

SECTION A - READING (20 Marks)

1. Read the given passage carefully.

8 Marks

People sometimes amass possessions, sometimes without being aware of doing so. They can have a delightful surprise when they find something useful which they did not know they owned. Those who never have to change house become indiscriminate collectors of what can be described as clutter. They leave unwanted objects in drawers, cupboards and attics for years in the belief that they may one day need them. Old people also accumulate belongings for two other reasons, lack of physical and mental energy, and sentiments. Things owned for a long time are full of associations with the past, perhaps with the relatives who are dead, and so they gradually acquire a sentimental value.

Some things are collected deliberately in an attempt to avoid wastage. Among these are string and brown paper, kept by thrifty people when a parcel has been opened. Collecting small items can be a mania. A lady cuts out from newspapers sketches of model clothes that she would like to buy if she had money. As she is not rich, the chances are that she will never be able to afford such purchases. It is a harmless habit, but it litters her up desk.

Collecting as a serious hobby is quite different and has many advantages. It provides relaxation for leisure hours, as just looking at one's treasure is always a joy. One does not have to go out for amusements as the collection is housed at home. Whatever it consists of – stamps, records, first edition of books, china – there is always something to do in connection with it, from finding the right place for the latest edition to verifying facts in reference books. This hobby educates one not only in chosen subject, but also in general matters which have some bearing on it.

There are other benefits also. One gets to meet like-minded collectors to get advice, compare notes, exchange articles, to show off one's latest find. So one's circle of friends grows – Soon the hobby leads to travelling, perhaps a meeting in another town, possibly a trip abroad in search of a rare specimen, for collectors are not confined to one country. Over the years one may well become an authority on one's hobby and will probably be asked to give informal talks to little gathering and then, if successful, to larger audiences.

- 1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage make notes using suitable format and recognizable abbreviations. (5)

- 1.2 Write the summary in 80 words. (3)

SECTION B - Writing (20 Marks)

2. Water Supply will be restricted for eight hours (10 am to 6 pm) on 6 July due to the cleaning of the tanks. Draft a notice in 50-60 words giving necessary instructions and information to the residents. You are Karan Kumar /Karuna Bajaj, Secretary, Janata Group Housing Society, Palam Vihar, Kurnool. (4)

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3. Lack of earning opportunities in the rural areas is forcing people to migrate to cities. Every big city thus has a number of slums in it. Life in the slums is miserable. Write a letter to the Editor of a National Daily on how can the living conditions in these slums be improved. You are Karan / Karuna , M114 , Mall Road , Delhi. (6)
4. Write an article in around 120-150 words on the topic Commercialisation of Education. (10)

SECTION C - Literature (22 Marks)

5. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow: (5 Marks)

When Aunt is dead , her terrified hands will lie .
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing , proud and unafraid

- (i) Who is the Aunt mentioned here?
 - (ii) Why is she ringed with ordeals?
 - (iii) Explain the figure of speech in the given lines.
 - (iv) What is the difference between the Aunt and the Tigers?
 - (v) Why did she create those animals?
6. Answer the given questions in 30-40 words each. (2x5=10)
- a) What was the impact of M Hamel's Information on Franz?
 - b) Why did Douglas wish to beat the fear of water?
 - c) Explain the comparison of the mother's face to winter's moon.
 - d) How did the Maharaja avert the fear of losing his throne?
 - e) Comment on Aunt Jennifer's state of mind.
7. Answer the given question in 120-150 word quoting appropriately from the text concerned. (7)
- " If we run away from our fears , they grow, if we fight them, they shrink". Discuss with reference to the chapter Deep Water.

OR

Elucidate the concern raised by the Author regarding Leadership , empathy and egotism in the chapter " The Tiger King ."
