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पेपर- I : लैंग्वेज कॉम्प्रिहेंशन एंड प्रिसिस राइटिंग/Paper – I : Language Comprehension and Precis writing

समय/Time – 2.00 Hours

अंक/ Marks – 100

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FOR ROUGH WORK



Q. No.1.

Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions given below in your own words:

Beyond diplomatic formalities, a vibrant collaboration unfolds as India's "Make in India" meets Russia's quest for diversified partnerships. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sergey Lavrov's recent endorsement resonates like a harmonious symphony, aligning India's pursuit of autonomy in military and technical domains with Russia's expansion ambitions. The tempo accelerates with Jaisankar's talks culminating in a historic fourth summit invitation to PM, marking an unprecedented streak of diplomatic engagements. This is not a transient waltz. It's a dedicated tango, fueled by the enduring warmth of history.

The economic canvas bursts with hues of collaboration, evident in the USD 45 billion North-South Transport Corridor slashing travel times and the envisioned USD 30 billion Chennai-Vladivostok maritime route. These aren't mere plans; the present Minister of Industry and Trade, Russian Federation, Denis Manturov's discussions with Jaishankar yield concrete results, seen in key agreements for the USD 13 billion Kudankulam nuclear power plant, embodying their shared energy future. As Albert Einstein wisely stated, 'in the middle of difficulty lies opportunity,' encapsulating the transformative essence of this evolving partnership.

Amidst global uncertainties, India and Russia, entwined in a USD 50 billion economic partnership, defy sceptics' predictions of decoupling. Their collaboration in hydrocarbons and nuclear energy forms a resilient baseline, echoing a shared melody of unwavering growth despite geopolitical challenges. Yet, this alliance extends beyond energy to military might. Lavrov's recent announcement of co-producing advanced weaponry reverberates across the geopolitical landscape, signaling a deepening commitment to joint defense. In a rare display of camaraderie, Vladimir Putin declares, 'Our cooperation in the military-technical sphere is a pillar of special and privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India. This proclamation translates into action as India, propelled by "Make in India" aspirations, prepares to manufacture Russian combat aircraft domestically, a transformative step resonating from the workshops of Bangalore and beyond.

[15 marks]

1.1 Attempt any six of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read:

2 x 6 = 12 marks.

(i) Who is Denis Manturov?

(ii) Which sectors are considered as resilient baseline of economic partnership between Russia and India?

(iii) What is the value of North-South Transport Corridor?

(iv) With which Russian City, a maritime route is being envisioned to connect Chennai in India?

(v) Name the Nuclear Power Plant being constructed in collaboration with Russia.

(vi) What does the albert Einstein quote 'in the middle of difficulty lies opportunity' denotes?

1.2 Fill in the blanks with correct options.

[3 marks]

(i) Beyond diplomatic formalities, a vibrant collaboration unfolds as India's "Make in India" meets Russia's quest for _____

- a) Power
- b) Energy
- c) Partnership
- d) Collaboration

(ii) Find a word in the paragraph which means the same as in the following:

- (a) Valued Cooperation _____
- (b) Causing or able to cause a change _____

Q. No. 2.

Write a Paragraph on any one of the following topics in not more than 200 words:

1. Aatmanirbhar Bharat
2. E-Waste Management
3. Digital Economy

[10 marks]

Answer:

Topic: _____





Q. No.3.

Make sentences using the following idioms and phrases.

[5 marks]

(i) Under the weather: _____

(ii) Apple of my eye: _____

(iii) Time is Money : _____

(iv) Make a long story short: _____

(v) Spill the beans: _____

Q. No.4

Give single word substitute for the following sentence/phrase-

[5 marks]

(i) The Study of flying aeroplanes _____

(ii) The Speech made without preparation _____

(iii) Study of celestial bodies _____

(iv) The study of human mind _____

(v) The killing of a human being _____

Q. No. 5.

Write two synonyms for each word given below:

[10 marks]

Word	Answer
(i) Overwhelming	(i) _____ (ii) _____
(ii) Adamant	(i) _____ (ii) _____
(iii) Calamity	(i) _____ (ii) _____
(iv) Courteous	(i) _____ (ii) _____
(v) Erratic	(i) _____ (ii) _____

Q. No.6.

Fill in the blanks with most appropriate word:

[10 marks]

- (i) We get out life just what we put into it.
- A. With
 - B. For
 - C. Of
 - D. To
- (ii) Each year we see new progress made..... almost every field.
- A. To
 - B. In
 - C. For
 - D. Of

(iii) You will pass..... You work hard.

- A. If
- B. Unless
- C. Else
- D. Until

(iv) Young Priyanshi..... a very sweet song.

- A. Sang
- B. Recited
- C. Singed
- D. Tuned

(v) If one wishes to apply the scholarship, one must submit the application by 1st March.

- A. Of
- B. For
- C. From
- D. To

Q. No.7.

Do as directed:

[5 marks]

(i) Give (Tick mark) an antonym for CONTAMINATION

- A. Purification
- B. Prejudice
- C. Forgetfulness
- D. Exonerate

(ii) Give (Tick mark) an antonym for INTEGRAL

- A. Unimportant
- B. Essential
- C. Independent
- D. Major

(iii) Give (Tick mark) an antonym for ELEVATION

- A. Deflation
- B. Depression
- C. Depreciation
- D. Appreciation

(iv) Give (Tick mark) the meaning of MITIGATE

- A. Ease
- B. Cruel
- C. Imperfect
- D. Damaged

(v) Give (Tick mark) the meaning of DIFFIDENCE

- A. Discourage
- B. Harmful
- C. Humility
- D. Defection



Q. No. 8.

Make a precis of the following passage using your own words approximately in one third of the passage and suggest an appropriate title (write the precis in sheet provided)

[5+20 marks]

Choke points are narrow parts of main trade lanes, usually straits or canals. As the geopolitical weaponization of supply chains increasingly becomes a part of economic statecraft, their vulnerability grows. As the Houthis have shown, disrupting global trade at one of these choke points, does not require huge military power.

Disabling the biggest choke points could have severe global consequences. About 12 percent of global trade passes the Suez Canal, more than twice as much goes through the Malacca Strait between Indonesia and Malaysia. The Malacca strait regularly has issues with piracy.

Disruptions at choke points potentially have much larger effects around the world, as they affect traffic growing to and from many countries. Alternative routes to them are difficult, if not impossible, to find. This was may be most impressively demonstrated by the 2021 Suez blockage when a container ship was wedged across the canal and held up USD 9.6 billion in trade per day for nearly a week.

Today is not 2021. Ships continue to use the Suez Canal and the Red Sea is not closed to shipping, the volume of shipping, the volume of shipping containers passing through Suez fell drastically from 500,000 per day in November 2023 to 200,000 per day in December 2023. Demand is not nearly as high as it was back then. Indeed there has been over-capacity on many shipping routes over the past year. This can now serve as a buffer when vessels spend more time on longer routes.

But another of the main choke points is currently suffering severe disruptions. The Panama Canal, which connects the Atlantic and Pacific is experiencing an intense drought. Now water levels in the Panama Canal are so low that shipping capacity is severely limited. Shipping giant Maersk recently shifted cargo to the railway line running in parallel to the canal. Before the current US east crisis, some ships took a ten-day detour on their journeys between Asia and the US east coast by going through the Suez Canal.

Alternatives for the route through the Bab el-Mandeb and the Suez Canal are limited. The Panama Canal is not a viable option at the moment. The Northern Sea Route is 40 percent shorter than the alternative via the Suez Canal for connecting Asia to Europe. But ice makes it navigable for no more than five months per year and there are concerns about the impact of ships on the fragile Arctic ecosystem.

The railway line linking China to Europe has seen significant growth in freight transport in recent years. But both rail and Northern Sea Route connections are affected by sanctions on Russia. What is left for most who are keen to avoid the Red Sea is the long detour around Africa.

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Precis Sheet: Write only one word in each box

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Q. No. 9.

Change the following sentences into passive voice:

[10 marks]

(i) Rama hits the ball.

Ans: _____

(ii) The man cut down the tree.

Ans: _____

(iii) He made a very remarkable discovery.

Ans: _____

(iv) We expect good news.

Ans: _____

(v) Everyone respects him.

Ans: _____

Q.10. Fill in the blanks with the correct word:

[5 marks]

(i) America was _____ by Christopher Columbus.

Ans:

- (a) Discovered
- (b) Recovered

(ii) Shyam _____ with Vani.

Ans:

- (a) Elapsed
- (b) Eloped

(iii) We had a _____ lunch today.

Ans:

- (a) Sumptuous
- (b) Sumtous

(iv) The texture of the jacket he is bearing is _____

Ans:

- (a) Coarse
- (b) Course

(v) I hope this tree will _____ more apples next year.

Ans:

- (a) Bare
- (b) Bear

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