

[ Br: EE, ETC, CST & IT ]

Full marks : 35

Time : 2 Hrs.

Answer all questions.

1. In India, cricket is ----- to be a religion. Cricketers in our country enjoy a ----- image and some of them are simply ----- as gods and goddesses. Though ----- widely, cricketers are not ----- in the public eye. The mob's ways, much like the ----- of their -----, are really ----- . When our cricketers beat a champion team like Australia, we sing ----- in their praise, shower on them heaps of ----- and ----- their every single --- and ----- . The situation reverses the moment they lose to a side which is seen as ----- as Bangla Dosh or as ----- to our national interest as Pakistan. Losing to such teams creates a ----- all over the country and the ----- heroes are seen as ----- creatures. It is in such -----, we choose to -----, -----, and ----- our cricketers. All this does not last for long; as soon as one more series is won we are back to our ----- best, casting ----- in the honour of our cricketers.

Choose words from the list below to fill in the blanks.

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cult, deified, , capricious, felicitate, vulnerable, furor, , contemptible, fury, castigate, deride, disparage, eulogizing, panegyrics. deemed, , infallible caprice, erstwhile protagonists, paeans, , destinies ,whim, revered, inimical, adulations

2. From the options given below choose the word that corresponds to the meaning of the word in bold print.

[5]

Despite his **boisterous** laughter, he nurtures a deeply unsettling and darkly melancholic nature.

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| a) Vicarious | d) Bovine            |
| b) Raucous   | e) None of the above |
| c) Bellicose |                      |

Though into his mid-thirties, Salman still behaves in a **petulant** way at times.

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| a) Wicked   | d) Childish          |
| b) Innocent | e) None of the above |
| c) Piquant  |                      |

Steve Waugh was a great cricketing character. As a **pugnacious** player and inspirational leader, he took the Australian team to dizzy heights of success.

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| a) Charismatic | d) Composed          |
| b) Combative   | e) None of the above |
| c) Clever      |                      |

Instead of mixing with others, the bride sat in a corner and sulking silently, she looked unusually **peevish**.

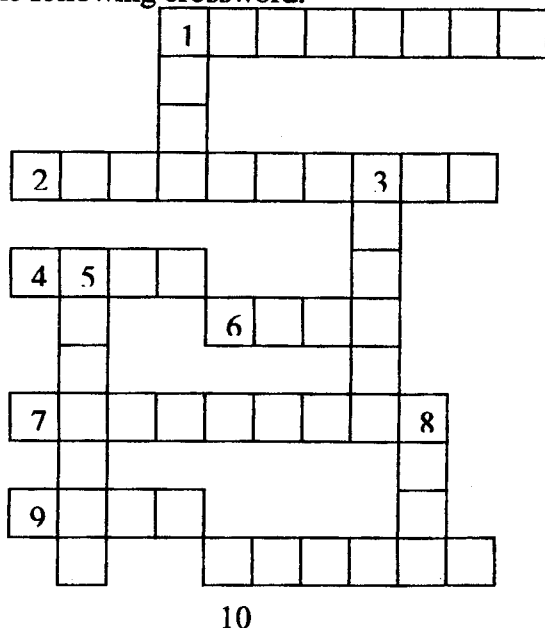
- a) Reticent
- b) Irritated
- c) Amused
- d) Bemused
- e) None of the above

If you don't know how to keep quite, people will start calling you **garrulous**.

- a) Taciturn
- b) Eloquent
- c) Talkative
- d) Somnolent
- e) None of the above

3. Solve the following crossword.

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Across:

1. An unmarried lady
2. One who dedicates his / her life to a selfless pursuit
4. A tall pole on a boat or ship that supports the sails
6. An agreement between two parties
7. A feeling of bring sorry because one has done something wrong
9. To injure someone with a sharp pointed object
10. A feeling of emotional comfort when somebody is sad or disappointed.

Down:

1. Suddenly without planning in advance
3. A particular method used to achieve something
5. A general official pardon given to many in one go
8. A long poem about the actions of great men or women or a nation

4. Two machines in your research laboratory are malfunctioning. Write a letter of complaint to the vendor, Cynotech Industries, Bangalore asking them for replacement of the PCs. Specify the configurations of the new machines. [ 8 ]

5. Write the title and index page of the report, titled, " The transport system in Kolkata should be revamped". There should be at least 6 annexure descriptions. [10]