

- e) Which countries played that match?
- f) Why were the matches between Australia and England titled 'The Ashes'?
- g) In which format is the Cricket World Cup played?
- h) When did the ODIs begin?
- i) Which word in paragraph no.4 means the same as 'exhausting'?

2. Read the passage given below.

Everybody wants to succeed in life. For some, success means achieving whatever they desire or dream. For many it is the name, fame and social position. Whatever be the meaning of success, it is success which makes a man popular.

All great men have been successful. They are remembered for their great achievements. But it is certain that success comes to those who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals.

Success has been man's greatest motivation. It is very important for all. Success has a great effect on life. It brings pleasure and pride. It gives a sense of fulfilment. It means all - around development. Everybody hopes to be successful in life. But success smiles on those who have a proper approach, planning, vision and stamina. A proper and timely application of all these things is bound to bear fruit. One cannot be successful without cultivating these certain basic things in life. It is very difficult to set out on a journey without knowing one's goals and purpose. Clarity of the objective is a must to succeed in life. A focused approach with proper planning is certain to bring success. Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles on the path to success.

One should have the capability, capacity and resources to turn one's dreams into reality. Mere desire cannot bring you success. The desire should be weighed against factors like capability and resources. This is the basic requirement of success. The next important thing is the eagerness, seriousness and the urge to be successful. It is the driving force which decides the success. It is the first step on the ladder of success.

One needs to pursue one's goals with all one's sincerity and passion. One should always be in high spirit. Lack of such spirit leads to an inferiority complex which is a big obstruction on the path to success. Time is also a deciding factor. Only the punctual and committed have succeeded in life. Lives of great men are examples of this. They had all these qualities in plenty which helped them rise to the peak of success.

Hard labour is one of the basic requirements of success. There is no substitute for hard labour. It alone can take one to the peak of success. Every success has a ratio of five percent inspiration and ninety-five percent perspiration. It is the patience, persistence and perseverance which play a decisive role in achieving success. Failures are the pillars of success as they are our stepping-stones and we must get up and start again and be motivated.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

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- a) To whom does success come certainly?
- b) What are the basic things in life we need to achieve success?
- c) What did great men have in plenty to rise to the peak of success? Give any two examples.
- d) What is the one basic requirement of success?
- e) Explain 'Failures are pillars of success'.

2.2. On the basis if your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words / phrase.

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- a) _____ plays a decisive role in achieving success.
- b) Goals have to be pursued with _____ and _____.

c) Ratio of success is ____ inspiration.

2.3. Find out the words from the passage that mean the same as the following. (any two) 2

a) endurance (para 3)

b) motivation (para 6)

SECTION B - WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3. A great lot has been talked about the environmental threats and the need for environmental protection. In the wake of the Kasthurirangan Report on environmental issues as well as Pro-and Anti-responses to it from various corners, write a letter to the editor, 'The Hindu' expressing your concern about environmental protection in the present scenario in about 120 - 150 words. 8

OR

The tourism industry can bring valuable income to the country. Using your ideas along with ideas from the MCB unit, Travel and Tourism, write a letter to the editor of a popular daily on how the government and the public can boost the development of this industry. Write a letter in 100 - 120 words. You are Raju / Remya, 4th Court Road, Ranchi.

4. In 200 - 250 words write a story based on the input given below. 10

Cricket match in stadium - excited - expensive tickets - very crowded - could not enter - suddenly

OR

Mrs. Madhu alone in house - had lunch - watching favourite serial - doorbell rang - opened door - a sadhu

5. Read the paragraph given below and fill in the blanks by writing the correct options. 4

All's well that end's well-is a phrase which means that a) ____ risky enterprise is justified so long as it b) ____ out well in the end. William Shakespeare also c) ____ a play with the same name, d) ____ the seventeenth century.

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| a) (i) a | (ii) an | (iii) the | (iv) none of these |
| b) (i) turns | (ii) turn | (iii) turned | (iv) turning |
| c) (i) written | (ii) wrote | (iii) will write | (iv) have written |
| d) (i) on | (ii) in | (iii) over | (iv) of |

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction in your answer sheet. 4

Demonetization is the withdrawal of the particular form of currency for circulation. Through demonetization the old currency is replaced by a new currency or a currency circulation is blocked. There were multiple reasons for demonetization.	Incorrect	Correct
	a) _____	_____
	b) _____	_____
	c) _____	_____
	d) _____	_____

7. Rearrange the given words/ phrases to form meaningful sentences. 4

- no parallel / discipline / of any kind / has
- go together / duties / should / discipline / and rights
- equally / important / should be / treated as / for a / they / satisfying life
- the other / or ignored / very bad / it will / if one / prove / overlaps.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 4

But speak all good you can devise of Caesar
And say you do it by our permission.

- a) Identify the speaker.
- b) Who is being granted permission?
- c) What is the speaker afraid of?
- d) What opinion do you form of the speaker?

OR

At that moment, the door behind us burst open. Twelve guards with vicious dogs were standing there. The next instant the dogs were hurtling towards us, all bared teeth and dripping jowls. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw Sebastian take a step backwards.

- a) Name the psycho-driven game being described here.
- b) Where are Sebastian Shultz and Michael?
- c) What happened when Sebastian took a step backwards?
- d) What does the word 'vicious' mean?

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each. 8

- a) Why does the author say that Louisa Mebbin had a 'protective elder sister' attitude towards money?
- b) How is the poet guilty of violating the rule of hospitality?
- c) How do we know that Patol Babu was a meticulous man?
- d) What makes Helen, the ghost and her other co-ghosts organize 'The Writer's Inspiration Bureau'?
- e) Why were the narrator and his companion impressed by the two boys?

10. Answer the following question in 100 - 200 words. 8

- a) Life is often a reflection of one's own deeds. God renders us according to our deeds. Do you think Ali and Post master are examples of this philosophical thought?

OR

- b) Though both Antony and Brutus speak with conviction, it is Antony who is able to connect with the Romans. Give reasons for the success of his speech.

11. Answer the following question in 200 - 250 words. 10

- a) How did Helen Keller enjoy her visit to the world fair?

OR

How did Anne Sullivan succeed in transforming the life of Helen Keller?

OR

- b) What does Anne's diary reveal about the steadily worsening economic and social conditions during the war?

OR

Anne's relationship with her mother was never simple. What created the tension and discord? Why?