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Time: 10.30 am to 1.00 pm

Total Marks: 60

Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Figures to the right indicate full marks.
3. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
4. Start new question on new page.

Q.1 Do as directed.**A.) Antonyms and Synonyms (Any 20 out of 22) (Each of ½ Marks)****(10)**

1. Antonym of Terrible
 - a. Frightening
 - b. Scaring
 - c. Soothing
 - d. Horrible
2. Antonym of Widely
 - a. Succinctly
 - b. Spacious
 - c. Limited
 - d. Narrowly
3. Antonym of Mighty
 - a. Weak
 - b. Forcible
 - c. Tough
 - d. Forceful
4. Antonym of Glory
 - a. Fame
 - b. Reputation
 - c. Splendor
 - d. Debasement
5. Antonym of Feasible
The members thought that the task was feasible.
 - a. Difficult
 - b. Impractical
 - c. Workable
 - d. None of the above
6. Antonym of Barbarians
The inhabitants of the Island were barbarians.
 - a. Cruel
 - b. Bad
 - c. Civilized
 - d. Uncivilized
7. Antonym of Resist
Many people try to resist reforms in the society
 - a. Refuse
 - b. Welcome
 - c. Repel
 - d. Fight
8. Antonym of Reluctant
The young leader was reluctant to shoulder the responsibilities of ministerial office.
 - a. Willing
 - b. Wanting
 - c. Denying
 - d. None of the above
9. Antonym of Evolving
 - a. Stagnating
 - b. Suffering
 - c. Retreating
 - d. None of the above
10. Antonym of Secular
 - a. Moral
 - b. Religious
 - c. Righteous
 - d. Spiritual
11. Synonym of Cease
 - a. Begin
 - b. Stop
 - c. Create
 - d. Dull
12. Synonym of Reckless
 - a. Courageous
 - b. Daring
 - c. Bold
 - d. Rash

13. Synonym of Retain
It is difficult to retain all that you hear in the class.
- a. Preserve
b. Observe
- c. Keep
d. Conserve
14. Synonym of Fatal
- a. Deadly
b. Dangerous
- c. Grievous
d. Serious
15. Synonym of Headway
In spite of their efforts, the team of scientists could not make much headway to solve the problem.
- a. Thinking
b. Start
- c. Progress
d. Efforts
16. Synonym of Illicit
The underworld still makes solid profit out of illicit liquor.
- a. Indigenous
b. Illegitimate
- c. Country
d. Illegal
17. Synonym of Lynched
The angry villagers have lynched two suspects child-lifters already.
- a. Killed
b. Beaten
- c. Captured
d. Mutilated
18. Synonym of Anxiety
Everyone was listening to the news of earthquake with mounting anxiety.
- a. Curiosity
b. Eagerness
- c. Grief
d. Uneasiness
19. Synonym of Lucrative
He found a lucrative assignment
- a. Good
b. Profitable
- c. Excellent
d. Significant
20. Synonym of Exemplary
The courage shown by the soldiers at this moment of crisis is exemplary.
- a. Admirable
b. Clear
- c. Elementary
d. Suitable
21. Synonym of Consolidate
- a. Contrive
b. Connive
- c. Conspire
d. Unite
22. Synonym of Confidential
- a. Private
b. Trusted
- c. Secret
d. Hidden

B) Write meaning of the given idioms and use them in sequences (Any 10 out of 11)

(10)

1. Ball is in your court
2. Costs an arm and a leg
3. Hit the nail on the head
4. Call it a day
5. Bite off more than you can chew
6. Add insult to injury
7. Barking up the wrong tree
8. Beat around the bush
9. A bitter pill
10. Couch potato
11. Hit the sack

No.	A	B
1.	Martinet	a. badges, dress of rank or office
2.	Patronymic	b. sisterhood
3.	Termagant	c. blatantly over patriotic
4.	Chauvinistic	d. belief that God is in nature
5.	Regalia	e. Name from father
6.	Sorority	f. one's school or college
7.	Dilettantism	g. abnormally low blood pressure
8.	Alma mater	h. lack of seriousness in an art or profession
9.	Pantheism	i. disciplinarian
10.	Hypotension	j. Loud-mouthed woman
11.	Get your act together	k. the worst possible situation
12.	That's the last straw	l. do something pointless
13.	A perfect storm	m. take calculated risks
14.	Break the ice	n. my patience has run out
15.	Go on a wild goose chase	o. make people feel more comfortable
16.	Live and learn	p. save for later
17.	Save for a rainy day	q. work better or leave

Q.3 Do as directed.

A)

Reading comprehension- (Any 7 out of 8)

(07)

Political education has many connotations. It may be defined as the preparation of a citizen to take well informed, responsible and sustained action for participation in the national struggle in order to achieve the socio-economic objectives of the country. The predominant socio-economic objectives in India are the abolition of poverty and the creation of a modern democratic, secular and socialist society in place of the present traditional, feudal, hierarchical and in egalitarian one.

Under the colonial rule, the Congress leaders argued that political education was an important part of education and refused to accept the official view that education and politics should not be mixed with one another. But when they came to power in 1947 they almost adopted the British policy and began to talk of education being defiled by politics. 'Hands off education' was the call to political parties. But in spite of it, political infiltration into the educational system has greatly increased in the sense that different political parties vie with each other to capture the mind of teachers and students. The wise academicians wanted political support, without political interference. What we have actually received is infinite political interference with little genuine political support. This interference with the educational system by political parties for their own ulterior motives is no political education at all and with the all round growth of elitism, it is hardly a matter for surprise that real political education within the school system (which really means the creation of a commitment to social transformation) has been even weaker than in the pre-independence period.

During that time only, the struggle for freedom came to an end and the major non- formal agency of political education disappeared. The press played a major role by providing some political education. But it did not utilize the opportunity to the full and the strangle hold of vested interests continued to dominate it. The same can be said of political parties as well as of other institutions and agencies outside the school system which can be expected to provide political education. After analyzing all these things, it appears that we have made no progress in genuine political education in the post-independence period and have even sided back in some respects. For instance, the education system has become even more elite-oriented. Patriotism has become the first casualty. The father of the nation gave us the courage to oppose government when it was wrong, in a disciplined fashion and on basic principles. Today, we have even lost the courage to fight on basic issues in a disciplined manner because agitational and anarchic politics for individual, group or party aggrandizement has become common. In

the recent times the education system continues to support domination of the privileged groups and domestication of the under-privileged ones. The situation will not change unless we take vigorous steps to provide genuine political education on an adequate scale. This is one of the major educational reforms we need, and if it is not carried out, mere linear expansion of the existing system of formal education will only support the status quo and hamper radical social transformation.

1. Which word is nearly opposite in meaning as “defile” as used in the passage?
 - A. Disparage
 - B. Forgery
 - C. Degenerate
 - D. Sanctify
2. According to the passage, what should be the main purpose of political education?
 - A. To champion the cause of elitism
 - B. To bring qualitative change in the entire education system
 - C. To create an egalitarian society
 - D. To prepare the young generation with high intellectual acumen.
3. How has politics been related to educational institutions after independence?
4. Based on the passage, which is the major drawback of the present education system?
5. Which is the most opposite in meaning to the word ‘hamper’ as used in the passage?
 - A. Accelerate
 - B. Envision
 - C. Foster
 - D. Initiate
6. Give an appropriate title for the passage.
7. What is the motive of political parties with respect to education?
8. Has the education system become more elite - oriented?

B) Garvit Sharma, 34-C, Maple Heights, Orbit Street, wishes to sell his house as he is migrating to Australia. Draft an advertisement for him for publication in the ‘For Sale’ section of the newspaper (05)

OR

B) You are running a real estate agency in San Jose, California. You have to write an advertisement for residential apartments available for rent. Draft the advertisement in not more than 50 words. (05)

Q.4 Descriptive writing in around 200 words. (6 Marks Each) (Any 2 out of 3) (12)

1. Changing Face of the World and Social Media
2. Anxiety - a major concern for the society.
3. Write a review on a movie of your choice.