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KPR/AFS/II/12

GENERAL ENGLISH AND
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

GROUP—A

1. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics : 20
- (a) Vanishing greenery in Assam and its impact
- (b) What ails Indian agriculture
- (c) Growing urbanization in India—a bane or a boon
- (d) The problem of consumerism and how it affects us

2. Write a précis of the following passage and add a suitable title to it : 18+2=20

Every citizen of a State enjoys some rights. The State takes the responsibility of looking after the life and property of every citizen. It takes the responsibility for the education and healthcare of each citizen. Each adult citizen

has the right to vote and can contest in an election. He has opportunities to share in the administration of the State. Each citizen has freedom of speech and worship besides having many other rights.

Rights and duties go together. If you enjoy some rights, you have also to perform some duties. You must think that you have some duties to your State and you have an obligation to obey your State. When the State is invaded by an enemy force or faces grave threats from terrorists, the citizen must be prepared to sacrifice his life and property for the protection of his country. Again, paying taxes to the State is a fundamental duty for each citizen to perform because only then can the government perform its duties towards ensuring the welfare of its citizen. Obedience to law is another basic responsibility of a citizen who must treat State properties as belonging to all and must not do anything to deprive his or her fellow citizens of their shared utilization. The State is, after all, constituted by the citizens and, therefore, loss of the State properties is a common loss for all.

While enjoying the rights bestowed by the Constitution, we must not interfere with the rights of others. We do not usually think

what inconvenience we may cause to others while asserting our own rights. Very often the use of loudspeakers in public places or raising the sound level of our television in our house causes serious inconvenience to the entire neighbourhood. Similarly, dumping garbage at the street corner is one individual action that causes widespread pollution. It is nothing but an infringement of the right of others to live in a clean and pollution-free condition. There are innumerable cases of imposing an individual's rights over the rights of other citizens. It is particularly seen in cities where citizens live without the common bond of a community life and therefore behave in the most individualistic manner. Most often they lack the civic sense which is so vital for a healthy social living.

Students should be particularly targetted early to teach civic sense. They should learn about the rights and duties of citizens. Given lessons in duties and responsibilities at an early stage, they may turn out to be responsible citizens later. They should be taught that we cannot be good citizens unless we are conscious about our rights and duties.

3. Change the following sentences as directed :

2×5=10

(a) I can reproduce this lesson word by word.

(Correct the sentence)

(b) The rogue elephant died. The villagers came to know about it. They went to see the elephant.

(Combine these sentences into a simple sentence)

(c) He died — a wound.

(Fill in the blank with a preposition)

(d) I should wash myself, —?

(Supply the correct tag)

(e) There is a slight difference between the two shades.

(Use the adjective form of 'difference' and rewrite the sentence)

GROUP—B

4. Answer the following questions :

1×5=5

(a) Who founded the Ahom Kingdom?

(b) Who is the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission?

- (c) How is the President of India elected?
- (d) Who is the Chief Election Commissioner of India?
- (e) Who is India's High Commissioner in the UK?

5. What do the following stand for? 1×5=5

- (a) ASSOCHAM
- (b) VSAT
- (c) MRI
- (d) SEZ
- (e) NABARD

6. With which games do you associate the following personalities? 1×5=5

- (a) Roger Federer
- (b) Geet Sethi
- (c) Dhyan Chand
- (d) Saina Nehwal
- (e) Viswanathan Anand

7. Name the authors of the following books :

1×5=5

- (a) *Katharatnakar*
- (b) *Jiwānar Batat*
- (c) *The God of Small Things*
- (d) *From Planters Raj to Swaraj*
- (e) *The Guide*

8. Explain the following in about 20 words each :

2×5=10

- (a) Inside Trading
- (b) Balance of Payment Crisis
- (c) Operation Flood
- (d) Treaty of Yandaboo
- (e) Zero Hour

9. Distinguish between any two of the following :

5×2=10

- (a) Directive Principles and Fundamental Rights
- (b) Consolidated Funds and Contingency Funds
- (c) Plan Expenditure and Nonplan Expenditure

10. For which area of activities are the following persons famous? 1×5=5

- (a) M. S. Swaminathan
- (b) Mehdi Hasan
- (c) Amitabh Ghose
- (d) M. S. Subbulakshmi
- (e) C. Rangarajan

11. Choose the correct answer of the following : 1×5=5

- (a) The Indian Supreme Court judge selected as a judge of the International Court of Justice is
 - (i) Justice Dalbir Bhandari
 - (ii) Justice Madan Lukur
 - (iii) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- (b) Euro Cup, 2012 was held in
 - (i) Ukraine and Poland
 - (ii) Poland and Croatia
 - (iii) Germany and Denmark

- (c) The country associated with Booker Prize is
- (i) America
 - (ii) England
 - (iii) Canada
- (d) The word 'secularism' was inserted to the Preamble of Indian Constitution by
- (i) 96th Amendment
 - (ii) 42nd Amendment
 - (iii) 43rd Amendment
- (e) Which of the following is not a cash crop?
- (i) Tea
 - (ii) Sugarcane
 - (iii) Wheat
