

Q-II**(10M)**

Write a letter on any **one** of the following:

- a. Your uncle's family went to see the International Trade Fair at the Pragati Maidan, Delhi last week. Unfortunately their 4 year old daughter was lost there and never found again. Write a letter to your friend living in Mumbai describing the horrible experience and the miserable plight of the family.
- b. Your city is facing the problem of severe, frequent and indefinite power cuts. As a result, people's lives have become miserable. In spite of several complaints made by you, these have not been addressed. Write a letter to the editor of a leading national daily, drawing the attention of the concerned officials to this pressing problem

QIII**(25M)**

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

As modern communication and transportation increasingly bring people from varying cultural, and linguistic backgrounds together, experts in various languages become more **indispensable** for mutual human understanding. Proficiency in more than one language is becoming a valuable acquisition:

Translators generally do the job of writers though they are not necessarily writers. They translate letters, books, articles or other written material from one language to another. They usually work in libraries and must have some literary ability. Now a days, Russian, Japanese and Arabic translators have better prospects because of these countries' growing business with India. Translators can get upto Rest 400 to Rs 600 per page for languages such as French, German and Spanish. The payment is higher in the case of Japanese, Arabic and Russian translators, with work on one page fetching about Rs 500 to Rs 700.

Interpreters are speakers who make it possible for people with different languages to converse with one another. Interpreters are needed at business or political meetings and conferences. Both these jobs require a thorough knowledge of English and at least one other language.

In the tourism industry, language experts are required to work with travel agencies, hotels and tourist resorts. This industry, essentially, looks for personnel who can get along with all types of people. Airlines and shipping companies also require persons knowing foreign languages to handle foreign tourist business.

Working as a foreign correspondent for a newspaper or a magazine is another option. One should be proficient in the language of the country one covers, so that one can imbibe the local flavour and report more authentically.

Hence, an aptitude for languages and academic training in foreign languages opens up opportunities for well-paid assignments in the tourism industry, in public relations, mass communication, translating or interpreting services, entertainment or private entrepreneurship, engineers, reporters, bankers and those in any occupational field who want to work abroad find their opportunities greatly **enhanced** if they can speak and read in a foreign language. It is possible for a linguist to earn a good income but this depends on the quality of work involved, its importance, urgency and the type of service rendered.

Simply learning a foreign language is not enough. One should keep in touch with the language by reading and writing regularly. Establishing and maintaining communication with natives is helpful in understanding and appreciating the finer nuances of the language which helps to strengthen one's command on it.

All the major universities in the country offer degree or diploma courses in foreign languages. The School of Languages, JNU, New Delhi, is perhaps one of the most sought after institutions in the country.

JNU's courses in civilization and culture in the School of Languages are designed to give a total view of the history, geography, institutions and way of living of the country concerned. Literature is studied as a specific discipline in itself with stress being laid on specific vocabulary and methods of literary analysis. Studies in foreign languages seek to improve the ability to communicate, develop cultural awareness and sensitivity, expand general knowledge and promote more appreciation and tolerance for other cultures.

The quality of language courses should be judged from the point of view of **exposure**, practice, faculty, teaching aids and evaluation strategy adopted. Teaching of foreign languages can be made interesting and as effective as possible with the use of audio video cassettes, overhead projectors and so on. The language courses should aim at developing competence and proficiency in spoken as well as written languages.

(a). Study the following words carefully. Give the meaning of each word as used in the passage. One word answers or short phrases will be accepted. (3M).

- i. indispensable.
- ii. enhanced.
- iii. exposure.

(b). Answer the following questions in your own words. (10M)

- i. Why does the author consider proficiency in languages, a valuable acquisition?
- ii. What, according to the author must one do to ensure that the learning of the language is permanent and effective?
- iii. How is the job of the translator different from that of the interpreter?
- iv. Use the word 'acquisition' in a sentence of your own in such a manner that it has a meaning that is different from that used in the passage.
- v. How can one judge the quality of a language course?

(c). In not more than 60 words of your own state clearly, how learning a language can enhance one's career prospects. (8M)

(d). Give a suitable title to the précis and justify your choice. (2M)

Q-IV (20M)

(a) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instruction given after each. Make other changes that you might consider necessary. (8M)

- i. My father said to me, "Let us go to the club."
(Rewrite in indirect speech)
- ii. No other general of Britain was as successful as Lord Clive.
(Use: most)
- iii. As soon as Serena Williams won the Wimbledon title, tears of joy rolled down her cheeks.
(Begin: No sooner...)
- iv. He played the flute, the violin, the sitar, the santoor and the veena as well as the piano.
(Begin :Not only....).
- v. He behaves like a child in the company of his friends.
(Use :childish).
- vi. Only the fourth time he asked her to marry him, she accepted.
(Begin: Only on the fourth.....)
- vii. If I hadn't got the seats for the play, I would have been very disappointed.

- (Begin: As I got.....)
- viii. The box is so heavy that I cannot lift it.
(Rewrite using: too)

- (b). Complete each of the following blanks using the appropriate form of the verb given in the bracket.: (5M)

One day, Akbar(draw)1.....a line with his own royal hand, upon the floor of the open court and(command)2....., "(make)3.....this line shorter without erasing any part of it." Everyone(stump)4..... by this puzzle. But when it (be) 5.....Raja Birbal's turn, he(draw)6.....a longer line next to the first one. Everyone in the court (say)7....., "It's true, the first line (be)8.....shorter." Akbar (delight)9..... .Birbal's wit (triumph)10.....again.

- (c) Fill in the blanks with suitable words: (4M)

- i. He asked his friends if Shakespeare's plays are still very muchdemand.
- ii. He is desiroushis promotion to the post of a gazetted officer.
- iii. Smoking is injurious.....health.
- iv. The new generation wants to departevery tradition.
- iv. She has not been to see her parents1988.
- v. I have been waiting here at least an hour.
- vi. Milton was not a cotemporary.....Shelley.
- vii. Water is convertedice by freezing.
- viii. She was told to wait for the guide ...the street corner.

The following words have different meanings though spelt in the same way. Use each of them in separate sentences of your own so as to bring out the meaning of the word clearly: (3M)

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Attempt all four questions. The first ten minutes are to be spent on reading the paper. The time given at the head of the paper is the time allowed for writing the answers. You are advised to spend not more than 35 minutes in answering Q I. and 20minutes in answering Q 2.

Q-I.

(25M)

Write a composition in not more than 350-400words, on any one of the given topics:

- a. Write an account of an occasion when you meet a person you have only read and heard about for a long time.
- b. Write about how you once helped a tourist out of a difficult situation.
- c. How far do you agree with the statement that the media must be granted complete and unrestricted freedom? Why? (argue either for or against)
- d. Write a diary entry in the first person for any one of the following :
 - i. Neil Armstrong, on the day he walked on the moon.
 - ii. King Ashoka, on the day he witnessed the battle of Kalinga.
 - iii. Tenzing Norgay ,on the day he climbed Mount Everest.
- e. Gossip
- f. Study the picture given and write a story or a description of what it suggests to you .Your composition may be directly about the subject of the picture or you may take suggestions from it, but there must be a clear connection between the picture and the composition.

