

Note : All the questions carry equal marks.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 4

So we as a family always opposed and fought against apartheid. People think that everybody who opposed apartheid was in Jail. That was not quite correct. For example, in the 1970s I gave a lecture to the South African Chamber of Commerce and the title of my talk was, 'why we deserve to be called Nazis. I compared the laws that the Nazis made against Jews to the laws that apartheid made. For example, the Nazis had job reservation: Jews could not enter certain jobs, which was the case also with apartheid.

Questions :

- What is apartheid?
- Why did the writer and his family oppose apartheid?
- What, according to the author, was not quite correct?
- What is meant by the term 'Nazis'?

Walt Whitman, better known as a lyrical poet of self-celebration. wrote poems based on his first hand knowledge of battlefields and wartime hospitals; he served as a nurse for four years. His is a poetry of compassion, reminding readers of just how poignant is the suffering and loss which war occasions. At the onset of war, Whitman had been strongly in favour of the conflict, believing that preserving the American union was worth dying and killing-for.

Questions:

- Name the essay and its author.
 - Who was Walt Whitman? What for is he more famous?
 - What did he write about war?
 - What were his views at the beginning of the American Civil War?
2. Explain with reference to the context : 4

The totally machanized process of death is not entirely new, for what if not factories of death were the concentration camps of the Nazis? The horror of the concentration camps, based on absolute powers using industrial processes to destroy the absolutely powerless, was far worse than anything the American forces have done in Afghanistan.

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Give a preference for boys over girls that many male-dominated societies have, gender inequality can manifest itself in the form of the parents wanting the newborn to be a boy rather than a girl. There was a time when this could be no more than a wish (a day dream or a nightmare depending on one's perspective) but with the availability of modern techniques to determine the gender of the foetus, sex-selective abortion has become common in many countries.

3. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about 30 words each: $3 \times 2 = 6$

- (i) What does the writer say about fighter airplanes?
- (ii) What was an attempt made on Dr. Bernard's life?
- (iii) How did the writer's teacher react when he gave a new and short proof a Pythagoras theorem.
- (iv) Name two aspects of our civilization that C.E.M.Joad Chooses for its praise. Describe them briefly.

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4. What is role learning? What are its advantage and short comings? 8

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Does the writer agree with the moderate Hindu Social reformers that untouchability can be removed without attacking the cast system?

5. Translate the following passage into Hindi: 5

Habit of idleness once firmly fixed cannot be suddenly thrown off. The man who has wasted the precious hours of life's seed-time finds that he cannot really harvest in life's autumn. Lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance or medicine, but lost time is gone for ever. In the long list of excuses for the neglect of duty, there is none which drops oftener from men's lips and which is founded more on self-delusion than the want of leisure.

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(For non-Hindi speaking/foreign candidates) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Vidyasagar was a very generous and charitable man. From

his earliest years, he helped the poor and needy. As a boy at school he often gave some of the little food he had, to eat, to another boy who had none. If one of his school fellows fell ill, little Ishwar would go to his house, sit by his bed and nurse him. When he grew rich, hundreds of poor widows and orphans were supported by him. His name became a household word in Bengal. Rich or poor, high or low, all loved him alike. No beggar ever asked him for relief in vain. He would never have a porter at his gate, lest some poor man, who wished to see him, should be turned away.

Question:

- (i) What were the two good qualities Vidyasagar?
- (ii) What proof of his good nature did he give in school days?
- (iii) What proof of his generosity and charity did he give when he became rich?
- (iv) Why did his name become a household word in Bengal?

6. Make a precis of the following passage and assign a suitable title: 6

The last and not the least important way in which science has changed people and made them more civilized is by making them more tolerant. A tolerant person is one who does not interfere with other people even if he thinks they are wrong, but is prepared to let them think what they like and say what they think. If he thinks they are wrong, he may try to persuade them to believe differently, but he will not try to force them.

This may not seem a very important point, but a great deal of the misery of mankind in the past has sprung from people being unwilling to tolerate other people thinking differently from themselves. This intolerance has been particularly common in religious matters. All over the Western World, for instance, people have killed and tortured other people for not believing the same things as they did about the nature of God, and Jesus and the Virgin Mary.

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7. Write a letter to the **Superintendent of Police** of your district **complaining against reckless driving on the roads.** 7

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Write a letter to the **Editor of a newspaper** about the rise in the prices of essential articles.