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WRITTEN ENGLISH (old course)

Duration: 2 hours

Marks: 80mks

Instructions: - All main questions are compulsory.

Figures on the right indicate full marks.

GRAMMAR

Q I. A. Rewrite the sentences in the appropriate form by following the instructions given below.

(5x1=5mks)

1. Harry ate six chocolates for dinner ( Change to passive voice)
2. A movie is going to be watched by us tonight ( Change to active voice)
3. Birbal was the wisest member of Akbar's court ( Change to positive degree of comparison)
4. She said to me, "Can I use your phone?" (Change to indirect speech)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Bride looked beautiful on her wedding day. (Insert article)

B. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate article/ preposition.

(5mks)

1. So you were talking \_\_\_\_\_ animal rights? That is quite \_\_\_\_\_ big topic \_\_\_\_\_ discussion nowadays in India. Animal rights activists are struggling hard \_\_\_\_\_ create awareness about cruelty towards animals. They need to \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledged for their hard work.

C. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite the correct form of the sentence.

Write 'No error' if the sentence has no error.

(5x1=5)

1. The boy mow the lawn while his sister watched from the balcony.
2. Harry runs faster then Sally
3. I will like more tea she said to the server
4. Yesterday, after the party, we went home.
5. We are going to there house.

D. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word substitutes

(5x1=5)

1. The study of planets and stars
2. One who does not believe in God.
3. A person who is an advisor or provides guidance.
4. Animal or bird that stays alert and awake during the night.
5. A person who is negative about everything.

## COMPREHENSION SKILLS

**Q2. Read the passage and answer the following questions below:**

**(10)**

The Titanic, in its watery grave, is a great museum of human history and is at risk of being lost forever because of curious voyagers and treasure hunters, fears Bob Ballard, who first discovered the remains of the iconic ship in 1985. Famous for discovering the great ship, Ballard is a former US Navy Officer and a professor of oceanography. "Titanic is a museum of human history without door and guard. I am deeply concerned about not only the Titanic but all the ancient history that is now at risk. If we cannot save this iconic ship, then there is very little hope we can save ancient ships. The world should realize that you don't have to go down and take everything and you do not have to do a treasure hunt. This is a common heritage of all of us and if we really want to take steps to preserve human history in the ocean, we need to start with Titanic," Ballard said in a telephonic interview from London. Ballard, as part of a tie-up, is presenting a documentary called "Save the Titanic" on the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the great ship – April 15, 1912. The ship and her fate continue to fascinate, largely because of the horror that took place that night, with 1,522 passengers and crew losing their lives. Ballard says that despite being on the ocean floor for 100 years, the ship is full of human footprints. "You will find pairs of shoes everywhere. The sea and the life below has claimed everything but they do not know what to do with shoes so you will find a pair of mother's shoes next to her little daughter and that's their gravestone. At her wreckage, we almost felt that we were surrounded by the lifeboats of all the people that were in the water at that spot". Ballard says that the fate of Titanic continues to fascinate so many years after it sank because it is "irony personified in history". "The story has all the ingredients to make it timelessly fascinating. You have this revolutionary ship that's unsinkable, and carrying a cross section of people in society. And then, it goes and hits an iceberg and sinks on its maiden journey. It's an irony personified in history". Talking about his discovery, which came after great research and 75 years later, Ballard, says it was a sombre moment when they first spotted the boiler of the Titanic. "In the 90s, advanced technology gave us double diving capabilities in the Atlantic Ocean. I knew that the Titanic was sitting at almost 12,000 feet. What led me to her discovery was a simple technique that I followed. We decided to look for the debris trail instead of the ship". Ballard says the ship, if preserved well and not subjected to constant submarine journeys, will last for a long time on the Atlantic floor. "The deep sea, because of its darkness, its cold temperatures and its great pressure, creates a high state of preservation. With a little caution, we can protect the Titanic for future generations to visit". Ballard has also connected to the people of Belfast, who refused to talk about the tragedy "The ship's construction took place at Belfast. After the tragedy, families of the workers refused to talk about it because of the shame and sadness in the loss of life involved".

**On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices:-**

**1x4=4**

- (a) The Titanic sank on
- (i) its 100th anniversary
  - (ii) 15th April 1912
  - (iii) an iconic voyage in 1985
  - (iv) leaving the port of Belfast

(b) The Titanic continues to attract attention because

- i) It is irony personified in history
- (ii) its advanced technology gave double diving technologies (iii) it is a treasure hunt
- (iv) It is a common need

(c) Ballard's documentary on the Titanic is titled

- (i) A museum of human history
- (ii) The titanic
- (iii) save the Titanic
- (iv) 75 years later

(d) Bob Ballard is a

- (i) Former US Navy Officer
- (ii) A professor of oceanography
- (iii) Both (i) and (ii)
- (iv) None of the above

**1.2 Answer the following question briefly :-**

**1x6=6**

- (a) What happened on April 15, 1912?
- (b) Who is Bob Ballard and what did he discover?
- (c) Why does Bob Ballard call it a museum of human history?
- (d) Why did the people of Belfast refuse to talk about Titanic?
- (e) What did Ballard do as part of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic?
- (f) Explain "it is irony personified."

**Q3. Answer any one of the following:**

**(10)**

1. Write a letter to your friend, based in Kolkata, congratulating him/her for the opening of his restaurant and extend your sincere wishes.

**OR**

2. You are celebrating the 25 years of establishing your company. Write a letter of invitation to be sent to a retired staff member asking him/her to attend the function to celebrate this occasion.

**Q4. Answer any one of the following:**

**(15)**

1. Write an essay in about 500 words on the topic, "Is Social Media affecting the productivity and growth of our Youth?"

**OR**

2. Write a short story in about 500-800 words based on the following opening lines:

It was a lazy Sunday afternoon; I was lying on my back, watching TV. A black and white movie was going on and my parents wanted to watch it. I gradually drifted off into a deep slumber. When I woke up, everything before my eyes was black and white. My parents were nowhere to be seen and the TV had disappeared too. Where was I? Was this a dream?.....

Q5. Design a display advertisement for the promotion of any one of the following products: (10)

1. Paper Bags/ Purses

Or

2. A brand of watches (wrist and wall hanging)

Q6. Answer any one of the following questions

(5)

1. What is the importance of Microsoft Excel?

Or

2. List some benefits of using Microsoft Word instead of hand writing documents.

Q7. The chart below shows the cost break-up of publishing a book. Carefully study the pie chart and write an article on elements involved in getting a book published. (10)

