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Max. : 100 Marks

I Choose the word which is nearest in meaning to the key word: (10x 1 =10)

	A	B	C	D
i. Emulate	imitate	deny	question	discuss
ii. Candid	vague	secretive	experienced	frank
iii. Ecstasy	exhausted	strong	joy	greed
iv. Haughty	tall	proud	casual	careless
v. Reiterate	frustrate	illustrate	repeat	deny
vi. Divulge	to strip	conceal	explore	reveal
vii. Fiasco	strength	success	failure	hope
viii. Ravish	accumulate	preserve	uphold	misuse
ix. Genesis	beginning	style	movement	relevant
x. Incompatible	capable	reasonable	indifferent	contradictory

II Pick out the word opposite in meaning to the key word: (10x 1=10)

	A	B	C	D
i. Erudite	ignorant	unknown	illiterate	unfamiliar
ii. Serene	impure	agitated	showy	complicated
iii. Frugal	charitable	extravagant	generous	gaudy
iv. Extrovert	boaster	mixer	introvert	social
v. Wane	widen	fatten	prosper	swell
vi. Impeccable	reasonable	practical	repulsive	faulty
vii. Callous	hardened	soft	sensitive	compact
viii. Antithesis	similarity	quite	different	regular
ix. Instill	extract	eradicate	express	expand
x. Transparent	translucent	vague	blind	opaque

III Out of the given alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given phrase or sentence: (10 x 1=10)

	A	B	C	D
i. One who believes in God	agnostic	theist	devotee	secularist
ii. A speech made without preparation	prepared	debate	extempore	elocution
iii. A place where money is coined	mint	press	treasury	bank
iv. A book written in hand	handwritten	manuscript	edition	draft
v. A cure for all diseases	panacea	cure	antibiotic	remedy
vi. A sweet music	lullaby	melody	folk song	duet
vii. A number of ships	fleet	galaxy	constellation	group
viii. A word no longer in use	extant	obsolete	outdated	nervous
ix. The study of birds	ornithology	philology	otology	geology
x. One who knows many languages	linguist	polyglot	stylist	debater

IV . Choose the exact meaning of the idioms/phrases

(10x1=10)

1. to have cold feet
 - a) to feel very cold
 - b) to pay attention to
 - c) to be reluctant
 - d) to pour water on something

2. Blue blood
 - a) something impossible
 - b) an aristocrat
 - c) something costly
 - d) a funny object

3. to turn over a new leaf
 - a) to read something attentively
 - b) to remain vigilant
 - c) to change one's behaviour for the better
 - d) to be careful

4. pillar to post
 - a) very tiresome journey
 - b) One place to another
 - c) main supports of a building
 - d) post box on a pillar

5. to clear the air
 - a) to work hard
 - b) to wash properly
 - c) to remove tension
 - d) to create confusion

6. Within a stone's throw
 - a) very far-off
 - b) with a certain radius
 - c) at a short distance
 - d) within a definite circumference

7. Lock, stock and barrel
 - a) completely
 - b) financially
 - c) administratively
 - d) partially

8. All at Sea
 - a) out of reach
 - b) very happy
 - c) puzzled
 - d) drowning

9. Lion's share
 - a) no share at all
 - b) greater share
 - c) miserly
 - d) very small item

10. Heart and soul
 - a) very seriously and sincerely
 - b) honestly
 - c) wearily
 - d) very casually

SECTION - B

V SPOTTING ERRORS

(10x1=10)

In this section each sentence has three parts, indicated by A,B and C. Read each sentence to find out whether there is an error in any of the parts. No sentence has more than one error. If a sentence has no error, mark your answer as D. Write only the alphabet of the correct answer in the answer paper.

1. They were off to a / flying start but cannot / keep up their pace. / No error.
 A B C D
2. We currently / hung out at / the Taj Hotel in Bombay. / No error.
 A B C D
3. We have chosen / to completely ignored / that response. / No error.
 A B C D
4. Nothing has / or could be more unfortunate / in the whole affair. / No error.
 A B C D
5. He was let with a fine / instead of / being sent to prison. / No error.
 A B C D

6. *By virtue of his hard work / my brother has topped the list / in the examination. / No error.*
A B C D
7. *Some children were bathing in the sea, / others were looking for shells and / a few
A B
 played in the sand. / No error.*
C D
8. *He as well as his friends / are entering a competition / for the 400 metres race. / No error.*
A B C D
9. *The one thing artists can't tolerate is / being disturbed / while at work. / No error.*
A B C D
10. *A few seconds had passed / and then, appeared / a small black and white cat. / No error.*
A B C D

VI. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it. (10x1=10)

Although he was born in a little village near the coast and had gone to school in the nearest seaside town, Mr. Wilmot was not a lover of the sea; even when walking along the sands, he was always afraid of being cut off by the tide. He was not a very good swimmer, so perhaps this accounts for it.

After working for some years in London he was transferred to a coast resort and, of course, the family outings were often made to the beach. One day his children pleaded to go out into the bay in a boat. The sun shone brightly, there was little wind and the water was calm. So Mr. Wilmot hired a boat and with his two children rowed out into the bay. Of course they were tempted to go farther than they had intended, past the protecting cliffs and out to the open sea/ At first all went well, but when they decided to turn back they encountered difficulties. A strong breeze had sprung up and the currents here were rather treacherous.

Mr. Wilmot rowed hard, but it seemed they were making little progress. The children were waving to attract the attention of the people on the beach. Just then a motorboat appeared from the direction of the bay. Their plight had been noticed and the boat had come to their rescue.

A line was soon attached and they were towed back round the cliff to the shore. Mr. Wilmot's dislike of the sea was not diminished by this experience.

Questions:

1. Mr. Wilmot was nervous of walking along the sands because
 - a) he had no love for the sea
 - b) there the sea was infested with deadly monsters
 - c) he feared that the tide may cut him off from the land
 - d) the sea was too deep even near the coast
2. What accounted for his dislike of the sea?
 - a) He was not a good swimmer, he feared that he might get drowned in the sea.
 - b) The protruding cliffs made navigation dangerous
 - c) He was accustomed to comfortable city life
 - d) Many a tragedy had occurred in the past near the sea coast
3. What did the children plead for?
 - a) Climb the cliff to have better view of the bay
 - b) Go to a coast resort
 - c) Taken for a picnic on the beach
 - d) Go out into the bay in a boat
4. Mr. Wilmot was tempted to go farther away from land than he had intended because
 - a) He enjoyed rowing in the bright sunshine
 - b) The sea was calm, there being little wind
 - c) His children wanted to go far out in the sea
 - d) He encountered no danger while rowing the boat.

5. what difficulties did they encounter when returning to the shore?
 - a) The boat they were rowing in suddenly developed a leak.
 - b) Sea monsters surrounded the boat
 - c) Treacherous currents developed as a result of strong winds.
 - d) The engine of the boat stopped functioning.
6. Why did the children wave?
 - a) They were bidding goodbye to the people on the shore.
 - b) To attract the attention of the people on the bank to their plight
 - c) They had a joyous ride in the boat
 - d) Their boat was sinking.
7. Why did the motor boat appear?
 - a) It was on patrol duty
 - b) It happened to be out fishing in the sea.
 - c) It came out of the bay to join its mother ship enchored in the deep sea.
 - d) The crew of the boat having noticed the plight of the Wilmots, came to rescue them.
8. How did Mr.Wilmot and children get back to the shore?
 - a) The crew of the motor boat helped them to mend the leak in their boat.
 - b) With the help of a line, they were transferred to the motor boat
 - c) By attaching a line to their boat, the motorboat towed them back to the shore
 - d) A few men from the motorboat joined the Wilmots in their boat which they quickly rowed to the shore.
9. A suitable title for the above passage is
 - a) The Wilmot Family
 - b) Mr.Wilmot and the Sea
 - c) An Enjoyable Trip to the Sea
 - d) Dangers of the Sea
10. Mr.Wilmot came to the coast resort because he was
 - a) Posted
 - b) Sent
 - c) Transferred
 - d) Rowed out

VII Attempt a précis for the following passage.

(15 marks)

We are confronting an extraordinary challenge on this planet right now. We are faced with a unique circumstance in which we see a split in ideology, even as we observe and advance in our technologies. We have seen ideological splits in the human race before but we have never seen such a wide rift at the same time as we have had an incredible advance in technology. What this means is that the human race can no longer afford to indulge its differences. Our technologies have advanced to the point where we can end life as we know it on the planet in one afternoon. And so if we let our differences become divisions, and our divisions turn into conflicts, we could take the entire human race down the path of self-destruction. What is astonishing about this is that it wouldn't take a lot of people to do it! Just a few angry men can put an end to the entire human experiment given today's technologies. We had better, therefore, find a way to resolve our differences – and there is a way, although very few members of the human race are using it. The problems confronting our species are spiritual problems. They can only be addressed with spiritual solutions. Politics will not work, economic solutions will not work, and religious solutions will not work.

VIII Write an essay on any ONE of the following in about 300 words each. (10 marks)

- 1) Write an essay on the dynamics of a Group Discussion.
- 2) Discuss the dos and don'ts of attending a personal interview.

IX Write an essay on any ONE of the following in about 300 words each. (15 marks)

- a) The need for students' participation in politics.

OR

- b) The future of India depends on providing free Higher Education to all.
