Assam Judicial Service Grade III (Mains) 2017

Paper I · English · compulsory paper

100 marks · 3 hours · 11 March 2018 (2017 recruitment)

1(a). Write an essay on (any one) — A visit to a Wildlife Sanctuary. (20 Marks)

1(b). If I became a Millionaire.

2. Read the following passage carefully and write a précis (Maximum 150 words) (15 Marks). People travelling long distances frequently have to decide whether they would prefer to go by land, sea or air. Hardly anyone can positively enjoy sitting in a train for more than few hours. Train compartments soon get cramped and stuffy. It is almost impossible to take your mind off the journey. Reading is only a partial solution, for the monotonous rhythm of the wheels clicking on the rails soon lulls you to sleep. During the day, sleep comes in snatches. At night when you really wish to go to sleep, you rarely manage to do so. If you are lucky enough to get a couchette, you spend half the night staring at the small blue light in the ceiling, or fumbling to find your passport when you cross a frontier. Inevitably you arrive at your destination almost exhausted. Long car journeys are even less pleasant, for it is quite impossible even to read. On motorways you can at least travel fairly safely at high speeds, but more often than not, the greater part of the journey is spent on narrow, bumpy roads which are crowded with traffic. By comparison, trips by sea offer a great variety of civilized comforts. You can stretch your legs on the spacious decks, play games, swim, meet interesting people and enjoy good food — always assuming, of course, that the sea is calm. If it is not, and you are likely to get sea-sick, no form of transport could be worse. Even if you travel in ideal weather, sea-journeys take a long time. Relatively few people are prepared to sacrifice up to a third of their holidays for the pleasure of travelling on a ship. Aeroplanes have the reputation of being dangerous and even hardened travelers are intimidated by them. They also have the grave disadvantage of being the most expensive form of transport. But nothing can match them for speed and comfort. Travelling at a height of 30,000 feet, far above the clouds, and at over 500 miles an hour is an exhilarating experience. You do not have to devise ways of taking your mind off the journey, for an aeroplane gets you to your destination rapidly. An aeroplane offers you an unusual breathtaking view of the world. You soar effortlessly over high mountains and deep valleys. You really see the shape of the land. If the landscape is hidden from view, you can enjoy the extraordinary sight of unbroken clouds, plains that stretch out for miles before you, while the sun shines brilliantly in a clear sky. The journey is so smooth that there is nothing to prevent you from reading or sleeping. However you decide to spend your time, one thing is certain: you will arrive at your destination fresh and uncrumpled. You will not have to spend the next few days recovering from a long and arduous journey.

3. Choose the word exactly opposite in meaning to the word given on the left (1 × 10 = 10 Marks)

(a) Famous (i) Strange (ii) Known (iii) Unknown (iv) Unfamiliar

(b) Freedom (i) Jailed (ii) Captivity (iii) Fugitive (iv) Liberty

(c) Horizontal (i) Optical (ii) Curved (iii) Straight (iv) Vertical

(d) Leader (i) Disciple (ii) Follower (iii) Student (iv) Servant

(e) Optimist (i) Positive (ii) Negative (iii) Pessimist (iv) Atheist

(f) Wet (i) Sun (ii) Dry (iii) Soft (iv) Damp

(g) Stubborn (i) Cute (ii) Easygoing (iii) Shy (iv) Friendly

(h) Lend (i) Give (ii) Make (iii) Borrow (iv) Sell

(i) Increase (i) Release (ii) Decrease (iii) Rise (iv) Climb

(j) Rich (i) Poverty (ii) Affluent (iii) Money (iv) Poor

4. Choose the word/phrase similar in meaning to the word/phrase given on the left. (1 × 10 = 10 Marks)

(a) Appease (i) To pacify (ii) To shock (iii) To request (iv) To order

(b) Banquet (i) A band party (ii) A banking organization (iii) A formal dinner (iv) A bunch of flowers

(c) Camouflage (i) A campsite (ii) Facial make-up (iii) Flag decoration (iv) Means of disguising

(d) Defunct (i) Deformed (ii) Inactive (iii) Defraud (iv) Defective

(e) Effluent (i) Efficient (ii) Rich and wealthy (iii) Liquid industrial waste (iv) Brightly shining

(f) Mischievous (i) Powerful (ii) Naughty (iii) Sporting (iv) Of bad character

(g) Commonplace (i) Nearby (ii) Ordinary (iii) Common room (iv) Market

(h) Destroy (i) Demean (ii) Finish (iii) Demolish (iv) Quit

(i) Help (i) Request (ii) Give (iii) Settle (iv) Assist

(j) Terminate (i) Abnormal (ii) End (iii) To commence (iv) Disagree

5. Correct the following sentences and re-write them. (2 × 5 = 10 Marks)

(a) I have seen him yesterday.

(b) The hen has lain six eggs.

(c) He is sleeping for two hours.

(d) They discussed about the whole matter.

(e) He asked a cup of tea.

6. Select the word that is spelt correctly. (1 × 5 = 5 Marks)

(a) (i) Pios (ii) Pieos (iii) Pious (iv) Piuos

(b) (i) Wered (ii) Weird (iii) Werid (iv) Werd

(c) (i) Hankerchief (ii) Handkerchief (iii) Handkerchif (iv) Hankerchef

(d) (i) Conscence (ii) Consenco (iii) Conscience (iv) Concense

(e) (i) Rythm (ii) Rhythm (iii) Rhythym (iv) Rythym

7. Choose the correct word from the 'same-sounding' sets given below. (1 × 10 = 10 Marks)

(a) Would you like a _____ of cake? piece / peace.

(b) I have never met a _____ actor before. reel / real.

(c) This is _____ difficult for me. to / too.

(d) He is not coming because he is feeling _____. week / weak.

(e) It is so heavy because it is made of _____. steal / steel.

(f) The boat will _____ across the ocean. sail / sale.

(g) The wall is too _____. Let's paint it. plane / plain.

(h) Can you _____ me a cup of coffee? pour / poor.

(i) Ganesh _____ first prize in the essay writing competition. one / won.

(j) Can you _____ me or should I speak up? here / hear.

8. Arrange the jumbled sentences given below in the correct format. (2 × 5 = 10 Marks)

(a) Raju/write/can/with/hand/either.

(b) the few/rupees/I had/I have/spent/already.

(c) little/there is/success/of/hope/his.

(d) work/much/yet/to be/done/is.

(e) a/apple/an/day/the/keeps/away/doctor.

9. Write a letter to your friend in Australia describing the best tourist attractions of Assam. (10 Marks)