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GENERAL ENGLISH

Language English (Insights - I)

(CBCS Scheme Repeaters 2019-20 onwards)

Paper : I

Time : 3 Hours   **Maximum Marks : 70**

Instructions to Candidates:

1. Answer all questions.
2. Mention the question number correctly.

Section - A

(Work Book)

I.   Correct the following sentences :   (5×1=5)

   1.   That is a girl I told you about

   2.   Please don't be late. Try to be in time.

   3.   Does not forget to give me a call before you leave.

   4.   The driver spin the wheel.

   5.   He has been living in Paris since three months.

II. Rearrange the given sentences in proper sequence in a paragraph :   (5×1=5)

   1.   I reached office at 11 O'clock after sending the money.

   2.   Some money had to be sent to my parents.

   3.   After that, I spent almost an hour at the Post Office.

   4.   Therefore, I went to bank to withdraw some money.

   5.   However, I had no money with me.

III. Read the following passage carefully and anwer the given questions :   (5)

The first man to jump out of an aeroplane, when travelling at a speed greater than sound, was Arthur Ray Hawkins, one of the most outstanding United States Navy pilots. Jumps of this sort had long been thought impossible.

During an air show over Mississippi in 1954, Hawkins was flying an entirely new type of plane. At 12, 192 metres, the nose of the plane dipped sharply. No matter how hard he tried, Hawkins could not pull it out of the dive and it gathered such speed that it was soon travelling

faster than sound. Strapped in his seat and hanging upside down, the pilot could not reach the button that would destroy the top of the plane. Near him, however, there was a button that was to be used only in times of very great danger. Hawkins pressed it. There was an explosion and his seat - which shielded him to some extent - burst through the glass shell above his head.

While still half-conscious, Hawkins tried to pull the ribbon which would open his parachute. It was fortunate that he failed in his attempt, for at such speed, the parachute would have been torn to pieces. As he sped towards earth, he realised that the breathing - tube which supplied him with air had also been torn away. Rapidly losing consciousness because of the lack of air, he knew that he had to open the parachute - otherwise he might not get another change to do so.

At about 8,839 metres, the parachute opened, and Hawkins pulled a handle which freed him from the pilot seat. While Swinging through the air in slow motion, he began to tremble with cold and everything went grey - he was not getting enough air! Just then he remembered a rule for breathing at great heights. He took short, sharp breaths and so forced air into his bloodstream. This kept him alive until, at 3,048 metres, he could breathe without difficulty. Soon afterwards, he landed safely in a field of cotton. His plane crashed into a wood nearby, but luckily no one was hurt.

1. Where did the air show take place?

2. Why was Hawkins unable to reach the button which would destroy the top of the aeroplane?

3. Why was it lucky that Hawkins failed to open the parachute the first time?

4. Why did he open it at 8,839 metres?

5. How did he breathe at this height?

IV. Expand the News Paper captions given below :   (5×1=5)

1. Snake found in fruit basket at hotel.

2. Task force spots 15 tigers.

3. Heavy rains stop rescue operations.

4. Schools in Bengaluru to remain closed till January end.

5. India lost the 1ˢᵗ ODI against SA by 31 runs.

V. Fill in the blanks with appropriate Idioms and Phrases from the list given below :(3×1=3)

1. He _____ in the middle of his speech.

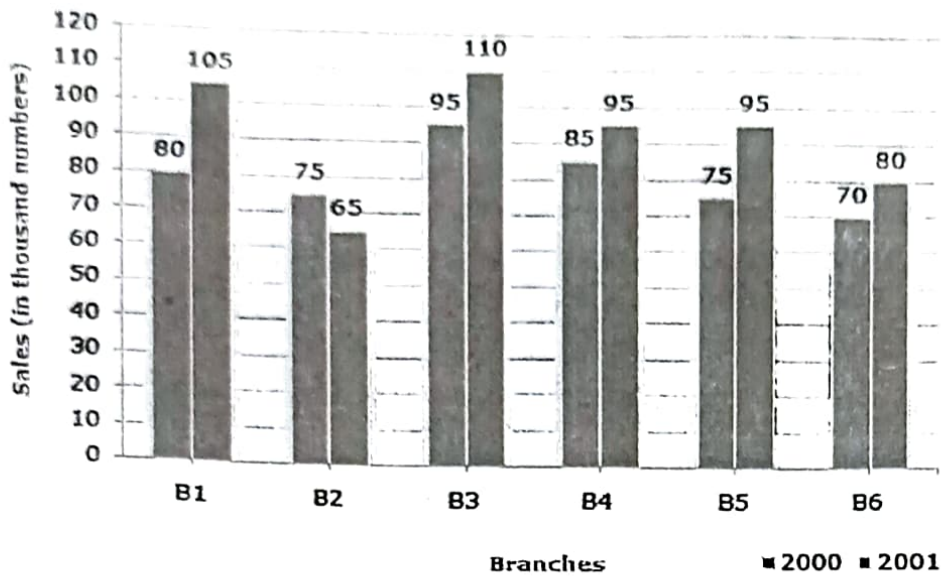2. The Governor _____ the prizes.

3. I must first _____ the accounts.

VI. Choose the correct form of the words given in the brackets and fill in the blanks. (2×1=2)

1. Her behaviour was very _____ (mystery).

2. Cricket _____ (origin) in England.

VII. The bar graph given below below shows the sales of books (in thousand numbers) from six branches of a publishing company during two consecutive years 2000 and 2001.   (5)

Sales of Books (in thousand numbers) from Six Branches - B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 and B6 of a publishing Company in 2000 and 2001.

Section - B

(Course Book)

VIII. Answer any **five** of the following in one or two sentences each :   (5×2=10)

1. In 'A Service of Love', at the end of the first week, how much money did both Joe and Delia bring home respectively?

2. What suggestions were given by Ashoke to his wife, to get rid of Santoshi in the story 'Acceptance'?

3. According to William Shakespeare, who lacks the 'tongue to praise'?

4. When does the notion of playing the game according to rules vanish, as per George Orwell?

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5. The picture of Ugoye Nweke that Nnanemeka had in his mind was of a girl -

   a. Who used to dance very well at school.

   b. Who used to beat up boys and was a complete dunce at school.

   c. Who used to dictate English words in school.

   d. Who was s bullhead in school.

6. Who are the 'barren handed' in 'On Buying and Selling'?

7. What do you understand by the word 'E-Governance' from Kalam's 'Towards A Competitive Nation'.

8. Veejaying refers to someone who takes care of travel management. True/False.

IX. Answer any **four** of the following in about a page each. (**One from poetry compulsory**)
                                                                    (4×5=20)

1. What stories did both Joe and Delia fabricate about their jobs in 'A Service of Love'?

2. How does 'Sonnet 106' describe the 'beauty' of youth.

3. Describe how the two incidents of bad feeling that occurred between England and Russia endorse George Orwell's idea of The Sporting Spirit.

4. Why has Khalil Gibran in his poem 'On Buying and Selling' tell that 'Barren handed' should not be allowed to interfere in trade.

5. Why does Abdul Kalam consider the launch of Agni V, a milestone?

6. What are the career options available for women at present in comparison to those in the past?

X. Answer any **One** of the following in about **Two** pages.   (1×10=10)

1. Explain how the story 'Acceptance', address the issue of the challenges faced by LGBT Community.

2. Discuss the character of Nnaemeka as a Son and as a Husbnad in 'Marriage is a Private Affair'.

3. The poem 'Sonnet 106' records the flawless beauty of the friend and the love of the poet towards him. Substantiate this statement.