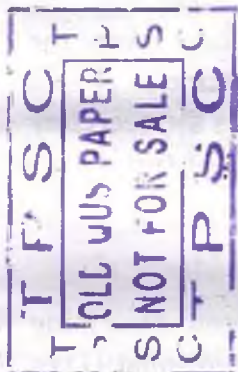Total No. of printed pages = 10

ENGLISH

Paper – I

Full Marks – 100

Time – Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. (a) Write an essay (within 400 words) on either of the following topics : 25

   (i) The importance of health fitness and immunity in COVID era.

   (ii) Mobile phones – a boon or a bane.

   Or

   (b) (i) Prepare a report for an English daily of a campaign on 'Say No to Plastic' orga- nised by the students of the local college in your town. (Word limit : 400 words)

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Or

(ii) A club in your locality has taken the responsibility of giving vaccine to people over the age of 45 years. As the secretary of the club, write a report of this event. (Word limit : 400 words)

Or

(c) (i) Write a letter to your friend describing your school or college Annual Day. (Word limit : 400 words)

Or

(ii) Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily expressing your views against the insensitive use of loudspeakers during festivals. (Word limit : 400 words)

2. Make a precis of the given passage and suggest a suitable title : 16+4=20

Noise is a common problem in both urban and rural areas, traffic noise in particular. Trees and shrubs are not only visually attractive but can also make effective noise barriers. Therefore, when space permits, we have to plant more trees and shrubs in areas where there is a noise problem. By doing this, noise can be reduced by six decibels over a distance of 30 meters.

The only thing we have to keep in mind is that the planting should be particularly dense; the trees which have dense foliage and relatively vertical orientation of arrangements should be planted. It will completely screen the source of the noise. If there is any gap in the barrier it will still allow noise to penetrate. Single layer of trees is worthless as a noise barrier. Due to interreflection, multi-rows of trees are more effective. The planted trees must be taller. We can reduce the noise level by 1.5 decibels with each additional 3 feet of tree height.

When the opportunity to use trees is restricted, a combination of shrubs and tall grass can be used. Instead of tarmac of gravel surfaces, soft grass ground cover is preferable. It will absorb noise rather than reflect it. Rows of trees, shrubs, crotons, ground covering plants, climbers and their flowers not only reduce noise and provide a beautiful backyard, they also help block wind, provide shade, and absorb traffic pollution.

Or

2. Write a summary of the following passage :

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Like every other instrument that man has invented, sport can be used either for good or for evil

purpose. Used well, it can teach endurance and courage, a sense of fair play and a respect for rules, co-ordinated effort and the subordination of personal interests to those of the group. Used badly, it can encourge personal vanity and group vanity, greedy desire for victory and hatred for rivals, and contempt for people who are beyond a certain limit arbitrarily selected. In either case sport inculcates responsible co-operation; but when it is used badly, the co-operation is for undesirable ends and the result upon the individual character is an increase of attachment; when it is used well, the character is modified in the direction of non-attachment. Sport can be either a preparation for war, a trainer either of potential war-mongers or potential peace-lovers, an educative influence forming either militarists or men who will be ready and able to apply the principles of pacifism in every activity of life. It is for us to choose which part of the organised amusements children and adults shall play.

3. (a) Correct the errors, if any, in any *five* of the following sentences :　　　　2×5=10

    (i) Each of them are honest.

    (ii) He talks as if he was my boss.

(iii) I shall be very angry if you will break any more plates.

(iv) He prefers coffee than tea.

(v) The clerk has already typed the letter before the Principle summoned him to do so.

(vi) The teacher has not yet entered ino the classroom.

(vii) He died with fever.

(viii) *The Times of India* has the largest circulation of any daily newspaper.

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : 1×5=5

Alice opened the door and found that it led _____ a small passage, not much larger than a rat-hole: she knelt down and looked along the passage _____ the loveliest garden you ever saw. How she longed to get _____ of that dark hall, and wander about _____ those beds of bright flowers and those cool fountains, but she could not even get her head through the doorway; "and even if my head would go through," thought poor Alice, "it would be _____ very little use without my shoulders."
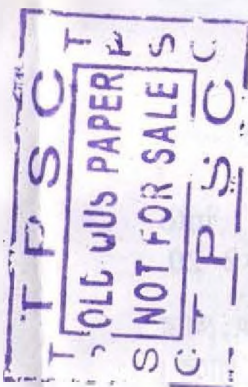
4. Punctuate the following passage : 10

mr. sen asked mr. bose what he would do in december as it would be very cold there mr bose replied that he would shift to a warmer place for a month mr sen then proposed to accompany mr bose at that time adding that he would have a holiday in december mr.bose joyfully commented that it would be wonderful further adding that he would love to have him as his companion.

5. Make sentences with any *five* of the following group of words : 2×5=10

(i) come accross (ii) let in on

(iii) get away with (iv) broke down

(v) carry out (vi) through thick and thin

(vii) hand in glove (viii) Halcyon days

(ix) spill the beans (x) once in a blue moon

6. (a) Translate the following passages into English : 10×2=20

প্রবাদ আছে যে কুকুরেরা ব্যক্তির সঙ্গে যুক্ত থাকে; আর বিড়ালেরা সাধারণত জায়গার সঙ্গে বেশী যুক্ত থাকে। কুকুর তার প্রভুকে অনুসরণ করে যে কোন স্থানে যেতে পারে; বিড়াল যে ঘরে থাকে সেখানেই থাকতে পছন্দ করে, এমনকি যদি ঘরের মালিক ও বদলায় তবু বিড়াল

সেই ঘরেই থাকবে যতক্ষণ নতুন মালিক তার প্রতি ভাল ব্যবহার করবে। বিড়াল ব্যক্তিগত প্রভূভক্তির অনুভূতি করতে পারে না যেটা সাধারণত : কুকুরের মধ্যে দেখা যায়। বিড়াল নিজের আরামটাকে নিয়েই বেশী চিন্তা করে এবং তার এই ভালবাসা শুধুই কাপবোর্ড ভালবাসা।

निम्नलिखित अनुच्छेदों का अंग्रेजी में अनुवाद कीजिए :

कहावत हैं कि कुत्ते का संबंध इंसानो से है जबकि बिल्ली का संबंध जगह से है। कुत्ता अपने मालिक का अनुकरण कर कहीं भी चला जाता है, पर बिल्ली जिस द्वार पर रहती है, वहीं पर रहना पसंद करती है। यहाँ तक कि अगर उस जगह का मालिक भी बदल जाए तभी भी वहीं पर रहेगी जब तक उस जगह का नया मालिक उसके साथ सद्व्यवहार दिखाएगा। बिल्ली को व्यक्तिगत तौर पर प्रभुभक्ति की अनुभूति नहीं हो ती हैं पर कुत्ते में प्रभुभक्ति की भावना दृष्टिगोचर होती है। बिल्ली अपने आराम को लेकर ही चिंतित हैं अत: बिल्ली का प्रेम केवल मात्र 'कपबोर्ड लव' यानी मतलबी प्रेम कहा जा सकता है।

তলাঅ সীয়জাক সীয়খাকন ইংরাজি ককসীলাইদি ঃ

ককবীকীরায়' তংগ - সীইরগ বরকন রীকথার', আমিঙরগ খে তঙথায়ন কীবাং রীকথার'। সীই বিনি বাজীরান মুইতু খীলাই জেসা থায়অ ফান' থাংগ, ফিয়া আমিঙখে তঙগীই তঙমা নগ'ন তঙনা মুচুঙগজান' তেই নকফাঙ সীলাইজাক ফান' ঔংথুন, আমিঙ আ নজ'নতঙনায়, কীতাল নকফাঙ ব বাই কাহাম তঙমুঙ তৎসাক। আমিঙ সাক সাক বিনি বাজীরান' খাকাই মুইতু

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ALTERNATIVE ENGLISH

Full Marks – 50

Time – One hour thirty minutes

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. (a) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences :
                                                    1×4=4

    (i) Only in the garden of the Selfish Giant it was still _____.

    (ii) Full in the smile of the blue _____.

    (iii) What he always did was to start _____ minutes before the time and run.

    (iv) Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards _____.

    (b) Give the antonyms (most opposite meaning) of the words underlined in the following sentences :   1×3=3

    (i) You tighten your rein.

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(ii) Gaily, O <u>gaily</u> we glide and we sing.

(iii) But he was not to be baffled by his <u>ignorance</u>.

(c) Give the synonyms (most nearly meaning) of the words underlined in the following sentences :   1×3=3

(i) For on the palms of the child's hands were the <u>prints</u> of two nails.

(ii) You say that two at Conway <u>dwell</u>.

(iii) Living, shall forfeit fair <u>renown</u>.

2. (a) "But where is your little companion ?" he said; "the boy I put into the tree ?"

1×3=3

(i) Who is the speaker ?

(ii) To whom are these words addresed ?

(iii) What was the reply ?

(b) "We always knew when Uncle Podger had lost anything."   1×3=3

(i) How did they know when Uncle Podger had lost anything ?

(ii) What was the first thing Uncle Podger would do after breakfast ?

(iii) Why did Uncle Podger throw the paper down upon the table ?

3. (a) "Time, you old gipsy man/Will you not stay" ? 1×3=3

(i) Who wrote this poem ?

(ii) Who will bow to Time ?

(iii) Name the two cities that the poet mentions in the poem.

(b) "We bear her along like a pearl on a string." 1×3=3

(i) Who are the palanquin bearers carrying in this poem ?

(ii) Why is she referred to as a pearl ?

(iii) Name the poet.

4. (a) (i) "But I am quite satisfied with what I have achieved without the help of Grammar. I know Marathi, Hindi, Bengali and now I have begun to know English." Reference to the context of this text, describe the character sketch of Narayan Hemchandra and his general outlook towards life. 9

Or

(ii) "Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,

Who never to himself hath said,

This is my own, my native land!

Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd,

As home his footsteps he hath turn'd,

From wandering on a foreign strand!"

In the above lines, explain the patriotic fervor put forward by Walter Scott and bring out the central idea of the poem 'Breathes there the man'. 9

(b) (i) Comment on the central idea of the poem "To One who has been Long in City Pent." 9

Or

(ii) Give a critical appreciation of the poem "Where the Mind is Without Fear."

5. (a) Punctuate the following using capital letters where necessary : 3

narayan hemchandra went to paris after a few months stay in london he began studying french and also translating french books i knew enough french to revise his translation so he gave it to me to read it was not a translation it was the substance.

(b) Transform the following sentences as directed : 1×4=4

   (i) He did not know English. (Change the sentence into the passive voice.)

   (ii) "This is delightful spot," he said. (Change the form of narration.)

   (iii) I am glad you have come. (Change into Exclamatory sentence.)

   (iv) The children are the most beautiful flowers of all. (Use the adjective in the comparative degree.)

(c) Replace the words in italics (underlined) with their equivalent idiomatic expression (any *three*) : 1×3=3

   Example : The pickpocket *escaped* with my wallet.

   Answer : The pickpocket *made off* with my wallet.

   (i) For the errand that he did, he should know *to apologize humbly*.

   (ii) You can always try but it is difficult *to achieve two desired objects by a single effort*.

(iii) Why don't you finish the discussion, *don't dwell on the same subject/topic again and again*.

(iv) The Lady belongs to an *aristocratic descent*.

(v) How can I believe *a man of no substance and value* and give him loan ?
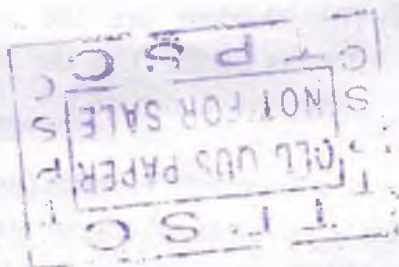
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND CURRENT AFFAIRS

Full Marks – 100

Time – Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

PART – I   1×50=50

Four options are given against each of the following questions. Select the best/correct option from among the four options and write it on the answer script. One example is given :

Example : The Independence Day in India is celebrated on

(a) the 15th August, every year

(b) the 26th January, every year

(c) the 2nd October, every year

(d) None of the above.

Answer :   (a) the 15th August, every year.

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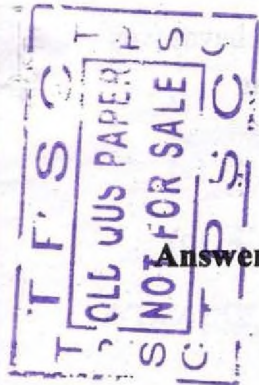
1. Who was the first woman Governor of Tripura ?

   (a) Najma Heptullah

   (b) Kamala Beniwal

   (c) Kiran Bedi

   (d) Mridula Sinha

2. Which one is the largest district (area wise) in Tripura ?

   (a) South Tripura   (b) Gomati

   (c) Dhalai   (d) West Tripura

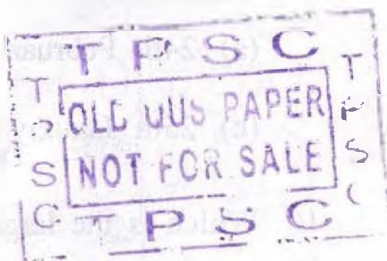3. Who was the first political agent of the British Government of India in Tripura ?

   (a) E. F. Sandys   (b) Mr. Verelst

   (c) A. W. B. Power   (d) General Jenking

4. The Panchayat Raj under three tier panchayat was first introduced in Tripura in the year

   (a) 1976   (b) 1983

   (c) 1990   (d) 1993

5. The first Olympian from Tripura was

   (a) Saraswati De Saha

   (b) Lopamudra Ghosh

   (c) Dipa Karmakar

   (d) Somdev Dev Barman

6. Which king abolished slavery in Tripura ?

   (a) Maharaja Bir Chandra Manikya

   (b) Maharaja Dharma Manikya

   (c) Maharaja Govinda Manikya

   (d) None of them

7. What is the maximum strength of judges of Supreme Court of India including the Chief Justice ?

   (a) 30   (b) 28

   (c) 34   (d) 31

8. Total number of Wildlife Sanctuaries in Tripura is

   (a) 2   (b) 3

   (c) 4   (d) 6

9. National Tourism day is observed on

    (a) 24th February   (b) 27th March

    (c) 25th January   (d) 23rd April

10. Which is the largest State in North East India ?

    (a) Meghalaya

    (b) Arunachal Pradesh

    (c) Assam

    (d) None of the above

11. Sitabani Wildlife Reserve is located in which State ?

    (a) Himachal Pradesh   (b) Gujarat

    (c) Uttarakhand   (d) Madhya Pradesh

12. "The Hornbill Festival" is a celebration held every year from 1st - 10th December in which State of India ?

    (a) Sikkim   (b) Manipur

    (c) Nagaland   (d) None of these

13. What is the name of only floating National Park in the world ?

    (a) Keibullamjao National Park

    (b) Kaziranga National Park

    (c) Shiroi Hill National Park

    (d) None of the above
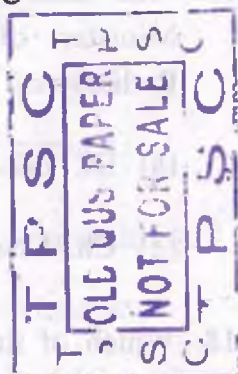
14. Which sea has no shore but entirely surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean ?

    (a) North Pacific   (b) Arctic Sea

    (c) Sargasso Sea   (d) Weddell Sea

15. Which country has the largest armed forces ?

    (a) India   (b) China

    (c) Russia   (d) USA

16. Who is the founder of Wikipedia ?

    (a) Harry Karlton   (b) Bill Gates

    (c) John Bossan   (d) Jimmy Wales

17. Who among the following was the first Prime Minister of India who did not face the Parliament ?

   (a) Dr. Zakir Hussain   (b) Guzarilal Nanda

   (c) Ch. Charan Singh   (d) Morarji Desai

18. Which of the following is the hottest planet in the solar system ?

   (a) Mars   (b) Venus

   (c) Mercury   (d) Jupiter

19. It is difficult of walk on the ice because

   (a) Pressure is low   (b) Friction is high

   (c) Friction is low   (d) Pressure is high

20. Minto-Morley Reforms Act was introduced in the year

   (a) 1904   (b) 1909

   (c) 1915   (d) 1911

21. Which one among the following vitamins is necessary for blood clotting ?

    (a) Vitamin A   (b) Vitamin D

    (c) Vitamin K   (d) Vitamin C
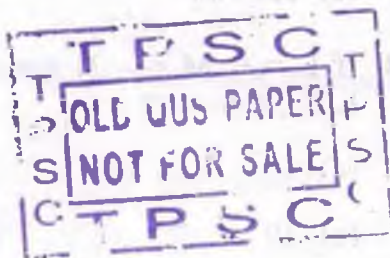
22. Among the following which one is not an ape ?

    (a) Gibbon   (b) Urangutan

    (c) Gorilla   (d) Langur

23. Which among the following hormone has a stimulatory effect on the heart ?

    (a) Estrone   (b) Erythropoietin

    (c) Thyroxine   (d) Epinephrine

24. In a certain code language 'RISE' is written as '8419', and 'MEAL' is written as '5927'. How is RAIL written in that code ?

    (a) 8429

    (b) 8124

    (c) 8247

    (d) 8412

25. $666 \div 6 \div 3 = ?$

   (a) 37   (b) 333

   (c) 111   (d) 84

26. Consider that

   (a) A is taller than B

   (b) C is taller than A

   (c) D is taller than C

   (d) E is the tallest of all

If they are made to sit in the above order of their height, who will occupy the mid position ?

   (a) A   (b) B

   (c) C   (d) D

27. On selling a watch for Rs. 810, Ravi gains 8%. For how much did he purchase it ?

   (a) Rs. 780   (b) Rs. 760

   (c) Rs. 750   (d) Rs. 786

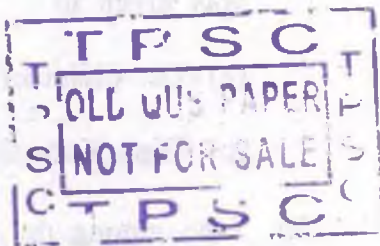28. If $L = +$, $M = -$, $N = \times$, $P = \div$ then 5 N 5 P 5 L 5 M 5 $= ?$

   (a) 5   (b) 0

   (c) 10   (d) 15

29. Which of the following books was written by Earnest Hemingway ?

 (a) Nineteen Eighty Four

 (b) Old Man and the Sea

 (c) Gone with the Wind

 (d) None of these

30. The book 'Angry Bird' was written by

 (a) Dominique Lapierre   (b) Mulk Raj Anand

 (c) Ruskin Bond   (d) None of them

31. At which place 43rd Kokborok Day was observed on 19th March, 2021 ?

 (a) Umakanta Academy

 (b) Rabindra Sata Barshiki Bhaban

 (c) Swami Vivekananda Stadium

 (d) Khumulwung

32. Door Darshan Kendra Agartala has been renamed as

 (a) DD Bharat   (b) DD Agartala

 (c) DD Tripureswari   (d) DD Tripura

33. The Tripura State's highest Civilian Award 2021 was given to

    (a) Dr. Chandan Das   (b) Arshia Das

    (c) Dipa Karmakar   (d) None of them

34. Who among the following is the author of the book 'India Remembered' ?

    (a) Pamela Mountbatten   (b) J. K. Rowling

    (c) William Dalrymple   (d) V. S. Naipaul

35. What was the theme for 39th Agartala Book Fair, 2021 ?

    (a) Amader Tripura Srestha Tripura

    (b) Ektu Paro Ektu Sikho

    (c) Esho Boi Pari

    (d) None of the above

36. Which country recently hosted an art exhibition to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi ?

    (a) Nepal   (b) Bangladesh

    (c) Sri Lanka   (d) Myanmar

37. Which State is the first State in India to declare sports as an industry ?

   (a) Mizoram   (b) Meghalaya

   (c) Manipur   (d) Nagaland

38. The International Children's Film Festival was recently inaugurated in which South Asian Country, with the theme 'Under The World' ?

   (a) Sri Lanka   (b) Bangladesh

   (c) Nepal   (d) India

39. Who is the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh ?

   (a) Neiphiu Rio   (b) Dorjee Khandu

   (c) Pema Khandu   (d) T. R. Zeliang

40. Which North Eastern State of India was first to implement "One Nation One Ration Card" ?

   (a) Manipur   (b) Meghalaya

   (c) Assam   (d) Tripura
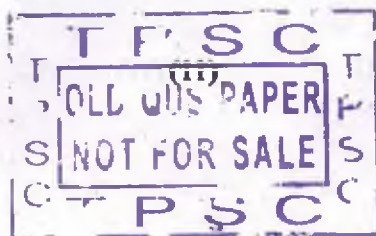
41. Leo Varadkar, who recently tendered his resignation, was the Prime Minister of which country ?

(a) France   (b) Ireland

(c) The Netherlands   (d) Greece

42. World Health Organization (WHO) declared Covid-19 as a pandemic. Which disease was previously declared as pandemic by WHO ?

(a) H1N1 influenza   (b) HIV

(c) Swine Flu   (d) Spanish Flu

43. Dadasaheb Phalke Award, 2021 is conferred to

(a) Amir Khan

(b) Amitabh Bachchan

(c) Akshay Kumar

(d) Rajinikanth

44. Which one of the following is not radioactive ?

(a) Astatine

(b) Francium

(c) Tritium

(d) Zirconium

45. What is the name of the latest earth observation satellite launched by ISRO (November, 2020) along with 9 international customer satellites from Andhra Pradesh ?

(a) SARAL

(b) INSAT – 3DR

(c) EOS – 01

(d) RISAT – 26

46. Who has been sworn in as first women deputy CM of Bihar along with Tarkishore Prasad in the year 2020 ?

(a) Vidya Devi   (b) Tara Namdeo

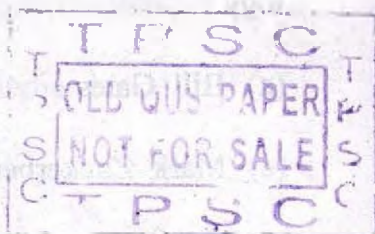(c) Sonali Namdeo   (d) Renu Devi

47. Who is the Prime minister of France ?

(a) Mikhail Mishustin

(b) Emmanuel Macron

(c) Edouard Philippe

(d) None of these

48. What is 'SAHAYAK-NG', which was seen in the news recently ?

   (a) Surface to Surface Missile

   (b) Fighter jet

   (c) Air droppable container

   (d) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

49. Asian Development Bank (ADB) is to provide USD 231-million loan for electricity generation in which State ?

   (a) West Bengal   (b) Assam

   (c) Odisha   (d) Bihar

50. Which personality announced to give away USD 100 million for the best carbon capture techno-logy ?

   (a) Bill Gates   (b) Elon Musk

   (c) Mark Zuckerberg   (d) Jack Ma.

PART – II

Write one paragraph on each of the following within sixty (60) words. Each question carries five (5) marks. Answer may be written either in English or in Bengali and not in any other language(s). It must not be partly in English and partly in Bengali. Strictly maintain the word limit. The instruction should be followed meticulously.   5×4=20

51. Extension of SVAMITVA Scheme across India.

Or

Covid-19 vaccination in Tripura – A success ?

52. Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhijan.

Or

'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'.

53. 'Jagrut Tripura'

Or

Importance of environment protection.

54. Ban on Chinese Apps in India.

Or

Abrogation of Article 370.

Write a short essay containing not more than one hundred twenty (120) words on each of the following. Answers of all questions may be written either in English or in Bengali and not in any other language(s). It must not be partly in English and partly in Bengali. Strictly maintain the word limit. The instructions should be followed meticulously.

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55. New Education Policy, 2020 of India.

Or

Impact of Covd-19 on the education sector.

56. One Nation – One Ration Card.

Or

Central Vista Project.

57. What are the roles played by a personal assistant to help her/his senior officer in an office or department ? Give reasons in support of your answer.

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