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Paper Code : HM-HU-201(N)

ENGLISH

Time Allotted : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 70

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

GROUP - A

(Multiple Choice Type Questions)

1. Choose the correct alternatives for any ten of the following : 10 × 1 = 10

i) The universe was formed out of chaos. The antonym of 'chaos' is

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| a) Dystopia | b) Cosmos |
| c) Hullabaloo | d) Topsy-turvy. |

(ii) Virat Kohli has penchant for hook shots. The synonym of 'penchant' is

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| a) Art | b) Inclination |
| c) Strength | d) Desire. |

- iii) Read the sentence and select the option that corrects the underlined section :

Quebec rises in a magnificent way above the St. Lawrence River.

- a) Rises in a magnificent way, way above
- b) Rises magnificently above
- c) Is raised in a magnificent way above
- d) No change.

- iv) Words written on the tomb of a person

- a) manuscript b) inscription
- c) epitaph d) engrave.

- v) Choose the answer that corrects the misplaced phrase in this sentence, if required :

Wearing a skirt, Bill Bates gave chocolates to the little girl and her brother.

- a) Bill Bates gave chocolate wearing a skirt to the little girl and her brother
- b) Bill Bates gave chocolates to the little girl and her brother wearing a skirt
- c) Bill Bates gave chocolates to the little girl wearing a skirt and her brother
- d) no change.

- vi) It is better to be than make a blunder.

- a) discreet b) discrete
- c) discard d) competent.

- vii) A large scale departure of people from a territory is

- a) Migration b) Immigration
- c) Exodus d) Aberration.

- viii) Bangladesh into existence 30 years ago.

- a) had come b) came
- c) was come d) is come.

4. Rearrange the following sentences in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them.

✓ A. One evidence of this is that many highly intelligent people are very low on creativity.

✓ B. In other words they may find replicating a process very easy but creating a process difficult.

✓ C. But it is unfortunate that in many organizations these replicates are rated high and promoted over creators.

✓ D. Intelligence and creativity are two different things. <http://www.makaut.com>

✓ E. They may understand the things very fast but are poor if any new thing is to be developed; this in the long-term gives creators an upper edge.

~~a)~~ Which of the above will be the second sentence ?

~~b)~~ Which of the above will be the fifth sentence ?

~~c)~~ Which of the above will be the fourth sentence ?

~~d)~~ Which of the above will be the first sentence ?

~~e)~~ Which of the above will be the third sentence ?

5. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :
What needs to be set right is our approach to work. It is a common sight in our country of employees reporting for duty on time and at the same time doing little work. If an assessment is made of time they spent in gossiping, drinking tea, eating 'pan' and smoking cigarettes, it will be shocking to know that the time devoted to actual work is negligible. The problem is the standard which the leadership in administration sets for the staff. Forget the ministers because, they mix

politics and administration. What do top bureaucrats do ? What do the below down officials do ? The administration set up remains weak mainly because the employees do not have the right example to follow and they are more concerned about being in the good books of the bosses than doing work.

a) The employees in our country

- i) are quite punctual but not duty conscious
- ii) are not punctual, but somehow manage to complete their work
- iii) are somewhat lazy but good natured
- iv) are not very highly qualified.

b) According to the writer, the administration in India

- i) is by and large effective
- ii) is very strict and firm
- iii) is affected by red tape
- iv) is more or less ineffective.

c) The word 'assessment' means

- i) enquiry ii) report
- iii) evaluation iv) summary.

d) The leadership in administration

- i) sets a fine example to the employees
- ii) is of a reasonably high standard
- iii) is composed of idealists
- iv) is of a very poor standard.

e) The central idea of the passage could be best expressed as

- i) the employee's outlook towards work is justified
- ii) the employee must change their outlook towards work
- iii) the employees would never change their work culture.
- iv) the employer-employee relationship is far from healthy.

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6. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : 5×1
- a) This material is different that.
 - b) You should explain these them.
 - c) He has been absent Monday.
 - d) I have not been to the theatre a long time.
 - e) This is a comfortable house to life

GROUP - C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following. $3 \times 15 = 45$

7. Write an essay on any *one* topic given below :

- a) Importance of leisure hours in life
- b) Employment prospects in the IT industry
- c) Pollution crisis in urban areas
- d) 'Social media' is a selfish medium.

8. Read the following passage and answer the following questions :

"I Have a Dream" is a public speech delivered by American civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963, in which he calls for an end to racism in the United States and called for civil and economic rights. Delivered to over 250,000 civil rights supporters from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., the speech was a defining moment of the civil rights movement.

Beginning with a reference to the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed million of slaves in 1863, King observes that : "one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free". Toward the end of the speech, King departed from his prepared text for a partly improvised peroration on the theme "I have a dream", promoted by Mahalia Jackson's cry : "Tell them about the dream, Martin !" In this part of the speech, which most excited

the listeners and has now become the most famous is King described his dreams of freedom and equality arising from a land of slavery and hatred. Jon Meacham writes that, "With a single phrase, Martin Luther King Jr. joined Jefferson and Lincoln in the ranks of men who've shaped modern America". The speech was ranked the top American speech of the 20th century in a 1999 poll of scholars of public address.

- ☒ a) What issues does Martin Luther King's speech address? 2
- ☒ b) Who pushes King to speak : "I have a dream" ? 2
- ☒ c) What did King observe and what does the most famous part of his speech describe ? 2
- ☒ d) In front of whom does King speak ? 2
- ☒ e) From the last paragraph, give one word for 'to leave' and make a sentence with it. 2
- ☒ f) Make précis of the passage given above and give a suitable title. 5

9. Write different techniques of word-formation. Elucidate at least five such techniques with proper example.

10. Write down the different techniques of writing precisely. Use suitable examples to support your answer.

- ☒ 11. Write a job application and provide your Resume in response to the following advertisement on May 2, 2019 in The Telegraph :

An MNC has vacancy for the post of a Junior Manager where the company would be recruiting an engineer with three years' experience. Apply within 21 days to the H.R. Manager, Corporate Computer Communications. GM Block, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091.