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M.M.-100

General Instruction:-

- (i) This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section-A Reading)

[30]

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

[12]

1. The newest stress buster is paper Yoga. Adults are now changing over from their smart phones to colouring books to beat anxiety and relax. They spend hours hunched over the drawing of mandalas filling in their words into the circle, with colours. These adult colouring books are classified in the adult category and are becoming fast selling items as people reach out to them to relax their minds. And it is not just mandala drawings that are in vogue. Others settle for elaborate landscapes, cultural tableaux, brimming with images of dancers, singers and concerts. Involutes of various shapes also make up this list.
2. Just as the demand has kept growing, there are also authors who are much in demand for their relaxing creations. Leading in this field is Johanna Basford, who has sold 1.4 million copies of her books 'Secret Garden,' 'Enchanted Forest' and 'Lost Ocean', in a matter of just two years. More bookstores have now started stocking such books as customers are asking for them. Publishers now contend that it is not just celebrity authors in this category but any book with the tag-line 'de-stress' has a readymade market for it.
3. Another reason for the success of these books is that they are multilingual in the way that they speak to adults of all age groups, cultures and dispositions. Even nursery teachers are fast becoming customers of these books not because they are overworked but because of the fun that even five-year olds are having with their own colouring books.
4. The new trend has been dubbed 'Paper Yoga'. While the junior versions of these books hold simple generously proportioned patterns, that allow for a child's broad strokes, the adult variants typically have tight kaleidoscopes that require a fine pen and a staunch eye. As they do not require special skills to execute, publishers are marketing it with the tag-line that their target customer is anyone who can draw satisfaction from something beautiful. The skills of drawing and coloring or conceptualization, essentials for the art of drawing, are not in this list of requirements. Thus the phobia of being an expert or amateur is not a deterrent.
5. So far, publishers have had to import their stock as there are not sufficient titles available. But illustrators are fast catching up with this trend and some have even ventured into self-publishing in this line. Others are innovating still more meaningful inputs into this work by asking customers to bring their own experiences to the book.

6. Individual stories of success are making an appearance too. Illustrator Indu Harikumar started her Self-published colouring book, 'Beauty Needs Space', on social media. She priced a copy of 12 art work at Rs. 1500 and sold 155 of the 200 she had printed. 'People have written to say that they connected with the book as they worked on it.'

7. While adults are discovering their inner selves through this creative pursuit, art-based therapeutics warn against expecting too much from these books for saving lives or minds. At best, they calm the mind and are a temporary diversion, for the mind and cut off the noise of clamoring thoughts. These books they claim can offer therapeutic returns 'only when used in conjunction with a therapist's counsel. As yet the entire process is undergoing a testing time but whatever little of it has emerged, is being hailed as a step in the positive direction.

1. On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer the following questions with the help of the given options: [1x4=4]

(a) Adults spend hours over their mandalas.....

- (i) colouring them
- (ii) filling in the words into them
- (iii) filling in messages into them
- (iv) writing their life history in them

(b) Joanna Basford calls her coloring books

- (i) Basford Gardens, Secret gardens
- (ii) Paper Yoga, Beauty Needs Space
- (iii) Enchanted Forest , Paper Boats
- (iv) Secret Garden, Enchanted Forest, Lost Ocean

(c) Indu Harikumar started her colouring books

- (i) on the social media
- (ii) on public spaces
- (iii) in school classrooms
- (iv) in international meets

(d) Colouring books can serve best if combined with

- (i) a temporary diversion on the mind
- (ii) working on social media
- (iii) a therapist's counsel
- (iv) without a therapist's advice

Answer the following questions briefly.

[1x6=6]

(e) What is the newest stress buster and what does it use?

(f) What topics distinguish adult colouring books?

(g) Why are the publisher forced to import stock?

(h) What is the latest trend in this line?

(i) Who is the leading author in this field?

(j) Trace the growth of an Indian author in this line.

(k) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following: [1x2=2]

(i) very complicated and detailed (para 1)

(ii) speaking several different language (para 3)

Q.2 Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: [10]

1. Friendship may not be unique to humans. Even in the animal world friendship plays a role. This is specially the case in the case of primates, such as chimpanzees. Like humans they also bond with each other based on trust. The friendship among chimpanzees thus has become a subject of research in recent times. The findings have revealed that friendship based on trust among chimpanzees evolves much earlier than was previously thought. Work in this regard has been going on at several centres, and the findings of some of them have been made public.
2. Researchers at the Max Planck Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology at Leipzig, in Germany, is one such institute. The researchers there observed the interactions of 15 chimpanzees over a five-month period. They based their findings in categories of 'friend' and 'non-friend'. The researchers observed friendship among the pairs of animals in the regions of grooming one another, eating together, among others. Thereafter the researchers made the animals play a modified version of what is known as the human trust game both with chimpanzees in the 'friend' category and in the non-friend' lot. According to the researchers, " we investigated whether chimpanzees show a comparable pattern and extend trust selectively toward those individuals they are closely bonded with. Our findings suggest that they do indeed, and thus that current characteristics of human friendship have a long evolutionary history and extend to primate social bonds."
3. Earlier studies had shown that chimpanzees have relationships that look something like friendships as they were seen to extend favours preferentially towards selected individuals. The question was: are those interactions based on trust? To find out, Engelmann and Esther Herrmann observed the interactions of fifteen chimpanzees living at Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Kenya, over a five-month period. Based on their observations, the researchers indentified each chimpanzee's closest "friend" and a "non-friend".
4. Their methodology included a game which included chimpanzees pulling at a 'no-trust rope' and a 'trust rope'. If the 'no-trust' was pulled by a chimpanzees the first chimp got immediate access to a food that it did not specially like, together with the option of sending a treat back to the first chimp. When a chimpanzee pulled the 'trust' rope , the earlier chimpanzee which had pulled the 'no-trust' rope , who got immediate access to a much more tempting option to send a treat back to the earlier chimpanzee. Thus the trust rope offered the potential for a win-win situation, provided the other chimp trusted the other enough to send something back.
5. Besides assessing inter-chimpanzee friendships, the results of these experiments showed that there was much greater trust between friends than non-friends. As the researchers explain it, "chimpanzees were significantly more likely to voluntarily place resources at the disposal of a partner, and thus to choose a risky but potentially high-payoff option, when they interacted with a friend as compared to a non-friend.
6. Contrary to popular thinking researchers observed that chimpanzees were more likely to voluntarily place resources at the disposal of a partner. Though the move was a risky one, but with the potential to offer a high pay-off option with a friend, it offered long-term emotional bonds with

other chimpanzees. Thus these friendships show important parallels with close relationship among humans, including that of selectively trusting friends in costly situations.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions with the help of the given options: [1x2=2]

- (a) The research at the Max Planck Institute is on the
- (i) friendly interactions among humans
 - (ii) friendship between chimpanzees and humans
 - (iii) friendship among chimpanzees
 - (iv) studies between trusted chimpanzees
- (b) Chimpanzees voluntarily place resources at the disposal of a partner because they.....
- (i) offered long term emotional bonds with other chimpanzees
 - (ii) could share treats they liked
 - (iii) are primates
 - (iv) are closely related humans

Answer the following questions briefly. [1x6=6]

- (c) What are the findings about trust-based friendships among chimpanzees?
 - (d) What was the strength and duration of research on chimpanzees at the Max Plank Institute?
 - (e) What was the main thrust of the research?
 - (f) What advantage did a 'no-trust' pull of the rope offer a chimpanzee?
 - (g) Where did chimpanzees voluntarily place their trust?
 - (h) To whom did the chimpanzees voluntarily place their resources?
- (i) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following. [1x2=2]
- (i) similar features (para 6)
 - (ii) connected with gradual development and change (para 2)

Q.3 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. [8]

1. You may never want to fly kites to keep away evil spirits, as the Chinese have done for centuries or to make rain, as the Tibetans did, but some more modern and Western uses may tempt you to try experimenting for yourself along similar lines. The most widespread use of kites in modern times has been for meteorological investigations. Everybody knows about how Benjamin Franklin, the great American scholar and statesman, sent a kite up in 1752 during a thunderstorm to prove that lightning was caused by electricity. He produced sparks at ground level from a key hung on the wet line as the current flowed down it. (Do not under any circumstances think of tying this yourself.) A second investigator repeated Franklin's experiment shortly afterwards and was killed.
2. By sending up instruments on kites it has been possible to make readings of air-pressure, temperature, speed, direction and humidity. Although thermometers had been sent up long before, it was not until 1894, that a self-reading thermometer- a thermograph-was sent up by kite. The army, navy and air force have used kites in various ways for decades. Another Korean version of the invention of the kite tells how a general used one to carry a line across a stream. This line then formed the basis of a bridge. Lines are still occasionally flown from point to point in this way, using kites. At sea, kites have often been used to carry a line to distressed ships in rough weather.

3. Kites-especially box and bow kites-have used as gunnery targets. They are easy to make and cheap to use and will stand quite a lot of punishment before they cease to fly. Apart from their use as targets, kites have been used by the army to fly flags, for aerial photography over enemy trenches , for suspending flares over targets, during night-fighting, for carrying man over enemy lines, for dragging torpedos, etc to a target area. They have been used by both military and civil authorities for raising transmitting and receiving aerials to obtain improved wireless reception. As a matter of fact, the first long distance short wave transmission of all, made use of an aerial flown on a kite. When Marconi made the famous transatlantic transmission he raised his receiving aerial some 400 feet on a kite. Never fly an aerial in stormy weather or when there are cumulus clouds.
4. During the last war, the R.A.F developed a 'kite flare' as part of survival equipment for airmen forced down at sea. When airborne the kite was attached to a special shock absorber which was fixed to the dinghy. It was stated that provided there was a 6 m.p.h wind, the kites would stay aloft indefinitely.
5. Some of these kites were brought to Australia and sent to the 6th Australian Division in 1944 for trials to determine whether they were of use in jungle warfare, especially in defining locations. After experiments , the authorities decided that they were of no value for this purpose.
- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and subheadings. Use recognisable abbreviations (wherever necessary - minimum 4) and a format you consider suitable. [5]
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. [3]

Section-B (Writing Skills)

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- Q.4 You would like to let out a portion of your independent house for office use. Write an advertisement for the classified column of a local newspaper giving all necessary details. Write the advertisement in not more than 50 words. [4]

OR

You are Ravi, staying at 25 , Gulmarg Bagh, Sri Nagar. Your friend Rohit has invited you for New Year celebrations at his residence. Your parents are not in favour of your staying away late night. Write an informal refusal to the above invitation in about 50 words.

- Q.5 You are Narendra/Sheela staying at 3, Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur. Last year , you bought a Telephone Answering system with Facsimile from the 'Electronic World' of Chandigarh, with a warranty of 2 years. Now you discover that there is something wrong with the answering machine. It doesn't record the caller's message. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the problem. Also request him to replace it, if needed, against the warranty that goes with it. (Word limit: 120-150) [6]

OR

You are Raj/ Rani, living at 3, M.G. Road, Chandigarh. You read an advertisement about a month-long course in Accounting through computers to be organized by Logic Learning Limited, 1, Patel Road, Chandigarh . You wish to join this course. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the advertiser seeking all the relevant information about the course.

- Q.6 The blue whale game has emerged as a major threat and reportedly claimed over a hundred lives world over. Nearly half a dozen cases of children playing the blue whale challenge have emerged in India recently. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'To use latest technology the right way, is in the hands of the youth of today'. You are Rita/ Ritesh. [10]

OR

You are Misha/ Mahesh of Delhi. You witnessed Government's initiative of the odd-even formula to reduce deadly air pollution and de-congestion of the traffic on the roads of Delhi. As a reporter of The Times of India, write a report of this laudable effort you saw in 150-200 words.

- Q.7 On 8th November 2017, a senior student was suspected in Pradyuman's School, Ryan International for committing the murder just to postpone the examination and parent-teacher meeting. Write a speech in 150-200 words to be addressed to students on how they can combat stress in their lives'. [10]

OR

"Demonetization has been able to curb corruption to fight parallel economy and eliminate black money". Write a debate in 150-200 words either for or against the motion.

Section-C

(Literature: Text Books And Long Reading Text)

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- Q.8 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [1x4=4]

Some shape of beauty moves away the pall
From our dark spirits. Such the sun , the moon,
Trees old , and young, sprouting a shady boon
For simple sheep; and such are daffodils
With the green world they live in; and clear rills
That for themselves a cooling covert make
'Gainst the hot season; the mid forest brake
Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms.

- (a) What, according to the poet, are the things that have a sublimating effect on the minds of humans?
(b) How does the poet define the bounteous gifts of nature?
(c) What proves to be pleasant shelters in summer?
(d) What makes the mid-forest brake rich?

OR

Break O Break open till they break the town
And show the children to green fields, and make their world
Run azure on gold sands, and let their tongues
Run naked into books the white and green leaves open
History theirs whose language is the sun.

- (a) To whom does 'they' refer?
(b) What would they break?
(c) What kind of freedom should they enjoy?
(d) Who are being discussed here?

- Q.9** Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each: [3x4=12]
- (a) ' I wonder if this is only an excuse to explain away a perpetual state of poverty'. In what context does the author make this remark?
 - (b) What were the precautions that the peddler took to remain undetected as the thief?
 - (c) How, according to Pablo Neruda, can our state of mind be changed if we maintain silence and suspend activity for a while?
 - (d) What are the examples in the poem that suggest that Aunt Jennifer found her married life a great challenge?
 - (e) How does Mr. Lamb try to convince Derry that the outer look doesn't make any difference?
 - (f) What strange thing about the wounded man did Dr. Sadao feel when he was going to put him back in the sea?

- Q.10** Answer the following in 120-150 words. [6]

Obstacles determine the quality of life. Hermits feel convinced that 'Sweet are the uses of adversity, Problems are opportunities.' Elucidate the saying taking ideas from these lines: "Events justified Gandhi's position. Within a few years the British planters abandoned their estates, which reverted to the peasants. Indigo sharecropping disappeared."

OR

Man is destined to face challenge in life. Hurdles and obstacles purify and strengthen an individual. Discuss the theme: Failures are the pillars of success with reference to "Deep Water".

- Q.11** Answer the following question in 120-150 words. [6]

The story, 'The Tiger king' aptly demonstrates the willfulness and selfishness inherent in the nature of man. Elaborate.

OR

Who was Mcleery ? Why had he supported the cause of Evans in his capacity as an invigilator? Was there any hidden mystery of any sorts? Discuss.

- Q.12** Answer the following question in 120-150 words: [6]

Instead of serving humanity with his invisibility tool, Griffin resorted to evil plans. Give a character sketch of Griffin in the light of this statement.

- Q.13** Answer the following question in 120-150 words. [6]

How did Dr. Kemp use the knowledge given to him by Griffin himself to get him arrested? Were his attempts fruitful?