West Bengal Judicial Service (Mains) 2018

English Composition, Essay and Precis Writing · compulsory paper

Time: 3 hours · Full marks: 100

1. Make a precis of the following passage and add a suitable title. (25+5=30)

The Clean Air Act of 1970, amended in 1977 and 1981, is one of the basic laws under which EPA operates. Its purpose is "to protect and enhance the quality of the nation's air resources so as to promote the public health and welfare and the productive capacity of its population." In order to do that, Congress authorized a national research and development program to prevent and control air pollution. The act also provided for EPA to assist state and local governments in the development and execution of their air quality programs. The Clean Air Act required EPA to set national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards for certain air pollutants. The law also required emission standards for mobile sources of air pollution (vehicles), and for new stationary sources such as smokestacks. In addition, the act called for regulation of hazardous air pollutants for which no ambient air quality standard is applicable. Another section of the law was designed to protect air quality in national parks, wilderness areas, monuments, seashores, and other areas of special national or regional natural, recreational, scenic, or historic value, and to prevent significant deterioration of air quality in those areas.

2. Write an essay on any one of the following: (50)

(a) The threats of the digital world for today's youth.
(b) Globalization and women empowerment.
(c) Dreaming your ideal city.
(d) Global warming and human responsibility.

3. (a) Write a dialogue in about 350 words between two individuals marked as X and Y on the following topic: (20)

'Our obsession with English language is a sign of our colonial hangover.'

Or,

(b) Discuss any one of the following topics in about 350 words: (20)

(i) Population growth and global economy
(ii) Indian law and the protection of neglected old parents

Or,

(c) Give the substance of the following poem and add your critical comments: (20)

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn
and he names the sky his own

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

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