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**Date: 16/05/2024**

**Total marks: 60**

**Time: 2.00pm to 4.30pm**

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**Instruction:1) All questions are compulsory.**

**2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.**

**Q. 1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below**

**(10)**

The Bermuda Triangle is a strange triangular area on the Atlantic Ocean where many ships sailing through it and planes passing over it have disappeared without a trace. In few of such cases where wrecks could be found, the crew had vanished. It is also called the “vortex of doom” because more than a thousand ships and planes have disappeared in the triangle area over the past five centuries and continue to do so.

Apparently this seems to happen when there are no human errors, equipment failures or even natural disasters. People have even gone so far as to speculate that it’s an area of extra-terrestrial activity or that there is some bizarre natural scientific cause for the region to be hazardous, but most likely, its simply an area in which people have experienced a lot of bad luck. Strangely, the ships and aircrafts just vanish when everything seems to be okay. Many believe that devil is at play here and therefore call the area as the “Devil’s Triangle”.

The facts, however, are quite far from what is generally known or believed to be true. There are many stories and myths created through sheer imagination by writers who have used them rampantly to draw publicity to their books. However, one thing which is beyond doubt is that far too many incidents have taken place in this area for it to be ignored casually or interpreted to be just another normal ocean area.

However, since the inception of the myth, many have blamed the triangle’s supposed lethality on everything from aliens and sea monsters to time warps and reverse gravity fields. The more scientifically minded theorists have pointed to magnetic anomalies, waterspouts or huge eruptions of methane gas from the ocean floor. In spite of all this, the Bermuda triangle remains to be the greatest unsolved mystery of modern age.

1. What is the Bermuda Triangle ?
2. What happens to the ships and aircrafts passing over the Bermuda Triangle ?
3. What is the other name for the Bermuda Triangle ?
4. Since how long are ships and planes disappearing on the Bermuda Triangle ?
5. What do people speculate about the Bermuda Triangle ?
6. Why is it called “Devil’s Triangle”?
7. Why do writers use their imagination about the Bermuda triangle in their books?
8. What is the lethality of the Bermuda Triangle blamed upon ?
9. What have the scientific minded theorist pointed out ?
10. What type of a mystery is the Bermuda Triangle ?

**Q2A. Give the synonyms of the following :-**

**(05)**

1. Angry
2. Beautiful
3. Calm
4. Famous

5. Hurry

**Q2B. Give the antonyms of the following :- (05)**

1. Active
2. Destroy
3. Lost
4. Problem
5. Vertical

**Q3A. Fill in the blanks with Prefixes and suffixes. (5)**

1. \_\_\_ happy \_\_\_
2. \_\_\_ different \_\_\_
3. \_\_\_ nation \_\_\_
4. \_\_\_ act \_\_\_
5. \_\_\_ law \_\_\_

**Q3B. Choose the appropriate words from the brackets and fill in the blanks. (10)**

1. I can't wait to show you \_\_\_\_\_ pictures we took. (a / the)
2. There is not much difference between you and \_\_\_\_\_ (he, him)
3. The plane usually \_\_\_\_\_ at 3:30pm. (arrives, will arrive)
4. We scored as many goals as \_\_\_\_\_. (they, them)
5. Rama is as old as \_\_\_\_ (I, me)
6. The earth \_\_\_\_\_ round the sun. (moves, moved)
7. The river flows \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge. (under / above)
8. \_\_\_\_\_ I come in Sir ? (May, Can)
9. He sell mangoes \_\_\_\_\_ oranges. (and, for)
10. My brother is well \_\_\_\_\_ my sister is ill. (but / and)
11. Last year, there were a large number of mangoes \_\_\_\_\_ the tree. (on / in)

**Q4A. Write a paragraph on (Any 1) (05)**

- a) Education should be free
- b) Music has the power to heal

**Q4B. Write an essay on (Any 1) (10)**

- a) Should students get limited access to internet?
- b) Time and tide wait for none

**Q 5. Write a letter to a newspaper editor explaining about the crowded footpaths in your area due to the vegetable and other vendors causing inconvenience to the pedestrians. (10)**

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