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SAMPLE PAPER FOR II PREPARATORY EXAMINATION

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This paper consists of 4 Sections.

- SECTION 'A' READING - 20 MARKS
- SECTION 'B' WRITING - 20 MARKS
- SECTION 'C' GRAMMAR - 15 MARKS
- SECTION 'D' LITERATURE - 25 MARKS

General Instructions:-

1. The paper is divided into four sections- A, B, C and D. All the sections are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question wherever necessary.
Read the instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit.
4. Please write the correct serial number in the answer sheet before attempting it.

SECTION - A (READING)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully:

1. High altitude climbing is still a very dangerous task in spite of the availability of oxygen masks and other protective equipments which modern climbers take with them. These, of course, are indispensable accessories of climbing, but more important than these is the stamina of the climber which ultimately determines the success of his attempt. Throughout his journey, death is his constant companion which he can keep at a distance only with his superb presence of mind. He has to tread every inch of the ground with the utmost care, for a false step may not only strike him a fatal blow but also bring disaster to the whole expedition. That is why all expeditions invariably take with them local guides who are experienced climbers and who have a thorough knowledge of the nature. Moreover, a huge amount of capital is needed for financing these expeditions, and this is generally provided by governments or rich private organizations.
2. The primary object of a mountaineering expedition is to get to the top of a high mountain which in the past has withstood all attempts to conquer it. But it should not be presumed that the expedition is a complete failure if it does not reach its destination. Sometimes operations are temporarily suspended because of bad weather, loss of some valuable equipment or the sudden death of a very important member of the party. Every big expedition takes with it men who are interested in botany, biology. Geology and various other branches of science, and these men carry with them equipment for recording their observations concerning the weather, the terrain and different forms of life in higher altitudes. Other scientists, explorers and expeditionists utilize the fruits of their observations. Thus, every unsuccessful expedition contributes to the success of later expeditions. The British expedition led by Colonel Hunt would have found their way to Everest much difficult had not earlier expeditions armed them with useful knowledge about the death dealing weather which they had to encounter in the vicinity of the summit.

3. To ordinary people mountaineering need not be a fearful journey in the land of snow storms where the brave adventurer is always face to face with death. They can scale less ambitious heights, rest their weary limbs under a quite shelter and feast their eyes on the distant landscape. In the company of friends they can enjoy an outing near a waterfall or cross into the next valley with haversacks full of the provisions dangling from their shoulders. All those who can afford to go to a hill station should seek this innocent pleasure, for it can be had without any risk to life or limb.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions:

(6x1=6M)

- What are the factors that determine the success of the climbers?
- What precautions should the climbers take during their journey?
- How does a mountaineering expedition contribute to the wealth of knowledge?
- How does a local guide help in an expedition?
- Why should a climber tread every inch with utmost care?
- What is the prime object of a mountaineering expedition?

1.2 Fill in the blanks suitably:

(4x1=4M)

- _____ is generally provided by governments or rich private Organizations.
- Every big expedition takes with it men _____ of science.
- Find words from the passage which mean the same as:
 - absolutely necessary (para-1) _____
 - unexpectedly be faced with or experience (para-2) _____

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully:

- Music has long been important to Hinduism, especially for many Vaishnavite sects. The spread of Islamic rule under the Delhi Sultanate and later the Mughal Empire over northern India caused the traditional musicians to seek patronage in the courts of new rulers. This helped spur the fusion of Hindu and Muslim ideas that gave birth to the qawwali and khayal. During Akbar's rule, music and dance flourished and Tansen is still well remembered. Indeed, his ragas (which are based on times of the day) were reputed to have been so powerful that according to legend, upon his playing a night-time raga in the morning, the entire city fell under a hush and clouds gathered in the sky.
- A number of musical instruments are associated with Hindustani classical music. Some of the most famous instruments are the sitar, tabla, sarod, santoor and sarangi. The most famous modern performer is, undoubtedly, Pandit Ravi Shankar, who helped popularize Hindustani ragas outside India. Panditji has composed ragas and orchestral compositions for several other musicians and has served as an ambassador for Indian music worldwide. Other famous musicians are Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia (flute), the late Ustad Ali Akbar Khan and Ustad Amjad Ali Khan (sarod), Pandit Shivkumar Sharma (santoor), Ustad Zakir Hussain and his father the late Ustad Alla Rakha (tabla), the late Ustad Bismillah Khan (shehnai) and Vishwa Mohan Bhatt (rudraveena).

2.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option:

(5x1=5M)

- Qawwali and Khayal are _____.
 - dance forms
 - forms of music
 - forms of Islamic music
 - fusions of Hindu and Muslim music
- Akbar was a _____.
 - great patron of music
 - great patron of Tansen
 - hater of music
 - a great emperor
- Among the Hindustani musical instruments, _____ is very popular.
 - guitar
 - piano
 - violin
 - santoor

- (d) Ustad Zakir Hussain and his late father played the _____ instrument.
 (i) sitar (ii) tabla (iii) sarangi (iv) santoor
- (e) The meaning of the word 'popularize' in this context means _____
 (i) to know (ii) to sing (iii) to ignore (iv) to familiarize

Q.3 Read the following passage carefully:

Punctuality is a necessary habit in all public affairs of a civilized society. Without it nothing could ever be brought to a conclusion. Everything would be in a state of chaos. Only in a sparsely populated rural community is it possible to disregard it. In ordinary living there can be some tolerance of unpunctuality. The intellectual, who is working on some abstruse problem, has everything coordinated and organized for the matter in hand. He is, therefore, forgiven, if late for the dinner party. But people are often energetic, quick-minded people to waste time, so they are often tempted to finish a job before setting out to keep an appointment. If no accident occurs on the way, like punctured tyres, diversion of traffic, sudden descent of fog, they will be on time. They are often more industrious, useful citizens than those who are never late. The over punctual can as much be a trial of others as the unpunctual. The guest who arrives half an hour too soon creates embarrassment to the host. Some friends of my family had this irritating habit. The only thing to do was to ask them to come half an hour later than the other guests. Then they arrived just when we wanted them.

3.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option.

(5x1=5M)

- (a) In a civilized society, punctuality is _____.
 (i) a formality (ii) optional (iii) compulsory (iv) natural
- (b) Punctuality is essential to avoid _____.
 (i) order (ii) stress (iii) reproach (iv) chaos
- (c) Who is forgiven for being late?
 (i) a child (ii) an intellectual (iii) a mathematician (iv) a scientist
- (d) The author is against the people who are _____.
 (i) punctual (ii) unpunctual
 (iii) over-punctual and unpunctual (iv) none of the above
- (e) The word 'industrious' means _____.
 (i) hardworking (ii) industrial (iii) lazy (iv) an employee

SECTION - B (WRITING)

Q.4 Read the telephone conversation between Bhavya and Karan. As Karan has to leave for his school, he will not be able to meet his father. He leaves a message for him. Complete the following message in not more than 50 words. **(4M)**

- Bhavya** : Hello! Is that Mr. Sakhuja's residence?
Karan : Yes.
Bhavya : May I speak to Mr. Sakhuja? I am Bhavya Sharma, son of his colleague, Mr. Ram Nath Sharma.
Karan : Papa is not at home as he's gone for his morning walk. Is there a message that I can take for him.
Bhavya : My father had to leave for Dehradun all of a sudden as my grandfather is admitted in the hospital. So he won't be able to attend office for a week. Kindly tell your father to submit his leave application at the office.
Karan : Don't worry. I'll leave a message for Papa. Is there anything else to be done?
Bhavya : Yes! Please inform your father that he should attend the meeting of the Board Directors today instead of dad.
Karan : All right.
Bhavya : Thank you so much.

- Q.5** You are Suresh / Seema residing at 15, Agra Road, Kanpur. Write a letter to the Editor of a National Daily highlighting the necessity of having better facilities for pedestrians by improving the condition of the footpaths in your city. Use the following notes to write the letter in about 120 words. **(8M)**

VALUE POINTS	
narrow footpaths	pedestrians prone to accidents

- Q.6** Water is an elixir of life. We need to take urgent steps to conserve this precious resource. Taking ideas from the visual, write an article for your school magazine on the topic “Every Drop Counts”, highlighting the need for conservation of water. You are Rohan / Riya. **(8M)**



SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

- Q.7** Read the notes given in the box below and complete the following paragraph: **(6x½ =3M)**

Rajendra Prasad ---- first President of Independent India ---- born on December 3, 1884 -- M.A, Master in Law ---- impressed by Gandhiji --- played an active role ---- non- cooperation Movement ---- awarded the Bharat Ratna ---- death on February 28, 1963.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad (a) _____ President of Independent India. He (b) _____ 1884. He completed his M.A., Master in Law from the famous Presidency College, Calcutta. Dr. Prasad(c) _____ greatly (d) _____ by Gandhiji.

He (e) _____ during the Non-Cooperation Movement. He (f) _____, the nation’s highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna. This great man died on February 28, 1963.

- Q.8** The following passage has not been edited. Write the incorrect word and the corrected word in your answer sheet. **(6x½=3M)**

	Incorrect	Correct
Bursting crackers is not only harmful in the environment and is also traumatic for pets. To keep pets save during Diwali, animal activists suggest keep it indoors during a celebrations. Besides this ensure that pets do not goes out when people are bursting crackers.	(a) _____	_____
	(b) _____	_____
	(c) _____	_____
	(d) _____	_____
	(e) _____	_____
	(f) _____	_____

- Q.9** Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. **(3x1=3M)**
- (a) and songs / last / a colorful / there / was / Sunday / programme /debates/of
 (b) show / up / and put / one another / teams / different / compete with / a great
 (c) students / the girl / by / prepared / were well / the items

Q.10 Fill in the blanks with only one word by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below: (6x½=3M)

A year (a) _____ they launched a nationwide search for the dwindling native ladybugs, New York researchers are (b) _____ colonies of them from insects found by citizen (c) _____ in Oregon and Colorado. John Losey, an entomologist at Cornell University, launched the Lost Ladybug Project (d) _____ year to try to figure out why once-common (e) _____ ladybug species (f) _____ all disappeared across the country.

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| (a) | (i) after | (ii) long | (iii) when | (iv) now |
| (b) | (i) breed | (ii) breeds | (iii) breeding | (iv) bred |
| (c) | (i) science | (ii) sciences | (iii) groups | (iv) scientists |
| (d) | (i) next | (ii) last | (iii) then | (iv) every |
| (e) | (i) native | (ii) natives | (iii) foreign | (iv) nativity |
| (f) | (i) are | (ii) has | (iii) had | (iv) and |

Q.11 Study the given instructions and complete the statements by choosing the correct option for each. (3x1=3M)

HOW TO COOK BEANS

- (a) First rinse and place the beans in a bowl or container.
 (b) Soak them overnight, at least 6-8 hours.
 (c) Sauté' them in heated oil, onion, tomatoes and spices.
 (d) Cook them for an hour in a pressure cooker

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- (a) _____ overnight for at least 6-8 hours. Next they
 (b) _____ in heated oil, onion, tomatoes and spices and
 (c) _____ for an hour in a pressure cooker.

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| (a) | (i) are soaking | (ii) are soaked | (iii) have been soaked | (iv) are soak |
| (b) | (i) are sauted | (ii) have sauted | (iii) are sauting | (iv) have been sauted |
| (c) | (i) cooking | (ii) cooks | (iii) cooked | (iv) is cooking |

SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

Q.12 Read the extract and choose the correct options for the questions that follow: (4x1=4M)

Some are like fields of sunlight corn,
 Meet for a bride on her bridal morn,
 Some, like the flame of her marriage fire,
 Or rich with the hue of her heart's desire.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet of this extract:
 (i) 'Bangle Sellers' - Ruskin Bond (ii) 'Bangle Sellers' - Alexander Pope
 (iii) 'Bangle Sellers' - Rudyard Kipling (iv) 'Bangle Sellers' - Sarojini Naidu
- (b) 'Heart's desire' of the bride is represented by the colour _____
 (i) red (ii) brown (iii) violet (iv) blue
- (c) Which poetic device is used in line 4?
 (i) Metaphor (ii) Alliteration (iii) Repetition (iv) Simile
- (d) The rhyme scheme of the stanza is _____
 (i) a b a b (ii) a a b c (iii) a a b b (iv) a b c a

Q.13 Read the extract and choose the correct options for the questions that follow: (4x1=4M)

It doesn't matter, Sir, I've saved some money.

So I don't need any now. But I want to stay here, Sir it's my home.

- (a) Who is the speaker and the listener?
 (i) Mr. Hill to Mrs. Hill (ii) Annie to Mr. Hill
 (iii) Mr. Hill to Annie (iv) Annie to Mrs. Hill
- (b) Which word describes the speaker the best?
 (i) loyal (ii) faithful (iii) honest (iv) all of these
- (c) Where does the speaker want to stay?
 (i) Mrs. & Mr. Hill's home (ii) her own house
 (iii) Mr. Briggs & Mr. Winter's home (iv) none of these
- (d) What does the speaker not need now?
 (i) salary (ii) clothes (iii) home (iv) food

Q.14 Answer any FOUR of the following questions in about 30-40 words: (4x2=8M)

- (a) The poetess has compared the bangles of the Indian bride to her laughter as well as her tears. Why?
- (b) How did William Morris guess that the man who entered the shop was 'an American'?
- (c) According to Pope, what is the key to a successful life?
- (d) Assuming the dream to be a reality, do you support Mrs. Hill's decision to leave Mr. Hill at a time when he needed her the most?
- (e) What did the Indian officer do when his father-in-law insisted on prolonging his daughter's stay at his house?

Q.15 Value Based Questions : (2x2=4M)

- (a) We all believe in different religions. What do all religions teach us?
- (b) Was it morally right on the part of the lady to impose herself on the narrator and have a good hearty meal? Justify your answer.

Q.16 You are William Morris. Write a letter in about 80-150 words to a relative about the incident at the Jewellery Store. (5M)

OR

As Baldev, write a diary entry in about 80-150 words about how the narrator was his true friend.

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