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ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRAL SCHOOL, NARORA
CLASS XI ENGLISH UNIT TEST -1 (2018-19)

MM: 50

TIME : 1:30 Hr.

General Instructions:

- All questions are compulsory and marks are mentioned in front of each question.
- Electronic devices are prohibited to use in the examination.
- Use Blue or Black Pen only.

Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (8)

Corruption and dishonesty are ten-lettered words that have almost crippled, weakened and destabilized our country at all fronts- be it politically, diplomatically, economically, militarily and even socially (social degeneration). Today, in the highly competitive, globalized, nuclear and space age, corruption has taken gargantuan proportion in all bureaucratic and political spheres and governance, leading to chaos, anarchy, scams and gigantic financial embezzlements. Wrong practices, greasing palms and paying hush money to officials to get their illegal and illegitimate work done have become rampant across the length and breadth of every public-dealing office in our country. Corruption eats the country the way termites eat wood. If corruption goes unabated and uncontrolled, it can create bankruptcy and financial doldrums in our country.

What an irony and mockery it is that all Anti-Vigilance Bureaus, Anti-Corruption Bureaus, Vigilance Departments, social organizations and Non –Governmental Organizations engaged in creating a corrupt-free country have been total fiascos! The strong and urgent need of a special Act to combat corruption had been strongly felt for over several decades.

The promulgation and effective implementation of RTI Act-2005 has proved to be a boon in knowing the rights of the citizens to get update information about different queries from the concerned authorities under the Govt. of India within a fixed and stipulated time. RTI Act -2005 has equipped us with the right to seek information from the administrators, bureaucrats, district authorities, public servants and other wings of central Govt so as to maintain complete transparency and accountability to eradicate corruption from our society. With the effective implementation of RTI Act-2005, corrupt officials, corrupt regime, malpractices and irregularities can't go unnoticed. All the culprits and their corrupt activities will come to light now. Both print and electronic media must give wide publicity as to how RTI Act can be used to expose wide-spread corruption so that it can be weeded out from our society. It is a matter of insult, humiliation, disgrace and dishonour that due to politics-cum-police nexus, hand in glove relationships of administrators, senior district officials and the so called butchers (hard core criminals) corruption is flourishing, patronized by parliamentarians and IAS officers.

I am reminded of the famous book "A heart full of burden" written by the Retd. Chief Election Commissioner Shri T.N. Sheshan in which, with a very heavy heart, he has written that in India "IAS means I'm sorry". How disgraceful it is! With the proper use of RTI Act, the people of India can expose corruption which has been going on for several decades.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using heading and sub-headings. Also use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary. Use a format you consider suitable. Supply an appropriate title to it. (8)

ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS

Q2. You have been disturbed due to the growing menace of floods in Mumbai. Though floods are not new for Mumbai, there is hardly any preparedness by the Municipal authorities in Mumbai. Write a letter to the editor of any national newspaper highlighting this issue and requesting the concerned officials to take urgent steps to bring solace in the lives of people in Mumbai. (WL: 125) (10)

Q3. Write an article on 'Prevalence of cult practices and sorcery in India and measures to curb such practices' in not more than 125 words. (10)

GRAMMAR

Q4. Make meaningful sentences from the jumbled words (10)

- (a) had / consult / she / better / good / a / physician
- (b) as / adolescents , / to perceive / an emergency / when stressed out, / tend / everything
- (c) the problem / the intensive process / has / of the water supply / aggravated / of urbanization / sharply / of the town
- (d) closed seasons / many communities / follow traditional practices / of forest dwellers / of maintaining / and fisher people
- (e) as no hunting / the wild life population / its numbers / or fishing / during this time / can recoup / is allowed

LITERATURE

Q5. Answer the following words in 30-40 words (12)

- (i) "Kushwani Singh's grandmother was a religious lady." Comment
 - (ii) What problems did the narrator and his family face on 02 January?
 - (iii) Describe the garoghlarian tribe and its traits.
 - (iv) Why did the narrator decide to visit the address 46, Marconi street?
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