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Total marks: 60

Time: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Instruction: All questions are compulsory.

Q. 1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below (10)

Organic food is in great demand nowadays! People try to eat more of organic food to decrease the amount of pesticides they consume and to protect the environment from getting overloaded with toxic chemicals. According to scientist, organic vegetables and fruits have higher mineral and vitamin content as compared to those grown using pesticides, herbicides and chemical fertilizers. But organics are pretty expensive, so an easy alternative to get delicious and fresh produce is organic gardening. It means taking care of plants without using chemical fertilizers or pesticides.

To begin with, there are three main areas to focus on. These include soil management using organic fertilizers, weed management through manual labor and use of organic ground coverings and lastly pest control which is done by promoting beneficial insects and companion planting.

In order to get the best results, one has to make sure the soil is very well conditioned which in turn makes the plants strong and productive. All organic gardens are benefited from compost. A good compost pit can be made at one corner of the garden using all the kitchen wastes, dried leaves, grass clippings, egg shells, tea bags, paper napkins, spoilt food items, cotton fabric, scraps etc.

Choosing the right plant at the right place in the garden also matters a lot. The key to growing healthy plants is sunlight and plenty of it. The section should also be protected from strong winds. In regard to watering the plants, the best time is usually morning. To reduce the soil borne pests and diseases, it is important to plant similar plants in one garden bed and then rotate these beds each year.

Weeding at right time is also very essential for a good organic garden as weeds reduce crop yield by competing for water light, soil, nutrients and space. The best time to harvest the produce is early morning. Harvesting the fruits of labor would be real fun. So let us save time and money by growing great tasting organic food and contributing our bit in saving the environment.

1. Why do people try to eat more of organic food?
2. Why according to scientists is organic food good?
3. What is organic gardening?
4. Which are the three main areas to focus on for organic gardening?
5. How do you maintain the soil to get best results?
6. How is a good compost pit made?
7. What is the key to growing healthy plants?
8. When is the best time to water plants?
9. How do you reduce soil borne pests and diseases?
10. Why is weeding necessary in organic gardening?

- Q.2A. Give the synonyms of the following words (05)**
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| 1. original | 4. response |
| 2. famous | 5. hurry |
| 3. grief | |

- Q.2B. Give the antonyms of the following words (05)**
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| 1. Create | 4. Found |
| 2. Solution | 5. Motivate |
| 3. Powerless | |

- Q.3A. Fill in the blanks with Prefixes and suffixes (5)**
1. _____ health _____
 2. _____ taken _____
 3. _____ legal _____
 4. _____ manage _____
 5. _____ act _____

- Q.3B. Choose the appropriate parts of speech to complete the sentences (10)**
1. My brother is well _____ my sister is ill. (but / and)
 2. The river flows _____ the bridge. (under / above)
 3. The soldiers of Alexander were _____. (courage – Adjective form)
 4. He is not just _____ honorable man but is also _____ great artist. (a/an/the)
 5. We scored as many goals as _____. (they, them)
 6. _____ I reached on time, I could not get into the auditorium as the doors were closed. (Although/Because/Since)
 7. I can't wait to show you _____ pictures we took. (a / an /the)
 8. A man who spends very little money is called _____. (Extravagant/Stingy/ Noble)
 9. I was waiting _____ for the results. (eagerly/eternally/annoyingly)
 10. I have a friend _____ cousin works in the IT sector. (who/whom/that)

- Q.4A. Write a paragraph on (Any 1) (05)**
- a) Helmets are essential for a safe ride
 - b) Paperless office

- Q.4B. Write an essay on (Any 1) (10)**
- a) Increasing Cyber Crimes
 - b) All that glitters is not gold

- Q 5. Write a letter to a local newspaper editor informing them about the conditions of road in your area. (10)**
