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WRITTEN ENGLISH

Duration: 2 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Instructions:

Figures to the right indicate maximum marks.
Start each question on a fresh page
All questions are compulsory

GRAMMAR

Q1. A. Rewrite the sentences in the appropriate form by following the instructions given below: (5x1=5)

1. King Solomon was the wisest King. (Change to positive degree of comparison)
2. "Thank you". (change into passive voice)
3. The students were cheered by the audience. (change the voice)
4. "Please may I come in teacher?" said the student. (Report into indirect speech)
5. _____ European visited the Orphanage. (Insert an article)

B. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verbs given in the brackets. Do not re-write the passage. Write your answer against the number indicated: (5x1=5)

My brother who is a professional dancer 1(perform) for the opening ceremony at the recently 2 (hold) Olympic games. When he 3(receive) the news about his selection, he could not 4 (belief) his ears. He really 5 (work) hard to reach there.

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. It is time you decide on your next course of action.
2. The higher we climb up the mountain peak the cooler we feel.
3. I will spend my remaining life in the village.
4. You will come to my party tomorrow, isn't it?
5. Joyce will return back home on Monday.

D. Fill in the blanks with appropriate word substitutes: (5x1=5)

1. A person who does not consume alcohol at all _____
2. A place where dry plants are kept _____
3. The study of planets and stars _____
4. That which feeds on plants and animals _____
5. A person who is indifferent to pain or pleasure _____

COMPREHENSION SKILLS

Q2. Read the passage and answer the following questions below: (10)

Green computing refers to the study of designing, manufacturing/engineering, using and disposing of computing devices in a way that reduces their environmental impact. The main aim of green computing is to attain economic viability and improve the way computing devices are used. It includes the development of environmentally sustainable production practices, energy efficient computers and improved disposal and recycling procedure.

This being said, a very thoughtful question arises in the mind. In our quest to get things done instantly, have we been eco-friendly in our ways? Most of the population makes use of computers to complete their tasks but have unintentionally utilized excess of energy. For example we have made use of a un-eco-friendly method by keeping the computer switched on even when unused. This has utilized a lot of electrical supply leading to wastage of electricity. Therefore it is better to use the hibernate or sleep mode when away from the computer for extended periods.

What about the old computers which are not in use? Where have they been disposed or discarded? Discarded electronics contain hazardous materials. If disposed improperly they pose a potential threat to human health and the environment. Some potentially hazardous elements which are found in computers are as follows.

- Lead is found in the soldering of printed circuit boards and other electronic components. Lead is also found in glass panels in computer monitors (CRTs). It accumulates in the environment and has high acute and chronic toxic effects on plants, animals and microorganisms. It is known to cause damage to the central and peripheral nervous systems, blood system and kidneys in humans.

- Cadmium - is found in components of SMD chip resistors, infrared detectors and semiconductors. It is also found in older models of cathode ray tubes (glass panels in computer monitors) and in plastics as a stabilizer. Cadmium components are toxic in nature and can affect human life.

- Mercury- is found in thermostats position censors, relays and switches, discharge lamps, batteries, and printed wiring boards. Mercury affects the functioning of the brain and its development.
- Chromium- it is found in untreated and galvanized steel plates. It can cause strong allergic reactions, even in small concentrations.
- PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride Plastics) – is found in cabling and computer housing. Burning of PVC products leads to air pollution, and respiratory ailments.
- Brominated Flame Retardants- are found in Printed circuit boards, components such as connectors, plastic covers and cables, and plastic covers of TV sets. Exposure to Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBBs) is believed to cause an increased risk of cancer of the digestive and lymph systems.

1. What is the main aim of Green computing? (2)
2. Give a suitable title to the passage. (2)
3. What are the ill effects of lead on human health? (2)
4. Find a synonym for the word “slight illness”. (2)
5. Which are the hazardous elements found in discarded electronic computer waste? (2)

Q3. Answer any one of the following: (10)

1. Write a letter to your friend who is in Mumbai, congratulating him/ her for the opening of his new boutique 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 “ Medium of Instruction in the sphere of Education”
- Or**
2. Write a short story in about 500- 800 words based on the following opening lines:
In a rural village lived a farmer named Gopal who cultivated a field measuring 200 acres. The field belonged to a wealthy Zamindar
 3. Draft a poem of five stanzas on the topic ‘Tired Sleepy Student.’ Explain the poetic devices used by you at the end of the poem.

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

1. Recycled paper products

Or

2. Eco- friendly cosmetics

Q6. Answer any one of the following questions:

(5)

1. How does the spelling checker and grammar tool work in detecting errors in the typed documents?

Or

2. What are the features of mail merge?

Q7. Recently a survey was conducted by the Board of Higher Education to find out what would help in increasing the concentration of the students in the class room. Samples of 200 students were taken for the purpose of data collection. The results found are depicted below in the pie-chart. Carefully study the pie chart, interpret the data and write an article in about 300 words.

(10)

