____ .
 - (ii) Thinking only about the things you do not have will _____ .
 - (iii) To succeed in life start thinking about what you can do for others instead of _____ .
 - (iv) If you think with gratitude, about the gifts you have received from life, you will be a _____ .
 - (v) A feeling of gratitude for what you are blessed with, makes you want to _____ .
 - (vi) You keep thinking that you are deprived and deficient because you do not _____ .
 - (vii) Making demands on your family members is an expression of your _____ .
 - (viii) You are likely to lose your loved ones if _____ .
 - (ix) Instead of having a tight hold on those you love, you should _____ .
 - (x) You will derive happiness in life, if you understand that _____ .

(b) State whether the following statements are *True or False* :

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- (i) There is a direct correlation between happiness and unselfishness.
- (ii) Selfish love is free of attachments.
- (iii) Always thinking about what you do not have is sure to make you unhappy.
- (iv) You gain by taking not by giving to others.
- (v) Everything in the world is permanent and unchanging.

(c) Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate words from those given below. You may change the form of the word if required.

(e.g. – materialistic – materialism)

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Choose from :

materialistic, abundant, irresistible, oblivious, wardrobe

- (i) Our country has an _____ of natural resources but these need to be preserved.
- (ii) Heena's _____ contains both Western and Indian dresses.
- (iii) I find cakes and pastries absolutely _____. I find it difficult to say no to them.

- (iv) Renu was _____ of the fact that she was being followed by a stranger. When she noticed him she screamed.
- (v) In this _____ world it is very difficult to find a person who is really contented with his existence.

2. Fill in the blanks with the adverbs. You may use an adverb more than once.

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increasingly, easily, frequently, highly, surprisingly, emotionally, relatively, often

Today's business leaders maintain a _____ (a) higher profile than their predecessors did. They _____ (b) enjoy being on centre stage. This love of the limelight comes from their narcissism. These business personalities are _____ (c) being seen as the makers and shapers of our public life. They can _____ (d) be distinguished from weak, low profile leaders. People look to them _____ (e) for thoughts on everything — from e-commerce to travel to entrepreneurship. However, quite _____ (f), there is a dark side to the picture. Narcissists are _____ (g) isolated and _____ (h) distrustful. Not _____ (i) most people think of them in a _____ (j) negative way.

3. Use the correct degree of adjectives given below in the brackets :

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- (a) This is a _____ (beautiful) landscape than the one you painted last year.
- (b) The bag is too _____ (heavy). I cannot lift it.
- (c) My English teacher is the _____ (inspiring) person I've ever met.
- (d) Raima is _____ (interested) in watching movies. She does not like to read books.
- (e) It is _____ (good) to be careful before taking any important decision rather than being hasty.
- (f) This tunnel is _____ (long) than the one we went through earlier.
- (g) People who are _____ (kind) at heart do better in life.
- (h) Rashmi has decided to go on a hike up the _____ (high) mountain in Italy.
- (i) This is the _____ (safe) medicine to give. It has no side effects.
- (j) The owner of the school, who is a _____ (generous) person, made arrangements to educate the poor children free.

4. Identify the main clause in the sentences given below. Write the main clause only in your answer book.

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- (a) Mary Kom is the woman athlete who won a medal in Boxing at the 2012 Olympic Games.
- (b) Because it was very hot in the room, I opened the window.
- (c) When she heard a noise behind her, she looked out.
- (d) When I reached the railway station, I found that the train had left.
- (e) A coffee-maker is a machine that makes instant coffee.

5. Use linkers to join the phrases or sentences given below :

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- (a) It was a wet day. We decided not to go out.
- (b) My parents aren't at home today. You can meet them tomorrow.
- (c) Do you like to read books ? Do you like to watch movies ?
- (d) Suman has never been to Delhi. I've been there twice.
- (e) A new restaurant has opened in the Ace Mall. Have you been to it ?

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions.

Choose from :

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after, in, among, over, at, for, up, before, on, till

- (a) The windows haven't been cleaned _____ weeks.
- (b) We were _____ the airport in good time.
- (c) I am not interested _____ anything that you did in the past.
- (d) Ramesh was so absorbed in his work that he did not even look _____ when I entered the room.
- (e) We'll wait here _____ it stops raining.
- (f) He was happy to be _____ friends.
- (g) Please read the document carefully _____ you sign it.
- (h) The Shatabdi started _____ time.
- (i) Don't bathe immediately _____ eating.
- (j) There is a bridge _____ the river.

7. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate verb forms of the verbs given in the brackets :

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(a) We thoroughly _____ (enjoy) Mr. Singh's visit to our farm house.

(b) I _____ (be) grateful, if you give an early reply to my letter.

(c) Ritu asked Samita, 'How long _____ (learn) English ?'

(d) You must _____ (leave) your gloves in the car last night.

(e) I _____ (look) through my old album. There are many pictures of my school days.

8. The government is really concerned about providing health care to those living below the poverty line. Write an essay giving arguments for and against the new scheme of providing free health care and treatment to the poor.

(200 words)

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9. Your friend Kirti is joining a new college. Write a letter to her congratulating her and advising her to remain focused on her studies. Also advise her to participate in club activities that the college offers.

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10. Imagine you are a newspaper reporter. You were present at the inauguration of the National Book Fair in your city. Write a short report of the event for your newspaper.

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