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Total marks: 60

Time: 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

- Instructions:** 1) Attempt all Questions
2) Figures to the right indicate full marks

Q. 1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions

(10)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

Herbs and spices have been a part of our culture from the time of the Rig Veda. The virtues of turmeric, saffron and cardamom have been praised in many of our ancient writings. In fact, no recipe in India is complete without its dose of spices. While the general reason is to enhance flavor, the purpose of using spices in food goes much deeper.

In ancient times spices were considered a reflection of wealth and were used for barter and trade. Pepper, one of the oldest known spices, was considered so valuable in ancient times that it was the preferred method of bribing government officials. In ancient Egypt, cinnamon was valued higher than gold and considered to be a prized gift for monarchs.

Spices have been used not just in culinary preparations but also as medicines and in perfumes. They are known for their anti-inflammatory properties, ability to prevent diseases and enhance mood. It's difficult to imagine an Indian kitchen without its herbs and spices. They can be used in various forms like fresh, dried, crushed, powdered and play a major role in altering the colour, aroma, flavor and taste of food.

A healthy diet is not just about fruits and vegetables but the use of a variety of spices as well. Ginger and garlic are hailed for their infinite medicinal properties to treat anything from digestive disorders to arthritis. Apart from the taste they bring to the food, they provide many disease preventing nutrients. From the nutrition point of view the antioxidants you would get from consuming a portion of red tomatoes or grapes, you would find the same in just half a teaspoon of cumin seeds or dried ginger.

1. Since when have herbs and spices been a part of our culture ?
2. The virtue of which spices has been praised in our ancient writings ?
3. What was considered as a reflection of wealth in ancient times ?
4. In ancient Egypt which spice was valued higher than gold ?
5. Besides culinary preparations where else have spices been used ?
6. What are spices known for ?
7. In which forms can spices be used ?

8. What are Ginger and Garlic used to treat ?
9. Apart from taste what else do spices provide ?

In which spice do you find the same antioxidants that are found in Tomatoes and grapes?

Q. 2. Give short -responses to the following (Any 5) (10)

1. Write an appropriate expression to indicate your happiness when somebody compliments you on your resourcefulness.
2. “Cigarette is good for health”. Disagree with this statement.
3. Apologise for misbehaving in a classroom.
4. You have to make an urgent call but have forgotten your mobile at home. How will you request your colleague for his mobile?
5. “How do you do?” Write an appropriate response for the given expression.
6. Your friend wants to borrow your laptop for two days. You do not want to give it to him. How will you refuse him?
7. How will you introduce yourself to your new boss?

Q. 3. Write a brief dialogue on the situations given below. (10)

1. You and your friend are meeting after a long time. Write a brief dialogue about a certain precious memory you share and will always cherish.
2. Write a dialogue between you and the postman of your area regarding some important documents that you are awaiting to receive via post.

Q. 4. Write a letter (Any One) (10)

1. You want to purchase some books for your library. Write a conversation between you and the shopkeeper.
2. Write a letter to your friend telling them about your current feelings as you have recently shifted to your new home in a new city.

Q. 5. Write an Essay in about 300 words on any one of the topics given below: (10)

1. Lack of patience in the present generation
2. Every dark cloud has a silver lining

Q. 6. Rewrite the sentences referring to the brackets (10)

1. She _____ sell her home because she needs money. (can / might)
2. Our country _____ become a super power by 2025. (May / can)
3. _____ you take care of my dog for a day? (May / Will)
4. _____ you mind if I borrowed your car? (Can / Would)
5. I _____ get you a shawl from Kashmir. (should / will)

6. It is snowing outside so I _____ stay at home. (will / may)
7. We _____ not make the first move. (must / might)
8. You _____ not lose any more weight. You are already slim. (can / need)
9. There was a time when I _____ stay up very late. (could / might)
10. _____ you help me with the housework, please? (May / Could)
