

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time allowed : 1½ Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Attempt **ALL** questions.

1. Write a précis of the following in about **100** words. (You may not suggest any title. Do not exceed or fall short of the word limit by more than 5 words) : 10

None of us can escape an encounter with hostility at some stage in our lives. Hostility mars relationships. It makes bitter our experiences with acquaintances. In the more intimate relationships, hostility can negatively impact our day-to-day interactions. And yet, like conflict, it is something that seems to be written into our DNA and the history of the world.

Veiled hostility can be worse than outright conflict. Our inability to accept divergence and diversity and be open to change can lead to conflict. The pressure we feel when we are challenged by circumstances and limited by outside happenings and events can however, be salutary for our spiritual growth and act as catalyst to bring out

the best in us as well as help us face challenges and overcome them.

Conflict becomes unproductive when it gives rise to more animosity and hatred. But when two or more parties to the conflict are able to sit together to discuss and negotiate a settlement and smoothen the rough edges to the relationship, it can become a way of ensuring greater transparency and mutual trust. This will help to overcome hurdles and build positive relationships.

Hostility is not only in the realm of concepts. It can percolate to feelings and colour our reactions to outside events. It is a territory of mutual suspicion and mistrust. Yet, it is possible to take a more enlightened view of hostility and conflict. Provided we are not sucked into it, starting us on a memory chain of bitterness and bad feelings, we can use it to promote peace and tranquility.

We grow in the communities we are born in. As members of one family, we need to overcome hostility together. We will find that in the end, it is the life force within us that overcomes what destroys and divides. If we plant just one seed of love and kindness every day, at the end of our lives we will have created a landscape of unspeakable beauty.

2. Translate the following into English :

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ଚିରାଚରିତ ଗତାନୁଗତିକତାକୁ ହଠାତ୍ ଦୂରେଇ ଦେଇ ହୁଏ ନାହିଁ ।
ଗୁଳାରେ ଚାଲିବା ଅଭ୍ୟାସ । ଖୋଳରୁ ବାହାରିବାକୁ ଭୟ, କଷ୍ଟ । ପୁଣି
ଭିନ୍ନଦା, ନୂତନତାକୁ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିନେବା ମାନସିକତା ବି ଥିବା ଦରକାର ।
ଜଣେ ନେତା କାହାରି ଗୋଡ଼ାଣିଆ ହୁଏ ନାହିଁ । ନିଜସ୍ୱ ସ୍ୱକୀୟତାକୁ ପୁଞ୍ଜି
କରି ସମ୍ମୁଖରୁ ସେ ନେତୃତ୍ୱ ଦେଇ ଚାଲେ । ଦେଶକୁ ବିଶ୍ୱ ଦରବାରରେ ଛିଡ଼ି,
ସ୍ୱାତନ୍ତ୍ର୍ୟ ଦେଇ ଅଗ୍ରଗଣ୍ୟ କରାଇବା ନିମନ୍ତେ ବହୁ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନର ଆବଶ୍ୟକ ।
ଆଗାମୀ ଦିନରେ ବିଶ୍ୱ ଯେଉଁ ଦିଗରେ ଯାଉଛି, ତା ସହ ତାଳ ଦେଇକରି
ଉଠିବାକୁ ହେଲେ ନିଜର ଅଭ୍ୟନ୍ତରୀଣ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ ଘଟାଇବାକୁ ପଡ଼ିବ ।
କର୍ମନିପୁଣତା ବଢ଼ାଇବାକୁ ହେବ । ଦକ୍ଷ, ତ୍ୱରିତ୍ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟନିର୍ବାହ ସଂପାଦନ
ଜରୁରୀ । ଆମେ କେତେଦୂର ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ ଓ ସକ୍ଷମ ?

3. (a) Use the following in sentences of your own :

6×1

- (i) antonym of 'excitement'.
- (ii) adjective of 'night'.
- (iii) 'dog' as verb.
- (iv) tour de force.
- (v) look into.
- (vi) take the bull by the horns.

(b) Use the following words in sentences of your own :

2×1

- (i) Childish : Child-like.
- (ii) Continuous : Continual.

(c) Express the following in **one word** :

2×1

- (i) a woman who sews
- (ii) a person who draws maps and charts.

(d) Correct the following sentences : 5×1

(i) They always go to the Church on Sunday.

(ii) I wrote him yesterday.

(iii) I care a straw for him.

(iv) When the battle of Waterloo was fought ?

(v) I saw a bad dream last night.

4. Write a short essay within **400 words** on any **ONE** of the following : 15

(i) An Odia Festival

(ii) Caring for the Old

(iii) The Menace of Terrorism

(iv) On the Importance of Leisure

(v) Indian Women in the Workplace

(vi) Computers and Social Change

(vii) The Role of Public Opinion in a Democracy

(viii) Noise Pollution

(ix) Each One Teach One

(x) Business and Ethics.