Bihar Judicial Service (Mains) 2018

General English · compulsory paper

Time: 3 hours · Full marks: 100

1. Write a précis of the following passage in about 80 words and add a suitable title to it:

To be truly happy is a question of how we begin and not of how we and, of what we want and not of what we have. An aspiration a joy forever, a possession as solid as a landed estate, a fortune which we can never exhaust and which gives us year-by-year a revenue of pleasurable activity. To have many of these is to be spiritually rich. Life is only a very dull and ill-directed theatre unless we have some interest in the piece; and to those who have neither art nor science, the world is a mere arrangement of colour, or a rough footway where they may very well break their shins. It is in virtue of his own desires and curiosities that any man continues to exist with even patience, that he is charmed by the look of things and people, and that he wakens every morning with a renewed appetite for work and pleasure. Desire and curiosity are the two eyes through which he sees the world in the most enchanted colours, it is they that make women beautiful or fossils interesting, and the man may squander his estate and come to beggary, but if he keeps these two amulets he is still rich in the possibilities of pleasure. Suppose he could take one meal so compact and comprehensive that he should never hunger any more, suppose him, at a glance to take in all the features of the world and allay the desire for knowledge, suppose him to do the like in any province of experience – would not that man be in a poor way for amusement ever after? (15+5=20 Marks)

2. You are a student staying in M.G. Hostel, Circular Road, Jaipur. Write a letter to the Editor of a daily newspaper expressing your serious concern over the caste-based reservation. (20 Marks)

OR

Write a letter to your father suggesting a suitable inter-caste match for your sister.

(Do not write your name; sign XYZ)

3. Read the passage given below and answer any four of the questions that follow:

Jawaharlal Nehru treated Parliament with deference and respect because he believed in the virtue of Parliamentary democracy, in the value of good precedents and in the laying down and carrying out of policies with the consent of the people or their representatives. It was not easy, for with vast reserves of illiteracy the country had started with adult suffrage. To Jawaharlal Nehru, there was no other way. With many limitations, he enabled three general elections to become an impressive demonstration of the working of the world's largest democracy. Any democracy, whatever the forms and the rules, is government by deliberation, and it demands capacity for debate, and he taught this lesson ceaselessly. Democracy must ensure good government; it must allow criticism and correction; it means balances and cheeks.

"Parliamentary democracy demands many virtues", Nehru once said. It demands, of course, ability. It demands a certain dedication to work. But it demands also a large measure of cooperation, of self-discipline, of restraint. He said that he could claim that Parliamentary democracy had functioned with a large measure of success in the country. He did not claim credit for himself, he gave all credit to the people.

Questions: (5×4=20)

(a) How are the policies carried out in a Parliamentary democracy?

(b) How should the government function in a democracy?

(c) What are the imperatives of a democracy?

(d) Whom did Nehru give the credit of the success of Indian Parliamentary democracy?

(e) Express in simple language the meaning of underlined words phrases in the passage.

4. Translate one of the following passages into English: (10 Marks)

(1) एक कवि ने किसी धनी पुरुष को उसकी प्रशंसा में लिखे हुए कुछ पद्य [...] किये जिनमें से एक स्थान पर उसने उल्लिखित किया कि [...] रुस्तम-सा बहादुर व बलवान है और दूसरे स्थान पर उसने उसको हातिम से भी अधिक दानी दिखाया। पद्यों को सुनकर पुरुष ने कहा, "मैं बड़ा प्रसन्न हूँ और तुमको इसके बदले में इस साल की फसल पर सौ क्विन्टल * मिलेंगे।" कवि प्रसन्न होकर वापिस चला गया। जब फसल का समय आया तो कवि किराये पर चार ऊँट लेकर धनी पुरुष के द्वार पर पहुँचा और बोला, "श्रीमान् फसल कट चुकी है कृपया गेहूँ दिलवाइए।" धनी पुरुष ने [...] कहा, "कौन-से गेहूँ भाई? जिस प्रकार तुमने झूठी बातों से मेरा मन प्रसन्न किया था ठीक उसी प्रकार मैंने भी तुम्हारा मन झूठी बातों से प्रसन्न किया। सो [...] बराबर हो गए।"

(2) एक समय किसी गाँव में एक विधवा रहती थी। उसकी दो लड़कियाँ विमला और कमला थीं। विमला उसकी सगी लड़की थी और कमला सौतेली। विधवा की सगी लड़की सुस्त और मूर्ख थी, परन्तु सौतेली लड़की थी चतुर और समझदार थी। उसकी सौतेली लड़की सदा अपने काम में संलग्न रहती थी और बहुत परिश्रम किया करती थी। वह कड़े से कड़ा काम प्रसन्नतापूर्वक करती थी। वह इतनी दयालु हृदय और ईश्वर से डरने वाली थी कि वह दूसरे लोगों की सहायता भी करती थी और स्वयं अपने हाथों से उनका काम करती थी, इस कारण वह लोकप्रिय हो गई थी और पुरुष और स्त्रियाँ उसे प्रेम और स्नेह से देखते थे।

5. Choose one of the two words given within brackets following each sentence and fill in the blank within the sentence meaningfully (any five): (1×5=5 Marks)

(a) Many political parties have made a ..... to form the Government. (collision/collusion)

(b) He took a few large ..... of whisky and began to romp. (draught/drought)

(c) How does your conscience allow you to..... the poor? (persecute/prosecute)

(d) One who talks in his sleep is known as..... (somnambulist/somniloquist)

(e) A nobleman is never ..... of other people's prosperity. (zealous/jealous)

(f) An ..... studies insect life. (anthropologist/entomologist)

6. Frame sentences with the following: (any five) (2×5=10 Marks)

(a) A hard nut to crack

(b) At sixes and sevens

(c) To blow one's own trumpet

(d) To bury the hatchet

(e) From hand to mouth

(f) Kith and kin

7. Rewrite the following passage with correct punctuation marks, using capital letters where necessary: (5 Marks)

your son is certainly a boy of ability said the headmaster but it all depends upon you whether He does well at school what an extraordinary statement said the father How can his progress depend upon me you can replied the headmaster see his homework carefully and that will be all right oh yes said the father I can at least do that

8. Rewrite the following as directed: (any five) (2×5=10 Marks)

(a) He wrote correct answers in his last BPSC examination. (Use 'correct' as an adverb)

(b) My wife said to me, "When will you take me to my mother's home?" (Change into indirect speech)

(c) The teacher is teaching the students English Grammar at this moment. (Change the voice)
(d) This box is very light. She can easily lift it. (Combine into a simple sentence)
(e) The Dean and the Professor is holding the meeting. (Correct the sentence)
(f) Aryan has received the payment only a few days ago. (Correct the sentence)

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