(i) What was the percentage decline in the production of fertilizers from 1997 to 1998?
(ii) The average production of 1996 and 1997 was exactly equal to the average production of which of the following pairs of years?
(iii) What was the percentage increase in production of fertilizers in 2002 compared to that in 1995?
(iv) In which year was the percentage increase in production as compared to the previous year the maximum?
(v) In how many of the given years was the production of fertilizers more than the average production of the given years?

7. (a) Give an appropriate abstract of the chapter “Mushroom of Death” in your own words. [10]
(b) “All creation is one.” Elaborate it in your own words with reference to the chapter “Human Environment”. [10]

1. Answer the following questions briefly: [5*4=20]
   a) What do you mean by Punctuation? Explain with the help of an example.
   b) Write slogans on ‘Nuclear Energy’ and ‘Natural Resources’.
   c) Who wrote ‘Human Environment’ and who wrote the poem ‘Bankers are Just Like Anybody Else, Except Richer?’
   d) Write any four prepositions of time and use them in sentences.
   e) Define Intensive and Extensive Reading in brief.

SECTION - A

2(a) Correct the following sentences: [5]
   i. I, who is your friend, will never cheat you.
   ii. The ruler and warrior have arrived.
   iii. It is ten in my watch.
   iv. The book’s cover got damaged.
   v. She is working in the kitchen since morning.

(b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition: [5]
   i. Look, that car’s ______ fire.
   ii. The woman is holding a cup _____ her hands.
   iii. I got these photos ______ my friend Jane.
   iv. McDonalds is also known ______ its sponsorship.
   v. So, these are pictures ______ a giraffe.
(c) Differentiate between the following words by framing sentences: [10]
Hire-rent, House-home, Admit-Confess, Deny-refuse, Empty-vacant

3. (a) Develop innovative and creative slogans on the following topics: [10]
World Population, Literacy, Environment, Corruption, Sports, Politics, Women Empowerment, Unemployment, Child Labour, Education
(b) Initiate dialogue between two friends about the election which are going to be held in 2014. Add necessary details. [10]

4. (a) Give meaning of the following idioms and form sentences by using them: [10]
A Red Letter Day, A turning point, A dark horse, Black Sheep, Bad blood, In a Fix, In Vogue, In a Nutshell, Hold On, Give Up
(b) Write a paragraph on ‘Increasing problem of Price Hiking in India’ [10]

SECTION - B

5. (a) Define Skimming and Scanning. What is the difference between these two techniques of Reading? Elaborate the difference. [10]
(b) Throw light on the role of Bankers in our life with the reference to the poem ‘Bankers are Just Like Anybody Else, Except Richer’ by Ogden Nash. [10]

6. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it. [2*5=10]

Being Extravagant
It is a strange that, according to his position in life, an extravagant man is admired or despised. A successful businessman does nothing to increase his popularity by being careful with his money. He is expected to display his success, to have smart car, an expensive life, and to be lavish with his hospitality. If he is not so, he is considered mean and his reputation in business may even suffer in consequence. The paradox remains that if he had not been careful with his money in the first place, he would never have achieved his present wealth. Among the two income groups, a different set of values exists. The young clerk, who makes his wife a present of a new dress when he hadn’t paid his house rent, is condemned as extravagant. Carefulness with money to the point of meanness is applauded as a virtue. Nothing in his life is considered more worthy than paying his bills. The ideal wife for such a man separates her housekeeping money into joyless little piles—so much for rent, for food, for the children’s shoes; she is able to face the milkman with equanimity and never knows the guilt of buying something she can’t really afford. As for myself, I fall into neither of these categories. If I have money to spare, I can be extravagant, but when, as is usually the case, I am hard up, then I am the meanest man imaginable.

Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don’t forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

A. According to the opinion of the writer, who is a successful businessman?
B. What does the phrase ‘lavish with his hospitality’ signify?
C. How do the low paid people feel when they spend too much money on anything?
D. How does the housewife, described by the writer, feel when she saves money?
E. What is the impression that the writer as far as money is concerned?

(b) Study the bar chart and answer the question based on it: [2*5=10]

Production of Fertilizers by a Company (in 1000 tones) Over the Years

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