Before answering the question paper the candidate should ensure that they have been supplied the correct question paper. Complaints in this regard, if any, shall not be entertained after the examination.

Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Section – A

1. (a) Correct the following sentences:
   i. Neither the quality nor the prices has changed.
   ii. I have sold all the furnitures that was useless.
   iii. They congratulated the new wedded couple.
   iv. None of the two friends worked hard.
   v. He is fond to play cricket.

(b) Frame sentences with the following idioms and phrases and provide their meanings too:

   i. Storm in a teacup
   ii. A bone of Contention
   iii. To turn the table
   iv. Blessing in disguise
   v. Straight from the horse’s mouth

(c) Rewrite the following paragraph using appropriate punctuation symbols:

China’s wealth-generating factories have begun reporting labor shortages as these shortages rise so will wages and then India with its expanding labor force should reap a huge demographic dividend unfortunately all the data on job growth is disappointing In a country that already has more than 1.24
billion people and about half a billion workers only about five million are employed in manufacturing facilities that employ more than 10 people more than half the manufacturing workers are in facilities without electricity which is pitiful between 1981 and 2001 China moved 680 million people out of poverty and it did this with a single-minded focus on creating industrial jobs our government is focused on other matters

(d) Fill in the blanks by selecting appropriate words given in the brackets:

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5 \times 1 = 5
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i. Why do you always expect me to follow your ________? (advice/advise)

ii. I am very much fond of such innocent ________ (childish/childlike) demeanor of yours.

iii. The ________(Canvas/Canvass) of life is more colorful than the painting of any painter.

iv. She has really been benefited by the intelligent ________ (counsel/council) of some of her friends.

v. The__________(coarse/course) of the river is hindered by the big rock.

2. (a) Initiate a conversation between two friends discussing the career options they want to choose in future.

(b) Create a slogan on the following issues. Your slogan must be creative, unique and specific to the issues/topics.

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Safety of Women, Saving Environment, Road Safety, India First, Incredible India

3. (a) Write a précis on the following passage. Provide a suitable caption too.

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The geographical location of India provides long days of sunny weather for the majority of the year. This allows solar energy in India to be a viable option for a means of generating electricity for a large proportion of the population. India's high population which is around 4 times that of the United States means generating enough power can be a demanding task. The energy consumption in India is currently allot less than that of the United States, and this shows how a large majority of the population of India does not have access to electricity.

The use of solar energy in India could help to change this problem, in providing a clean, cheap source of electricity for many areas communities. It

Let us for a moment analyze how this virus was allowed to grow. The answer to this question is quite simple. Since this cancer was not treated in its earlier stages, it grew to this magnum size, which today defies any cure. It is not that people did not know about the virus entering the system but, it was ignored and so the result is here for all of us to see. If it had been nipped in the bud just when it had raised its ugly head, it would not have dared to grow. As no corrupt person has ever been punished for his/her corrupt practices, it gives an impetus to others to become so. Moreover, since there was no punishment, the element of fear also flew to the winds, and people dared it all.

Now when the virus has struck the system we hear from pulpits and platforms long drawn out speeches on uprooting corruption. This is however now a Herculean task. However, even at this stage, we can make an effort. This is possible only if we give stringent punishment to the corrupt, however influential he/she may be. Side by side, we may reward the honest and upright people. With this twin treatment, maybe we see a reduction of the menace after some time. Let us remember it is more difficult to improve a decayed system rather than make a new clean system.

Now answer the following question passed on the above passage:

i. How has our response towards corruption changed in recent times?

ii. Why has the writer called corruption cancer?

iii. How has corruption become so rampant?

iv. Is the writer optimistic about getting rid of corruption?

v. What is the meaning of a Herculean task? Why has the writer called the task of eradicating corruption a Herculean task?

5 (a) Give a brief summary of the lesson ‘Human Environment’.

(b) How can we create a better human environment especially in the Indian context?

6. (a) Assess the effects of a global exchange of stock piled nuclear warheads?

(b) Will the earth climate be permanently changed by the after effects of a nuclear war?