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ENGLISH

Marks : 50

Time : 1 hour

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics :

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- (a) Health is wealth
- (b) Water pollution and its impact on the environment
- (c) Childhood memories
- (d) Use of internet—merits and demerits

2. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

One day, I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean really friendly.

So, I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!" This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call 'The law of the Garbage Truck'. He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run full of garbage, full of anger and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so "Love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't." This attitude will help you sail through life. There will be fewer jerks and bumps. Learn to take the bad with the good, for life can never be perfect.

Acceptance of what is, is the solution. Don't react, just accept and you will be a lot more happy. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

Questions :

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| (a) Where was the narrator headed for? | 1 |
| (b) How did the car appear in front of their taxi? | 1 |
| (c) How did the taxi driver avert an accident? | 1 |
| (d) How did the taxi driver react to the other person's yelling? | 1 |
| (e) To what did he compare the yelling driver? | 1 |
| (f) The term 'garbage' in the context of the passage means ____. | 1 |
| (g) The narrator learnt an invaluable lesson from the taxi driver. What was it? | 1 |
| (h) What do successful people do? | 1 |
| (i) What attitude will help one to sail through life? | 1 |
| (j) How can one be happy? | 1 |
| (k) Give words in the passage which means— | |
| (i) reconciliation; | |
| (ii) feeling of defeat; | |
| (iii) obstructions; | |
| (iv) to strike suddenly; | |
| (v) to turn suddenly. | 5 |

3. Fill in the blanks with the correct determiners : 1×5=5

- (a) Sally didn't take ____ photos when she went on holiday. (many/any)
- (b) I like many of her songs, but not ____ of them are good. (some/all)
- (c) We invited ____ friends over to our house for a barbeque. (a few/few)
- (d) This notebook is mine, but ____ pen is yours. (these/that)
- (e) ____ students joined the debate club. (Many/More)

4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate modals :

1×5=5

- (a) ____ you lend me your car for the weekend? (Should/Could)
- (b) According to the forecast, it ____ rain later this evening.
(might/should)
- (c) The patient ____ be taken to the hospital right away. (may/must)
- (d) ____ order pizza tonight. (Shall/Will)
- (e) We ____ to respect our elders. (might/ought)

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given :

1×5=5

- (a) The soup ____ good. (taste)
- (b) I ____ Kumar this week. (see)
- (c) Ashok fell off the ladder when he ____ the roof. (mend)
- (d) Look, the sun ____ over the hills. (rise)
- (e) The window was ____ by the wind. (break)

6. Correct the following sentences :

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- (a) What do a pair of jeans cost?
- (b) Neither of these printers work properly.
- (c) Bread and eggs are my favourite.
- (d) Nine and nine make eighteen.
- (e) They coming tomorrow.

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