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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES :

- 1. All questions are COMPULSORY.**

- 1) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

A few years ago I attended an international and inter-disciplinary conference dealing with the issues man has to face in the 21st century. Naturally the global environment, population control, food availability, communications, education, and science and technology featured prominently. As speaker after speaker covered a variety of topics of great relevance to the theme of the conference, I increasingly began to feel like a dinner at a sumptuous buffet searching desperately for that tiny but vital item, namely, the salt shaker. By that pinch of salt I mean the scientific temper, an essential component of man's mental framework in his struggles to face the challenges of the present and the future. What is scientific temper? Is it an individual trait or does it also extend to societies, cultures, civilizations? To what extent is it prevalent today? What can be done to make it more widespread? Jawahar Lal Nehru described it in this way, "The impact of science and the modern world have brought a great appreciation of facts, a more critical faculty, a weighing of evidence, a refusal to accept tradition merely because it is tradition...but even today it is strange how we suddenly become overwhelmed by tradition, and the critical faculties of even intelligent men cease to function... only when we are politically and economically free will the mind function normally and critically.

- What do you understand by scientific temper or scientific outlook? (2)
- What are Jawahar Lal Nehru's views about accepting tradition? (2)
- What are the issues that man has to face in the 21st century? (2)
- What was the salt shaker item in the conference and why? (2)
- How can Indians achieve scientific outlook as guided by Nehru? (2)

- 2) a) Use the following words in meaningful sentences of your own : (5)
- ambivalence, amiable, apathy, copious, meticulous,
- b) Do as directed : (5)
- i) _____ last month I have seen him but once, *(fill in appropriate preposition)*
- ii) The house, with its contents, _____ insured, *(supply a verb in agreement with the subject)*
- iii) Alter, altar *(use these words in sentences of your own to bring out their meaning clearly)*
- iv) I convinced him of his mistake *(re-write the sentence as a complex sentence)*
- v) I have found the book _____ *(complete the sentence with suitable clause)*
- 3) Do you think educational institutions should lay more stress on value education and on improving the personality of the students by teaching them etiquettes and global manners? Use examples and reasons to explain your answer. (10)
- 4) As a sales manager of a desktop computers company, write a letter to the manager of a company, promoting the sale of desktop computers, telling him / her the advantages of desktops over laptops. Invent the necessary details. (15)
- 5) You visited a location where the bank, in which you are working, is planning to open a new branch. Prepare a detailed report to be submitted to the bank manager, describing the advantages and disadvantages of the new site. (15)