



1. Answer the following questions in about 175 words: 10
a) Who were responsible for shaping the life of APJ Abdul Kalam as a child? Explain how each of these persons influenced him?

OR

How are the Indian and American systems of education compared and contrasted by Anurag Mathur?

- b) How did the Grameen Bank promote individual empowerment and raise social consciousness? 10

OR

Make a brief sketch of Obama's life and career.

2. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about 100 words each: 15

- a) How does Sarojini Naidu bring out Indian culture through her poem 'Bangle Sellers'?
b) How does the poet explain the game of Cricket in 'See Off The Shine'?
c) How does Arun Kolatkar express his views through the poem 'An Old Woman'?
d) How does the son bring out the hardships faced by the father in the poem "Father Returning Home"?

3. Attempt **any three** of the following five questions. (a,b,c,d,e) 15

- a) State whether the following statements are true or false.
i) We usually say Good morning up to twelve o'clock midday.
ii) We never say Good night to greet a person.
iii) Commotion in the class room is acceptable to a teacher.
iv) Character is crown of the man.
v) Do not turn off the computer after completion of work.
b) Complete the dialogue by filling the blanks.
(Mr. Sampat apologises to Mr. Raut his boss for not completing his work on time.)

Mr. Raut: Mr. Sampat, please come to my cabin with your project report.

Mr. Sampat: Sir, ----- for not completing the project on time.-----.

Mr. Raut: ----- by next week.

Mr. Sampat: -----.

- 4.** Read the passage and answer the questions given below: **10**

To pay for soldiers, police, judges and other officers, there must be taxes. If a person tried to defend himself, it would cost him far more, and after all, the protection would be very insufficient.

- i) What is the problem faced by a savage?
- ii) Why is a settled government necessary?
- iii) What would happen if there were no government?
- iv) What is the purpose of taxes?
- v) Which words in the passage mean the following:
 - i) arrest
 - ii) a small room where guilty are kept

- OR**

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- b) Use **any five** idioms and phrases in sentences of your own: 5
- i) to beat around the bush
 - ii) to burn the midnight oil
 - iii) to leave no stone unturned
 - iv) a wild goose chase
 - v) through thick and thin
 - vi) grease the palms
 - vii) eat to live
 - viii) bed of roses
- c) i) Make adjectives from the following. 2
- a) adventure
 - b) coward
- ii) Make nouns from the following. 2
- a) blind
 - b) safe
- iii) Make adverb from the following. 1
- a) loud
- d) Change the narration of **any three** of the following. 6
- i) Suresh said he had won the race.
 - ii) "Don't shout", she said. "Talk softly".
 - iii) He said, "If I am free I will come and see you in the evening".
 - iv) "What a beautiful present!" said Betty.
 - v) Anil asked whether he might borrow my bicycle.

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