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Marks :100

Time: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Instructions: 1) All questions are compulsory.
2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

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

Ace Indian shuttle player Saina Nehwal scripted history on 21 June 2009 when she became the first Indian to win a Super series tournament after clinching the Indonesia Open with a stunning victory over higher ranked Chinese Wang Inn in Jakarta. Saina is the first Indian to win the World Junior Badminton World Championships and was ranked world number five by Badminton World Federations on 31 March 2010.

Born in Hisar, Haryana on 17 March 1990, Saina was brought up in the southern city of Hyderabad. Her entry into the world of badminton was influenced by her father, Dr. Harvir Singh, a scientist at the Director of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad and her mother Usha Nehwal, both of whom were former badminton champions in Haryana.

In December 1998, Sania's father took her to meet coach Nani Prasad Rao, the then Badminton Coach of Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh. Prasad spotted the potential in Saina as he saw her play the game. He said, 'She has the potential. If you want to train her, bring her to me as a summer trainee.'

Thus began what proved to be a difficult journey for both Saina and her parents. Every morning Saina's father had to take her to the stadium for practice. This meant a 25 kilometer ride on the scooter each day. Saina and her father would wake up at 4:30 in the morning to reach the stadium in time for practice. After a two hour session, Dr. Singh would drop Saina to school on his way to work. The impact of this tough routine started showing on Saina in the very first week. She would often fall asleep on the pillion while returning from the stadium. Concerned by what could happen, her mother started following them on another two wheeler. This routine continued for three months. The pressure on Saina was huge, and she had to give her time for studies also. In 1999, Dr. Singh decided to move to a place closer to the stadium to avoid commuting a long distance every day. Although this cut down the distance by 17 kilometers, it did not help much as Saina now had to attend the evening session also. The family persevered through these trying times and emerged successful as Saina slowly began to move towards her goal.

The Czechoslovakia Junior Open 2003 was a major break in her career as she went on to win the tournament. She then won the silver at the 2004 Commonwealth Youth Games. In 2005 she won the Asian Satellite Badminton Tournament. The following year she finished runner up at the World Junior Badminton Championships. In 2007 she won the Indian National

Badminton Championships and the gold at the National Games of India. In 2008 she became the first Indian to win the BWF World Junior Badminton Championship by defeating the ninth seeded Japanese player. In the same year she won the Chinese Taipei Open.

Saina received the Arjuna Award in August 2009 and was awarded the Padma Shri in 2010. She was also awarded the Khel Ratna in 2012.

Saina's dedication combined with hard work has taken her to her enviable position as one among the shining role models for young Indians.

1. By whom was Saina ranked world number five in 2010 ?
2. When and where was Saina born ?
3. Who were Saina's parents ?
4. Who was Sania's coach ?
5. How far would Saina travel for practice everyday ?
6. Which competition was a major break in Sania's career ?
7. In which year did she become a runner up for World Junior Badminton Championship ?
8. In 2007 which competitions did she win ?
9. In which year did Saina win the Chinese Taipei Open ?
10. Name the awards won by Saina between 2009 – 2012.

Q. 2 Give short responses to the following

(20)

1. You are planning a vacation to Kashmir with your family. Suggest the mode of travel.
2. Your friend invites you for his birthday party. Accept his invitation.
3. "Time is money". Respond.
4. Technology is a boon to mankind. Agree or Disagree.
5. Write an appropriate expression to indicate your happiness when somebody compliments you on your resourcefulness.
6. You have to make an urgent call but have forgotten your mobile at home. How will you request your colleague for his mobile?
7. "Excuse me. Do you mind if I join you ?" Which expression is this ?
8. "Allow me to introduce myself." Which expression is this ?
9. Your friend wants to borrow your bike for a day but you don't want to lend it. How will you refuse him ?
10. "Hi ! Great party, isn't it ?" Which expression is this ?

Q. 3 Write a brief dialogue on the situations given below.

(10)

1. You have gone to Mumbai for a seminar. Your friend in Mumbai invites you for dinner. However, you are returning to Pune after the seminar hence you cannot attend the dinner.

Write a brief conversation.

2. Your friend has just returned from a trip to Kerala. Ask him / her for information regarding mode of journey, weather, food and accommodation so that you can plan your vacations to Kerala.

Q. 4 Fill in the blanks with appropriate Prepositions (10)

1. They had a brief discussion _____ the next day's event. (from/except/about)
2. Is the coffee too hot _____ you? (for/of/in)
3. Nobody came to the party _____ George and Alex. (beside/ whether/except)
4. I am not too worried as I am _____ of my work schedule. (across/abroad/ahead)
5. We left the office _____ 6.00 pm on Saturday. (about/around/ahead)
6. _____ having a good handwriting Akshay also writes the answers really well. (Besides/Beneath/Beyond)
7. While looking _____ the painting, I realized that something was not right. (at/to/over)
8. _____ the information that we have collected, we can directly take an action. (From/With/Till)
9. You need to make a choice _____ doing nothing and avoid risks or take a risk but try to resolve the issue. (between/among/for)
10. We waited back _____ the working hours and finished the work beforehand. (before/after/on)

Q. 5 Letter Writing (20)

1. You have purchased some goods from XYZ Co. Ltd. via online shopping. However, when the goods were delivered to you, it was in a broken condition. **Write a complaint letter** to XYZ Co. Ltd.
2. Write a letter to the newspaper editor explaining the condition of footpaths in your area. The vegetable and other vendors occupy all the footpaths barely keeping any space for the pedestrians to walk on and other issues such as cleanliness of the footpaths, crowd, etc.

Q. 6 Complete the sentences choosing the appropriate form of verbs (20)

1. They _____ the kitchen since 2 hours (cleans/cleaned/have been cleaning)
2. He _____ with me for a petty reason (was fighting/are fight/ were fighting)
3. He had _____ to be alone. (chosen/choose/chooses)
4. I _____ all the Harry Potter movies a numerous time. (watching/was watched/have watched)
5. I _____ your sentiments. (values/ value/ valued)
6. They _____ a surprise party for the entire team. (plan/has planned/have planned)
7. She _____ on the spot to face him. (turn/turns/turned)
8. Her entire family _____ in the U.S.A. (have settled/ has settled/are settled)

9. She always _____ me to remind me of important things. (calls/ will call/ will be called)

10. Your time _____ now. (started/is starting/starts)

Q.7 Write an essay on any one of the following

(10)

1. Impact of Advertising
2. An experience you will never forget
3. Rome was not built in a day
