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1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Figures to the right indicate marks.
3. Answer to all questions be written on the answerbook.

Q.1 A) Edit the following passage making the necessary changes in style, punctuation, grammar and organisation of ideas. [8]

Atmost a century ago scientists observed that quartz crystals vibrate at an absolutely constant frequency when an electric current is passed through them. But quartz digital watches did not become practical until miracles of miniaturization were developed to save weight and room in space crafts. Quartz one of the world's common minerals lies at the heart of every digital watch. The typical crystal in the watch powered by a miniature battery vibrates many times per second. The vibrations are fed into a tiny chip which is crammed with transistors and other components. Battery, Crystal and chip combine to produce remarkably accurate watches whose timekeeping rarely strays by more than one or two seconds each month. This microscopic maze is the watch's brain and can be designed to store a remarkable amount of information. It's most important single function is to keep dividing the vibrations by two until the quartz is pulsing precisely once every second.

B) Write a summary of the given passage and provide an appropriate title. [7]

It has been the declared policy of the government to promote the use of Indian languages at all levels. Implementation of this policy at the operations level demands that young men and women choosing the regional languages as media of instruction are in no way at a disadvantage in securing jobs within the state or outside.

The recent UPSC examination ruling on this point has created, for the first time, a situation where a student using the Indian languages is not debarred from competing for the highest posts under the government. It is, in fact, necessary that all other competitive examinations, including those for entrance to the Defence Academy, the Indian Institute of Technology and other all-India professional institutions, must also be thrown open to candidates using Indian languages.

The present emphasis on English as a medium of instruction is one of the factors accentuating the stratification and elitism in our society as also the alienation of the literate from the illiterate. There is a considerable overlap between institutions which charge relatively high fees

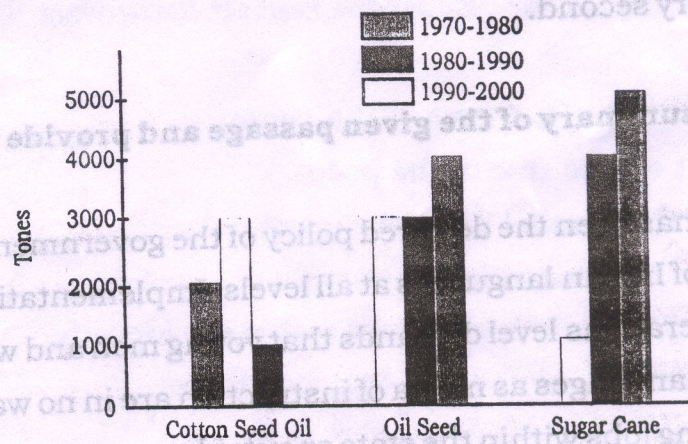
and those which offer English as the medium of instructions. Also, rural candidates have special difficulties in competing through English.

To make a case for promoting the increased use of regional languages is not to be construed as antagonism to English. English will continue to be a valuable window to the developments in the outside world. English should certainly continue to be an additional language of study, proficiency in which would be useful for communication with the outside world, or for commerce or scholarship. But the approach to its teaching and learning should be functional. For the relatively small number of candidates who have passed the selection test on the basis of their abilities and aptitudes (independently of their proficiency in English), it should be possible to arrange intensive post-selection courses in English, when necessary.

In general, emphasis must shift from demanding a proficiency in English before selection for a course / job to making it possible to attain such proficiency (or even demanding the acquisition of such proficiency where functionally necessary) after selection. The government and the public sector (including banks and the LIC) would have to set the pace in this matter.

Q.2 A) Write a paragraph on the graph given below :-

[8]



The bar graph helps compare the production of cash crops over three decades.

B) Write a paragraph of about **150 to 200** words on any **ONE** of the following topics, using the general principles of academic writing:

- Describe a Stressful Time in your Life
- Describe College Life

Q.3 A) Write a report on any **ONE** of the following:

[15]

You are a Gymkhana Secretary of your college. Write a report, which is to be published in the college magazine, on the sports activities conducted during academic year 2011-12.

OR

- B) Write out the annual report of your organization 'Being Human' that works for the benefits of the orphans. [15]

- Q.4 Interpret the given poem by answering the questions given below :- [15]

How Do I Love Thee ?

How do I Love thee ? Let me count the ways.

I Love thee to the depth and breadth and height

My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight

For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.

I love thee to the level of every day's

Most quiet need, by sun and Candlelight.

I love thee freely, as men strive for right;

I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise

I love with a passion put to use

In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.

I love thee with a love I seemed to lose

With my lost saints, --I love thee with the breath,

Smiles, tears, of all my Life ! - and, if God choose

I shall but love thee better after death

(Author : Elizabeth Barrett Browning)

QUESTIONS :

- 1) Briefly discuss the theme of the poem. (3)
- 2) Comment on the title of the poem. (2)
- 3) Evaluate this sonnet as a love poem. (3)
- 4) Illustrate the images in the poem. (2)
- 5) How many ways of loving does a speaker identify? (3)
- 6) Explain the meaning of the last four lines. (2)

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