

2023

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

Group-A carries very short answer type compulsory questions. Answer 4 out of 6 subjective/descriptive questions given in Group-B.

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

## GROUP—A

1. Answer all questions in one word : 1 × 10

- (i) Write the correct form of verb : I ~~wait~~  
(wait) for the bus since morning.
- (ii) Correct the sentence : She is married with  
a teacher.

- (iii) Change the voice : When is a car going to be bought by you ?
- (iv) Change the narration : Tom asked, 'Do you want to sit here ?'
- (v) Write the correct form of adjective : It is darken  
~~dark~~ tonight than it was last night.
- (vi) Join the sentence : I have to support my family. I want to find a job.
- (vii) Write the opposite of BARBAROUS.
- (viii) Write the synonym of MAD.
- (ix) Write the correct form of noun : There is no place  
on the bus. (place/room)
- (x) Fill appropriate article : I bought an  
umbrella to go out in the rain.

2. Write a short note in 120 words on India at 75. 5
3. Write a short note in 120 words on Vocational Courses. 5

( Turn Over )

## GROUP B

Answer any *four* questions : 20 × 4

4. Read the following prose passage and answer the questions that follow :

Gandhiji was a first-class nurse to the sick.

1. Where he picked up nursing was a mystery. He certainly did not pass through a nursing school. As in many other things, when nursing became necessary to him in life, he learned it by the hard way of experience. In the Ashram at Sabarmati, all sick persons came directly under his eye and care. Doctors were, of course, consulted : but the care of the sick, Gandhiji arranged in person.

2. It was a joke, especially among the people in the Ashram that if you wanted to see Gandhiji every day and talk to him and hear him crack jokes, you had only to be ill and get into bed ! For Gandhiji visited the sick every day, spent a few minutes at every bed-side, himself saw to things carefully and never failed to crack a joke or two with the patient. There was no day, too busy for Gandhiji to attend sick persons.

There was once a young lad who went down with dysentery. He had done his best to accustom himself to Ashram food, but failed. He had a great

liking for coffee. But in the Ashram there was no coffee for him nor was coffee allowed. In good time, he got rid of his dysentery and was now recovering. Gandhiji visited him for a few minutes every day during his usual rounds. Those few minutes were like a tonic to the poor lad.

He pined for a cup of good coffee. One day he was lying on his back dreaming of it when he heard the welcome sound of the wooden sandals of Gandhiji. A minute later Gandhiji entered with his never-failing smile and cheering word.

He looked at the lad and said, 'Now you are decidedly better. You must have recovered your appetite. What would you like to eat ? Ah! some good uppama or dosai ?'

Gandhiji evidently knew all about the lad's partiality for these two good old South Indian dishes. Gandhiji was laughing. The youngster had a sudden brain-wave.

'Could I have a cup of coffee, please,' he blurted out.

Gandhiji answered with a peal of laughter, 'Oh, you old sinner, that is what you want !' And then seeing the look on the lad's face, he added, 'You certainly shall have your cup of coffee. Yes, light

coffee will soothe your stomach. And what will you have with the coffee ? I don't think we can make uppama or dosai, but warm toast would go well with coffee. I shall send you a tray.'

Gandhiji's cottage was at the other end of the Ashram. Gandhiji himself prepared the coffee because his wife was taking rest. It was an untimely hour. He did not want to give unnecessary trouble to anyone. Coffee was light but excellent. The young lad was troubled when he thought that he had given trouble to Gandhiji to prepare coffee and toast for him.

- (a) What was a mystery ? 2
- (b) What was the joke about Gandhiji ? 2
- (c) What was served with coffee ? 2
- (d) Why was the young lad troubled ? 2
- (e) Where was Gandhiji's cottage in the Ashram ? 2
- (f) Why did Gandhiji himself prepare coffee ? 2
- (g) Choose from the passage the words that mean : 4

- (i) something that is difficult to understand or to explain
- (ii) being used to
- (iii) learnt
- (iv) recuperating

(h) Write a précis of the paragraph 4

5. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follows :

Whose woods these are I think, I know,  
His house is in the village though;-  
He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farm house near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year.  
He gives his harness bells a shake  
To ask if there is some mistake.  
The only other sound's the sweep  
Of easy wind and downy flake.  
The woods are lovely, dark and deep

But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep.

- (a) Where does the owner of the woods live ? 2
- (b) Who wishes to stop and where ? 2
- (c) What type of evening was that of the year ? 2
- (d) Why does the horse think that the rider has made some mistake ? 2
- (e) What other sounds did the poet hear in woods ? 2
- (f) Why did the horse shake its harness bells ? 2
- (g) Choose from the passage the words that mean : 4
- (i) covered with ice
- (ii) the leatherwork by which a horse is controlled
- (iii) beautiful
- (iv) forest
- (h) Write a summary of the poem. 4

6. You attended a conference on 'The Impact of Social Media on Mental Health'. Write a report on it.
7. Write a paragraph in 250 words on your favourite Web-Series or TV show.
8. You are Avinash/Anika, the president of Pearl Society, Adarsh Nagar, There is a shortage of water and infrequent availability of water for the last three weeks which is causing issues for the residents. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper voicing the problems and issues faced by the residents of your society.
9. Prepare your Resume.

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