

## English Language & Indian Culture - 2009

**Note-** All questions are compulsory. Separate instructions are given for each section.

### Section-A

1. Answer the following questions in one or two sentence (any 5)-
- What did Amalkanti work as?
  - Is the poet present in the poem 'Sita'?
  - Who made a tryst with destiny?
  - Like peace, which three things are indivisible?
  - What does Ghalib mean when he says he eats cloth?
  - How does Mahabharat inspire us?
  - Why, according to Aurobindo, Nationalism is immortal?
  - 'Time is one but its expressions many'. Where has this quotation been extracted from?
  - What did the Katha Upanishad say about the body of man?

### Section-B

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow it.

A great part of Arabia is desert. Here there is nothing but sand and rock. The sand is so hot that you cannot walk over it with your bare feet in the daytime. Here and there in the desert are springs of water that come from deep down under the ground - so deep that the sun cannot dry them up. These springs are few and far apart, but wherever there is one, green grass very soon covers the ground all around it. Soon fig trees and palm trees grow tall and graceful, making a cool, green, shady place around the spring : such a place is called an oasis.

#### Questions :

- What is Arabia famous for?
- Why is travelling difficult in Arabia?
- How do travellers quench their thirst?
- What is an oasis?
- Make sentence : Desert, Spring.

### Section- C

3. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on any one of the following topics -
- All that Glitters is not Gold.

- Importance of trees.
- Role of computers in our lives.

4. Match the words given in column 'A' with their meaning in column 'B' (any five)-

A	B
(a) Zenith	accept
(b) Hectic	hate
(c) Impressive	disappear
(d) Recognize	desert
(e) Contempt	without rest
(f) Vanish	the highest point
(g) Abandon	very remarkable

Do as directed (any ten) –

Insert suitable modals in the following sentences –

- (i) You ..... clean your room.
- (ii) ..... I come in Sir?
- (iii) we ..... visit the Taj tomorrow.

Combine the following pairs of sentences with suitable conjunctions –

- (iv) He is poor;  
He is honest
- (v) Gandhiji was kind,  
Gandhiji was gentle
- (vi) The child ran away  
The child was afraid

Choose the correct tense form of verbs given in brackets in the following sentences –

- (vii) Gandhiji ..... every morning (Pray).
- (viii) He ..... letters for two hours. (write)
- (ix) The little girl ..... down while she ..... (fall, run)

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions in the following sentences –

- (x) What is the time ..... your watch.
- (xi) Our path is beset ..... difficulties.
- (xii) Silk-worms feed ..... mulberry trees.

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