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ENGLISH—I**

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : *Answer all questions.*

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

In the culture of its origin, the Aztec, chocolate was referred to as the food of the Gods. Thus, it is not surprising in modern civilization the dark chocolate is good for the heart. This discovery has two different, even contradictory aspects to it. In the modern West, chocolate has become an integral part of dating and courtship etiquette. Chocolate has become part of dining

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habits; a box of mints or petit four after dinner is de regeur for fine dining. But now, if the latest medical research is to be accepted, chocolate is acquiring functions which go far beyond the lover's gesture and the gastronome's delight.

A study published by the American Heart Association states that dark chocolate can actually lower blood pressure. This action is a function of compounds, called flavonoids, found in chocolates. Chocolates thus serve not only to win heart but they are good for heart in general. No wonder the Aztecs, in their wisdom, held that chocolates were something that could be offered to the Gods. From sheer delight, chocolate is poised to become a medicine. This will bring a smile to the faces of chocolate manufactures and chocolate lovers. This joy should not take away from what actually the medical research is saying. Not all kinds of chocolates are good for the heart, but only dark chocolate is. This point is not without importance.

Most of the common brands of chocolates that are readily consumed off the shelves are not of the dark variety. They are what is known in the trades “milk chocolate”, which means that the cocoa content in those chocolates is low. In India, milk chocolates are chocolates mixed with other ingredients like nuts and fruits are so popular that dark chocolates are difficult to find. Dark chocolates, like most good things of life, are an acquired taste. Not many take to the pleasantly bitter taste of the dark brown chocolate. Most prefer the sweetened form. The Aztecs would have turned up their noses at such a concoction. They drank their chocolate, and they drank it in its dark unsweetened form.

Despite modern man’s fascination with it, chocolate retains some of its ancient mysteries. This is invoked in the name given to the latest discovery of the house of Valrhon. The name is the Sanskrit word ‘Manjari’ meaning bouquet. It is made from 100 per cent criollo beans, from

a single plantation in the Indian Ocean, the location of which is a house secret.

1. (a) Answer the following questions :
 - (i) Discuss the two contradictory aspects of chocolates in the west. 2
 - (ii) How is the Aztec wisdom regarding chocolate borne out by medical research in the present time ? 2
 - (iii) Discuss the statement “Chocolates thus serve not only to win heart but they are good for heart in general.” 2
 - (iv) How did the Aztecs have their chocolate ? How is it different from modern times ? 2
 - (v) Give a suitable title to the passage. Give reason(s) for it. 2
- (b) Pick out words/phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following : 5
 - (i) opposing (para 1)
 - (ii) essential (para 1)
 - (iii) code of behaviour (para 1)
 - (iv) likely to become (para 2)
 - (v) looked down upon (para 3)

- (c) Make sentences of your own with the following words from the passage : 5
- (i) Consumed
 - (ii) Ingredients
 - (iii) Connection
 - (iv) Fascination
 - (v) House secret
2. (a) Complete the following phrasal verbs by inserting an appropriate adverb : 5
- (i) Despite our efforts, the negotiations have brokenagain.
 - (ii) I lookto seeing you in the near future.
 - (iii) To getsecurity, you'll have to fill in a form.
 - (iv) He ranan enormous phone bill.
 - (v) I can't get to Mumbai next week, so I'm going to putmy visit to next month.

(b) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets : 5

(i) Unless we invest in our staff, they(not stay) with the company.

(ii) She recently(decide) to move to London.

(iii) Is that what those men.....(work) on when I(come) in.

(iv) After the initial launch, we(plan) to extend it to rest of the country.

3. Write a paragraph in about **150** words on any **one** of the following : 10

(i) The effects of climate change.

(ii) Urbanization is destroying our cultural fabric.

(iii) My favorite book.

(iv) Physical well-being and mental health are interrelated.

(v) A famous person who has impacted me the most.

4. Write a dialogue between you and your friends in about 10-12 turns : 10

Your friend and you discuss about a rule in your college which you would like to change.

Or

You and your brother are discussing about the place where you would like to go for a vacation.