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[Total Marks : 70

- Instructions :** (1) All questions are compulsory.
(2) Figures to the right indicate marks of the respective question.

1 Write detailed answers for any **Two** of the following : **20**

- (1) "'Stopping by woods...." ends repeating the same line "And miles to go before I sleep" to stress one's duties towards society.' Explain the poem in the light of the above statement.
- (2) Rewrite, in your own words, Indra Nooyi's success story.
- (3) What is the message of the article "Bahut Kuch Hota Hai" by Sudha Murthy ?
- (4) "Saki, at once, shocks and entertains his readers." Explain in the light of his story "The Open Window".

2 Write brief answers for any **Three** of the following : **15**

- (1) Which are the four layers of *antahkarana*, the mind ? What are their functions ?
- (2) Draw a character sketch of Javed, the fisher-boy.
- (3) What story did Vera tell Mr. Nuttel?
- (4) How did Indra Nooyi balance her personal and professional responsibilities ?

- 3 Rewrite the following story by reshaping it with your own 15 creative touches and give it a suitable title :

A popular speaker started off a seminar by holding up an Rs. 20 note. A crowd of 200 had gathered to hear him speak. He asked, "Who would like this Rs. 20 note?"

200 hands went up.

He said, "I am going to give this Rs. 20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He crumpled the note up.

He then asked, "Who still wants it?"

All 200 hands were still raised.

"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" Then he dropped the note on the ground and stomped on it with his shoes.

He picked it up, and showed it to the crowd. The note was all crumpled and dirty.

"Now who still wants it?"

All the hands still went up.

"My friends, I have just showed you a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth Rs. 20 Many times in our lives, life crumples us and grinds us into the dirt. We make bad decisions or deal with poor circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special - Don't ever forget it!

- 4 (A) Read the following share-market-report carefully 10 and answer the questions that follow it :

After Weeklong Retreat, Bulls Back on Their Feet

Mumbai : The stock market snapped its seven-day losing run with key indices rebounding almost 1 % on Thursday but optimism remained thin on the ground on worries that the global bond market woes are far from over.

The Reserve Bank of India's less-than-expected aggressive tone on inflation in its rate-setting meeting on Wednesday partly helped calm frayed nerves with the volatility index, a risk measure dropping 8.7% on Thursday after a recent surge.

The NIFTY rose 100.15 points or 0.96% to close at 10,576.85. The BSE Sensex gained 330.45 points, or 0.97%, to close at 34,413.16. Pharma and bank shares led the rebound. Sun Pharma the biggest gainer on the Sensex-soared 6.3% while Dr. Reddy's gained 3.2%.

Both indices had shed 6% in the previous seven trading sessions, which eroded all the gains made so far in 2018, dragged down by worries about rising bond yields in developed markets and collapse of some exotic products in the US. The renewed strength on Thursday came as a breather after the recent carnage.

- (1) Explain the title of this report in simpler words.
- (2) Why was the market sentiment cautious even after the gain on Thursday ?
- (3) What was the impact of The Reserve Bank of India's Wednesday meeting on the market ?
- (4) What had happened in the previous weeklong business sessions ?
- (5) Which stocks helped market the most in its gaining spree on Thursday ?

- (B) Study the following passage and answer the questions that follow it : 10

Imagine you had a bank account that deposited Rs. 86,400 each morning. The account carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do ? Draw out every rupee each day !

We all have such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever time you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft so you can't borrow against yourself or use more time than you have. Each day, the account starts fresh. Each night, it destroys an unused time. If you fail to use the day's deposits, it's your loss and you can't appeal to get it back.

There is never any borrowing time. You can't take a loan out on your time or against someone else's. The time you have is the time you have and that is that.

Time management is yours to decide how you spend the time, just as with money you decide how you spend the money. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do them and where they fall in our priorities.

- (1) What are the special features of the bank account mentioned here?
- (2) Why, in your opinion, the Bank of Time destroys one's balance time every night ?
- (3) How should one manage time in one's account ? Suggest some means to use time wisely.
- (4) Does this Bank of Time give one enough time to utilize ? Can you lend your time to someone ? Explain.
- (5) Suggest a suitable title to this passage above.

