

1. Write essays on any four of the following in about 300 words each : (4×20=80)
 - (a) Statue of Unity its importance, advantages and disadvantages.
 - (b) Use of Religion and forces for political interest by the political parties.
 - (c) Ujjawla Yozna its utility and justification.
 - (d) Role of women in Independent India.
 - (e) Disinvestment of P.S.U.S in public Interest.
 - (f) Competence of disaster Management in India.
2. Write arguments for and against each of the following statements : (2×20=40)
 - (a) Self employment is better than employment of private parties.
 - (b) Advantages and disadvantages of using Nota NOTA.
3. Write reports on the following in about 200 words each : (2×10=20)
 - (a) The visit of P.M. in your city.
 - (b) Kumbh Fair.
4. Attempt a precis of the given passage in one-third of its length. Do not suggest a title. (15)
Write, as far as possible, in your own words. Write the precis on the separate sheets provided and fasten them to the answer book.

Little babies are fun; in fact, they are absolutely adorable. I hope this opening statement will absolve me of the guilt the following words are going to drown me in. So, babies are sweet little things, but why do most parents the world over make out that their babies are the sweetest? The most common and prodigious phenomenon of nature continues to be the world's greatest event time when there is a new entry into the parents' ranks.

Creation is wonderful and there are few who can refute that, but certain laws of nature don't allow for improvisations and such laws apply to little babies. Every baby, if he is a normal little bounder, just has to cry when his little food bag is empty. There is; nothing particularly intelligent about that, but there are parents who go poetic on this attribute of the little one.

Then comes a stage where a baby just has to roll over on to her stomach periodically. Every baby does it. But try explaining that to a fanatic parent. "Oh but she does it all by herself. It's just marvelous. You should watch her, you really should. Come on baby boo, on your stomach". Much does "Babyboo" care for parental pride at that stage. While the bored parent of four shuffles her feet waiting for the demonstration the new parent is totally engrossed in repeating the request.

After a while Baby seems to oblige but not because she has some Mohammed Ali complex of Pam the Greatest but because her little body wants to. This act is promptly interpreted as the corroboration of the parental statement that Baby is so intelligent and looks how she did it on request!

There is something extremely appealing about babies, and little detours in conversation now and then centered around a sudden gurgle or cooing is perfectly normal. What is vexing is one has one's attention constantly dragged away from some very absorbing discussion to a perpetual refrain of "My baby now..."

Babies, left to them are charming creatures; even in their tantrum-prone state. Add a dash of parental pride by all means, but when it increases beyond proportion, the compound is unpalatable. A state of extreme pathos presents itself when an unmarried person visits friends who have just acquired parental status. The new Papa and Mama might be slightly sensitive about fitting into the gushing new mould initially. But when

Baby suddenly gurgles and the visiting friend responds impulsively, it is completely out of hand.

Another interesting transformation in many fresh parents is from I-love-babies to I-love-only-my-babies. Two sets of new parents get together and after the cursory chucking of chins of each other's baby there is a very compulsive game set in motion called i-vaguely-know-you-are-talking-about-your-kid-but-what-I-have-to say- about-mine is far more interesting. It is confounding how the love for babies gets concentrated into a concentric point once one becomes a parent.

There are exceptions to every generality but sometimes one wishes the exceptions would become the generality and vice versa. This would be a nice state of affairs in the meet-my-baby context or should it be contest?

5. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

(5×4=20)

And yet many of Gandhiji's activities might lead one to think that he wants to go back to the narrowest autarky, not only a self-sufficient nation, but almost a self-sufficient village. In primitive communities the village was more or less self-sufficient and fed and clothed itself and otherwise provided for its needs. Of necessity that means an extremely low standard of living. I do not think Gandhiji is permanently aiming at this, for it is an impossible objective. The huge populations of today would not be able even to subsist in some countries they would not tolerate this reversion; to scarcity and starvation. It is possible, I think, that in an agricultural country like India, so very low is our present standard, that there might be a slight improvement for the masses with development of village industries. But we are tied up, as every country is tied up with the rest of the world, and it seems to me quite impossible for us to cut adrift. We must think, therefore, in terms of the world, and in these-terms a narrow autarky is out of the question. Personally I consider it undesirable from every point of view.

- (i) What are the two conditions that would be intolerable to countries with huge populations?
- (ii) Why can't village industries bring about even a slight improvement?
- (iii) Does 'every country is tied up' mean that countries are self-sufficient?
- (iv) Explain: "impossible for us to cut adrift."
- (v) What has the writer to say about the standard of living in India?

6. (A) Rewrite the sentences as directed :

(10×1=10)

- (i) _____ stitch in time saves nine.
(Fill in the blanks with the correct article)
- (ii) He is pleased _____ you.
(Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition)
- (iii) It _____ since 10 O' clock.
(Fill in the blanks with the correct auxiliary verb)
- (iv) Who teaches you English?
(Change into passive voice)
- (v) Let my work be done by me.
(Change into active voice)
- (vi) We said "Let us pray to God".
(Change into indirect speech)
- (vii) He asked us which mountain was the highest in the world.
(Change into direct speech)

(viii) Everyone wanted a ticket,?

(Put the correct question tag)

(ix) She accepted that she was guilty.

(Change into simple sentence)

(x) He is so poor that he can not buy a car.

(Rewrite the sentence using "too")

(B) Use the following Phrases in sentence of your own as to bring out their correct meaning. (5×2=10)

(i) Fall out

(ii) Deal in

(iii) Cats and dogs

(iv) Give in

(v) Tooth and nail

(C) Correct the following sentences without making any unnecessary changes: (5×1=5)

(i) Her hairs are curly.

(ii) His all books have been burnt in fire.

(iii) One should always keep his promise.

(iv) Congratulations at your triumph.

(v) Many a soldier were laid down his life for the nation.