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IN LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT**

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**Paper-II: English Essay, Precis, Comprehension and Grammar**

*Note: Attempt all the questions.*

**Time : 3 hours**

**Marks: 100**

**1. Write an essay on any ONE of the following : (40 marks)**

- (a) Should boys learn to cook?                      (b) India in 2020  
(c) The Cyber Revolution                              (d) A Metro Station  
(e) "The man who will succeed in life is he who can adopt himself easily"

*NOTE : Essay should reveal creative use of language, a sensitive understanding of the topic and a convincing development of the argument.*

**2. Read the following and write a Précis for the given passage. The length of the précis is to be one third of the word length of the passage given below. Provide a suitable title for the passage as well. (25 marks)**

The third great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science has given us powers fit for the gods, yet we use them like small children. For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's servants; yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are in a fair way to become his masters. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal, and given petrol to drink, and oil to wash with, and they must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, and blow up, and spread ruin and destruction all round them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and a time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals.

And this brings me to the point at which I asked, "What do we do with all the time which the machines have saved for us, and the new energy they have given us?" On the whole, it must be admitted, we do very little. For the most part we use our time and energy to make more and better machines; but more and better machines will only give us still more time and still more energy, and what are we to do with them? The answer, I think, is that we should try to become more civilized. For the machines themselves, and the power which the machines have given us, are not civilization but aids to civilization. But you will remember that we agreed at the beginning that being civilized meant making and linking beautiful things, thinking freely, and living rightly and maintaining justice equally between man and man. Man has a better chance today to do these things than he ever had before; he has more time, more energy, less to fear and less to fight against. If he will give his time and energy which his machines have won for him to making more beautiful things, to finding out more and more about the universe, to removing the causes of quarrels between nations, to discovering how to prevent poverty, then I think our civilization would undoubtedly be the greater, as it would be the most lasting that there has ever been. (448 words)

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end of it. Your answers must be precise and show your clear comprehension of the passage. (20 marks)

Children always a soft target for the consumer goods industry, are now being aggressively wooed by television companies. The logic of course is that if you win them over, then you have a ready and steady market. This seems apparent by the influx of "kids only" entertainment channels that have been launched in India by various television networks. The latest to the game is Nickeldenn, a United States based channel that hopes to capture at least four million sitting ducks within the first week of its launch in India.

According to the general manager, the company hopes to corner at least eight million viewers in the first year out of an audience of some 22 million cable subscribers. How? Because it is loaded with entertainment programmes.

Take a quick look at the menu television channels offer: Top of the list is of course Cartoon Network that started some years ago offering popular animation serials familiar to the Indian child. As the captive audience grew, TNT increased not only the cartoon serials but also air time. Next was Toons, on air every day for almost 24 hours.

The success in this is phenomenal and others who have followed suit have decided in favour of niche programming. Discovery launched its Discovery Kids and is "checked out" by children and adults. As one parent put it, "I'd rather they (children) watch this than stick to cartoons and film songs the whole day. It is a great form of learning plus enjoyment." Her views are echoed by teenagers who view each Discovery programme with awe. Says a 15 years-old, "I find that a lot of these programmes help with my projects in school too." But one cannot underrate the importance of the Toons, an all-time favourite. Waiting in the wings is Fox Kids and Walt Disney.

The entry of major foreign networks is being considered as part of a long term investment in a market that is expected to hit the jackpot soon. Nickeldenn, for instance, has a variety of programmes - adventure, sports, science fiction, animation series, comedy as well as news and game shows - specially for children. Close behind is Fox Kids with a formidable arsenal which has a combined library of children's titles, regarded as the largest of its kind in the world.

While channels like Kermit and TNT may feel the heat with competition, there aren't any complaints. Children are more than happy to be the focus of attention.

**On the basis of your reading of the passage :**

- (a) Fill in the blanks in the following summary, using only one word in each blank :

T.V. companies are looking for an easily available and regular \_\_\_\_\_ by targeting \_\_\_\_\_. That is why they have a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ channels for children. \_\_\_\_\_ are the most popular item and the programmes have \_\_\_\_\_ in number.

- (b) Complete the following sentences :

- (i) Discovery is different from cartoons and film songs because it \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) Discovery programmes can be useful to \_\_\_\_\_ working on \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) The entry of major foreign networks is welcome because \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) While the competition might make some TV channels feel \_\_\_\_\_ Children feel \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Complete the table :

	Channel	Items provided
1		Animation Serials
2	Discovery	
3	Nickeldenn	
4		Largest children's library

(d) Find words in the passage which mean

**A. The same as**

- (i) a large number or collection of ideas, especially when they can be used to hurt people =
- (ii) a list of all the items offered =
- (iii) a piece of great good luck ( as in a lottery ) =
- (iv) unusually great or good =

**B. the opposite of**

- (i) freed
- (ii) give recognition and importance

(e) Provide a suitable title to the passage

4. Answer the following questions, giving complete attention to the instructions given in the brackets: (1x15= 15 marks)

- i) There never can be prosperity in any country \_\_\_\_\_ the numerous cultivators of the soil are permanently depressed and injured. **(insert a conjunction in the blank)**
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_ a party next Sunday. I hope you can come.  
**[Choose the correct form: (a) We have (b) We're having (c) We'll have]**
- iii) I invited Nikhil and Saronik to the party but \_\_\_\_\_ of them came.  
**[Choose the correct form: (a) neither (b) either (c) both]**
- iv) We \_\_\_\_\_ a very good film yesterday. **(put the verb 'see' in the right form)**
- v) Were there a lot of people \_\_\_\_\_ the party? **(put in the correct preposition )**
- vi) On account of his age he is disqualified \_\_\_\_\_ competing. Ill health disqualified the body \_\_\_\_\_ labour and the mind \_\_\_\_\_ study.  
**[Fill in the blanks with prepositions for/from]**

**Fill in each blank with 'who' or 'whom':**

- (vii) Rakesh Bhatnagar, \_\_\_\_\_, his wife thought, had died many years before, suddenly reappeared.
- (viii) The man \_\_\_\_\_ I thought was my friend deceived me.
- (ix) The man \_\_\_\_\_ you wished to see is here.
- (x) Any of you may take it; I don't care \_\_\_\_\_.

Complete the following sentences with as much as, as many as, as little as or as few as:

- (xi) I used to smoke \_\_\_\_\_ 60 cigarettes a day.
- (xii) He doesn't play golf now \_\_\_\_\_ he used to.
- (xiii) It was disappointing that \_\_\_\_\_ 200 delegates came to the conference.
- (xiv) At the busiest times, \_\_\_\_\_ 50 planes land at the airport every hour.
- (xv) It's still possible to pay \_\_\_\_\_ Rs.10 for a good meal at some restaurants in the city.


(vi) Find words in the passage which mean:

- (i) The same as
- (ii) A large number or collection of ideas, especially when they can be used to hurt people
- (iii) A list of all the items offered
- (iv) A piece of great good luck (as in a lottery)
- (v) Usually great in good
- (vi) The opposite of
- (vii) Fresh
- (viii) Give recognition and importance

(vii) Provide a suitable title to the passage

Answer the following questions, giving complete attention to the instructions given in the brackets: (10 marks)

- (i) There never can be prosperity in any country \_\_\_\_\_ the numerous children of the land are permanently depressed and injured. (Insert a comparison in the blank)
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ a party next Sunday. (How can I help you?)
- (iii) Choose the correct form: (a) We have (b) We're having (c) We'll have
- (iv) I invited Nikhil and Bharati to the party but \_\_\_\_\_ of them came. (Choose the correct form: (a) neither (b) either (c) both)
- (v) We \_\_\_\_\_ a very good film yesterday. (Put the verb 'see' in the right form)
- (vi) Were there a lot of people \_\_\_\_\_ the party? (Put in the correct preposition)
- (vii) On account of his age he is disqualified \_\_\_\_\_ competing. (Put in the correct preposition)
- (viii) \_\_\_\_\_ the body \_\_\_\_\_ labour \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ study.

(ix) Fill in each blank with 'who' or 'whom':

- (i) Rakesh Bhattacharya \_\_\_\_\_ his wife thought, had died many years before, suddenly \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) The man \_\_\_\_\_ thought was my friend decided me \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) The man \_\_\_\_\_ you wanted to see is here \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) Any of you may take it if I don't care \_\_\_\_\_