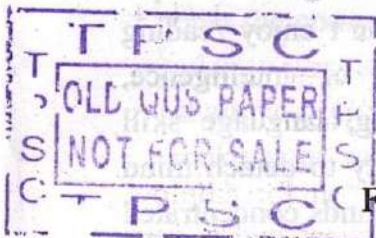


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Full Marks – 100

Time – Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Write an essay on any *one* of the following (in not more than 1200 words) developing the idea logically with proper introduction, narration, illustration, and conclusion. 5+10+3+2=20

(a) Media trials.

(b) Corruption amounts to Human Right violation.

2. Make a precis of the following passage : 15

The habit of reading needs to be grown and cultivated. It can be one of the pleasures of your life and in bargain you gain new knowledge, new words and new styles of expressions. Reading

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books, periodicals and magazines give a unique type of pleasure. Everybody can't enjoy reading because it requires a level of intelligence, personal interest, understanding, language skill and above all, solitude or ability to detach mind from other things. Reading demands concentrated attention to make sense.

The childhood is the best period when reading habit can be developed. Unfortunately today reading is getting limited to notebooks, exam guides keys and guess papers. The purpose is just to get through tests and not for culture or learning. The reading is getting replaced by seeing movies, watching TV serials of stupid kind, game shows, visiting chat rooms websites, surfing, fiddling with multifunction mobiles and SMSing messages. They can't expand the knowledge base of a student like books can do. The result is that seriousness about life is no more there. Cheap values of little depth are becoming accepted in things. Surely some seriously read books could have added more meaning and positive purpose to the lives of the students. The relationships would have been more sincere and serene, had the words of good books got a chance to season the raw and inexperienced minds.

The company of books is much more rewarding than the company of a mobile phone. The former adds to your knowledge and the latter makes you shallower. Go to the fold of book reading and make your mind richer.

3. (a) Frame a dialogue between you and your friend justifying your decision to appear for the Tripura Judicial Service Examination.

Or

- (b) Write a dialogue between a bank manager and you for re-issuing your ATM card that got blocked.

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

It is wrong to believe that science has totally eclipsed literature with inspiring zeal. The literature plays a subordinate role to science is equally untrue. Nevertheless, it is undeniable that science has comparatively a wider range for its impact on the physical world than literature. But that does not mean that literature has been incorporated in the realm of science to the extent

that it loses its distinct individuality. The reality is that both co-exist without the one overshadowing the other. Those who think that science has pushed literature into shade reducing it to a non-entity seem to be simply imaginative and illogical in the comparisons of their respective merits. It is no doubt unquestionable that products of science are of greater material value than those which make an emotional appeal, e.g. a bridge is of greater use to public than a poem.

But thereby one should not ignore the importance of a poem which will continue to appeal to human mind for time to come. It is indisputable that a scientific theory like the one propounded by Einstein is not without its philosophical import as it lays its impress on the future growth of literature. But to be effective in this respect science should unfold its principles by appealing to human emotions not through crude and concrete material facts. Darwin's theory of Natural Selection in its exposition of the evolution of man by appeal to emotions and imagination of man conducive to the growth of nineteenth century literature. Man's emotional attitude to life vicissitudes of his fortune are

coloured by his inherited instincts and faith in his fate, but also by his hope in point of his longevity and betterment of future prospects, oriented by a scientific theory, they give a colour to literature.

Literature feeds the emotional and imaginative hunger of man, in this perspective science will not oust literature but enrich it by its impact on human life. Science can provide amenities of life for human comforts but fails to lend or impart spiritual pleasure. Delight that literature instills in man far transcends the comforts which science provides.

- (a) What is the basic contribution of science to humankind ? 2
- (b) What aspect of human life is fulfilled by works of literature ? 2
- (c) How have the theories propounded by Darwin and Einstein proved conducive to the growth of literature ? 3
- (d) How is science friendly and not hostile to the growth of literature ? 3
- (e) Discuss in brief the main ideas of the passage. 5

5. Write a letter to the Chairman of the Municipality of your city or town seeking an extension of the last date for payment of the annual property tax owing to the lockdown following the Covid-19 pandemic. 10

Or

Write a letter to the Officer-in-Charge of the local Police Station complaining about the unauthorized parking of the private cars on the road in your locality.

6. Amplify the idea contained in any *one* of the following : 10×1=10

- (i) A man does not live by bread alone.
- (ii) The best things in life are free.

7. Make sentences with any *three* of the following : 2×3=6

- (i) Antedate, (ii) Caveat, (iii) Deponent,
- (iv) Intestate, (v) Sub judice, (vi) Tort.

8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : 1×4=4

- (a) This new trial will set a precedent — future decisions which will help — resolving the problem.

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- (b) The internet enables many have access — a wide range — important information.

- (c) The dog is inseparable — his master and often remains downcast when he is away — work.

- (d) There is a tendency among some people to give priority to the heart — the mind in dealing — personal matters.

9. (a) Split the clauses in the following sentence : 3

Nothing can describe the confusion I felt when I got lost in the dark forest on a stormy night.

- (b) Join the following into a complex sentence : 3

- (i) All the myths of the land are preserved in the minds of the people.

- (ii) The myths have been preserved with great care.

- (iii) The people of this beautiful land consider it their responsibility to maintain their heritage.

- (iv) The heritage is rich.

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10. Correct the errors, if any, in the following statements : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) The train is arriving in Platform Number 1 and will soon leave to Guwahati.
- (b) She has given the examination for employment in the State Legal Services and is very tensed regarding the result.
- (c) Tagore, the poet and the educationist founded a university in Santiniketan.
- (d) The minister gave a grand speech on the celebration of Independence Day.