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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, WRITING & GRAMMAR and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A- READING

Q1. Read the following report.

(1) There is no denying that the army is mainly responsible for the defence of the nation. It is also called upon to maintain law and order in times of severe crisis. However, we must not forget that the need to maintain law and order also arises in normal times. It is in these times that we need another force — the police — that compels citizens to obey the law and to act with due regard to the rights of others. The force also protects the lives and the properties of law-abiding citizens.

(2) Laws are essentially made to secure the personal safety of the citizens of a country. They aim to prevent different types of crimes that pose a threat to the security of people and safety of their property, such as larceny, murder and numerous other illegal practices involving violence of any type. Besides ensuring security of the property of the citizens against theft and damage, laws also try to protect the rights of communities and castes to carry out their customs and ceremonies, so long as they do not conflict with the rights of others.

(3) It is important to note that the enforcement of laws multiplies the duties and responsibilities of citizens towards themselves. Those among them, who can be identified as good citizens, obey these laws and take care that everything they do is done with due regard to the rights and well-being of others. Sadly, however, there are people who do not show a natural keenness to understand the true significance of laws.

(4) These people, who can be called indifferent citizens, often seem to be reluctant in terms of their willingness to follow laws. Such citizens are only restrained from breaking these laws by fear of the consequence of their actions. That is why it becomes necessary for the law-enforcing agencies to take steps so that an indifferent citizen may start acting as a good citizen.

(5) It is significant to note in this regard that the supreme control of law and order in a state is usually in the hands of the Home Minister who is responsible to the State Assembly. He/She is assisted by a number of bureaucrats, including the Home Secretary, besides Additional and Joint Secretaries. The Inspector General of Police, who heads the police force in a state, carries out the orders issued by the Home Ministry. He/She too has a hierarchy of police officers under him. Thus, to maintain law and order in any state, there is a complex chain of officials.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

(4 marks)

(i) What is the main idea of the passage ?

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- (A) The chain of officials responsible to the citizens
- (B) To let us know what the supreme order of law is
- (C) It discusses the role of the army and the police
- (D) Restraints put on a citizen by the government

(ii) State the role played by the police in the day-to-day life of a citizen. Answer in 30 – 40 words.

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(iii) What is the primary function of the army ?

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(A) To take orders from the Home Ministry

(B) To compel indifferent citizens, so that they may start acting as good citizens

(C) To protect the country and keep the borders safe

(D) To maintain law and order in times of major crisis

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

Q2. Answer any one in 100 words:

(5 marks)

Susie wants to go for a party with her friends but her mother wants her to finish her school assignment. Complete the dialogue between them with Susie trying to convince her mother.

OR

Write a dialogue between a **teacher and a student** who has been consistently submitting homework late.

Q3. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct form of verb given in the brackets:

(3 marks)

a) Either Riya or her friends _____ (is / are) going to organize the charity drive this year.

b) The main organizer, along with the senior students _____ (are / is) responsible for getting the necessary permissions.

c) One of the students _____ (is/are) missing from the class.

SECTION C- LITERATURE

Q4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

(1x2 = 2 marks)

No Nightingale did ever chant

More welcome notes to weary bands

Of travellers in some shady haunt,

Among Arabian sands:

A voice so thrilling ne'er was heard

In spring-time from the Cuckoo-bird,

Breaking the silence of the seas

Among the farthest Hebrides.

a) Which two creatures are used as comparisons to emphasize the thrilling beauty and unparalleled welcome of the Solitary Reaper's song?

A. The Linnet and the Thrush B. The Lark and the Sparrow

C. The Nightingale and the Lark D. The Nightingale and the Cuckoo-bird

b) In the lines comparing the Reaper's song to the Nightingale, where is the weary traveler seeking shade?

A. Among the farthest Hebrides B. In a peaceful valley

C. Among Arabian sands D. Near the ocean shores

Q5. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40- 50 words each:

(3x2 = 6 marks)

a) Explain why the poet has to guess the theme of the reaper's song? What according to him is the reaper singing about?

b) Why did Harold's parents want to keep Harold's father's occupation a secret?

c) Describe the behaviour or character of Major Percy Stokes.