

Précis Writing, Noting & Drafting (In English and Hindi)

Time: 3 Hrs.

Max. Marks - 100

Note: All questions are compulsory. Maximum marks for each question have been displayed in the margin.

Q. 1 Make a précis of the following passage and also assign an appropriate title to it. The précis should comprise one third length of the given passage.

25 Marks

Unhappiness and discontent spring not only from poverty. Man is a strange creature, fundamentally different from other animals. He has far horizons, invincible hopes, creative energies, spiritual powers. If they are left undeveloped and unsatisfied, he may have all the comforts which wealth can give, but will still feel that life is not worth-while. The great humanist writers Shaw and Wells, Arnold Bennett and Galsworthy, who are regarded as the prophets of the dawn, expose the foibles, inconsistencies and weakness of modern life, but they ignore the deeper currents and sometimes misrepresent them. At any rate, they give nothing in their place. In the void left by the removal of tradition, morality and religion, others are putting in vague sentiments of race and power. The modern mind is shaped by Rousseau's *Social Contract*, Marx's *Capital*, Darwin's *The Origin of Species* and Spengler's *The Decline of the West*. The outward chaos and confusion of our life reflect the confusion of our hearts and minds. "Constitutions" says Plato, "are but the reflections in the outside world of the values which prevail in men's minds." There must be a change in the ideals. We cherish in the values we adopt, before we can give social expression to them. We help to secure the future only to the extent to which we ourselves are changed. What is missing in our age is the soul; there is nothing wrong with the body, we suffer from sickness of spirit. We must discover our roots in the eternal and regain faith in the transcendent truth which will order life, discipline discordant elements and bring unity and purpose into it. If not, when the floods come and the winds blow and beat upon our house. It will fall. (Approx. 266 Words)

Q.2 Write a précis of the following in Hindi in about one third of the length of the given passage. Also suggest a suitable title for it
20 Marks

हमारी सभ्यता में बहुत सी अच्छी बातें हैं। पहली बात, इसने हमें व्यवस्था और सुरक्षा प्रदान की है। आज इसलिए हमारी किसी अन्य व्यक्ति द्वारा पिटाई नहीं हो सकती क्योंकि हम कमजोर हैं। हम कानून का दरवाजा खटखटा सकते हैं, और कानून हमारी रक्षा करेगा।

दूसरी बात, आधुनिक सभ्यता ने मनुष्य को पीड़ा के भय से मुक्त कर दिया है। यह सत्य है कि लोग अभी भी बीमार पड़ते हैं। परन्तु पहले की अपेक्षा वे बहुत कम बीमार पड़ते हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त, अब बीमारी उतनी पीड़ाजनक नहीं रही जितनी पहले हुआ करती थी। यह ठीक है कि स्वस्थ होने को सभ्यता नहीं कहते। और तो और बर्बर भी प्रायः स्वस्थ होते हैं। फिर भी अच्छे स्वास्थ्य के बगैर मनुष्य जीवन का आनन्द नहीं ले सकता और न कोई सफलता प्राप्त कर सकता है। यह भी सत्य है कि बहुत से लोगों ने अपने खराब स्वास्थ्य के बावजूद बहुत से महान कार्य किए। परन्तु यदि उनका स्वास्थ्य अच्छा होता तो वे और भी अधिक अच्छा काम करते। आज पुरुष और स्त्रियों का स्वास्थ्य पहले की अपेक्षा अधिक अच्छा है। उनकी आयु भी अधिक लम्बी है। इसलिए उनको बढ़ने के लिए और विकसित होने के लिए अधिक अच्छे अवसर प्राप्त हैं।

तीसरी बात, हमारी सभ्यता पहले की किसी भी सभ्यता की अपेक्षा अधिक सुरक्षित है। पहले की सभ्यताएँ सीमित थीं। वे चारों ओर से असभ्य लोगों के द्वारा घिरी हुई थीं। ये लोग बार-बार उन पर आक्रमण करते और नष्ट कर डालते थे। परन्तु आधुनिक सभ्यता ऐसे खतरे से मुक्त है। यह इतनी अधिक फैली हुई कि आज मुश्किल से कोई बर्बर बचे है जो इसे नष्ट कर सकें।

Q.3 Write a letter (in English) from S.P Sharma, 987, Moti Bagh Colony, Bhopal to the Editor, The Hindustan Times expressing your views on the abject commercialization and falling standards of education in India. The length of the letter should be 200 words. **15 Marks**

Q.4 Write a letter (in Hindi) in about 200 words to the Environment Minister of your state, suggesting ways and means to control the problem of Noise and Water Pollution in the urban areas. The letter should be written from Jagmohan, Secretary, NIRMAL, NGO, LUCKNOW. **10 Marks**

Q.5 Write a paragraph (in about 200 words) in English on any one of the following topics: **10 Marks**

- a) Life in a Big City
- b) The Problem of Rising Prices
- c) Corruption in Public Places
- d) Street Beggars
- e) Road Accidents

Q.6 Distinguish the meanings of the following phrases by using them in sentences of your own? **10 Marks**

- a) run up
run down
- b) set up
set in
- c) call on
call in
- d) turn on
turn down
- e) to bring up
to bring about

Q.7 Correct the following sentences: **5 Marks**

- a) You made him to write that letter.
- b) None of the five hundred candidates were selected.
- c) He asked me how long would he be waiting.
- d) I shall not buy some mangoes.
- e) He did not ring us up, nor he wrote to us.

Q.8 Punctuate the following passage: **5 Marks**

my sons said he said he a great treasure lies hidden in the fields i am to leave you where is it hid said the sons i am about to leave you said the dying old farmer but you must yourself dig for it.