Series A1BAB/2

SET-2

Q.P. Code 1/2/2

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NOTE

(I) Please check that this question paper contains **7** printed pages.

(II) Q.P. Code given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.

(III) Please check that this question paper contains **6** questions.

(IV) **Please write down the serial number of the question in the answer-book before attempting it.**

(V) 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

ENGLISH (Core)

Time allowed : 2 hours *Maximum Marks : 40*

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

(i) This question paper contains THREE sections — READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.

(ii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A

(Reading) **(14 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below. *8*

1 Very often, we do not take the first step towards a good cause because we say to ourselves, "The task is so big. What can I do alone ?" So nothing gets done. There is much talk about environmental protection, air pollution and saving our forests. Do we really care ? If we do, here are a few things we can do to make our surroundings more pleasant.

2 It is good to adopt a two-uses-attitude ! By putting an article to a second use, we are giving it a longer lease of life and using up less raw material from nature. One of the worst things we do is the abuse of paper. The clean sides of envelopes can be used to write small notes, lists and reminders around the house. The more paper we use, the more trees will have to be cut down. For the same reason, we should avoid the use of paper napkins or paper plates. Cloth napkins are just as good, for they can be washed and used over and over again.

3 The one area which needs the most urgent attention is effective garbage disposal. People who are conscious about it follow rules and laws strictly. As a result, their neighbourhoods are clean and beautiful. A lot of people don't care about the environment because they don't understand the adverse effect that society has on it. It is important to convince people to care about the environment. The first step would be to convince people to change by providing simple alternative solutions and ways of doing things. The Internet is a powerful tool and a group of like-minded people can be formed on social media. People can share environmental stories and issues as well as pool in solutions and alternatives to educate one another. With the current state that our planet is in, it is imperative that people actively care about the environment and most importantly, act now.

4 Similarly, each one of us can contribute to a cleaner environment. All kitchen waste should be collected separately. Those who have green fingers can turn this into valuable manure. Dig a pit and put the kitchen waste into it. When the pit is a little over half full, cover it up with mud. Let nature do the rest. Within three or six months, we will have a good garden manure. It can also be done as a community project by digging a large pit in the colony. Do take help of all the members, for nothing succeeds like co-operation.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any ***eight*** questions from the nine given below : *8×1=8*

(i) Why don't we take the first step towards a good cause ? *1*

(ii) What is a two-uses-attitude ? *1*

(iii) What can we do to avoid the abuse of paper ? (Any two points) *1*

(iv) What is the result of an effective way of garbage disposal ? *1*

(v) How can the Internet be a powerful tool in spreading environmental awareness ? *1*

(vi) How can the making of garden manure be done as a community project ? *1*

(vii) How long does it take to make good garden manure ? *1*

(viii) Select a suitable word from the passage which means — something in a bad and undesirable way. (Para 2) *1*

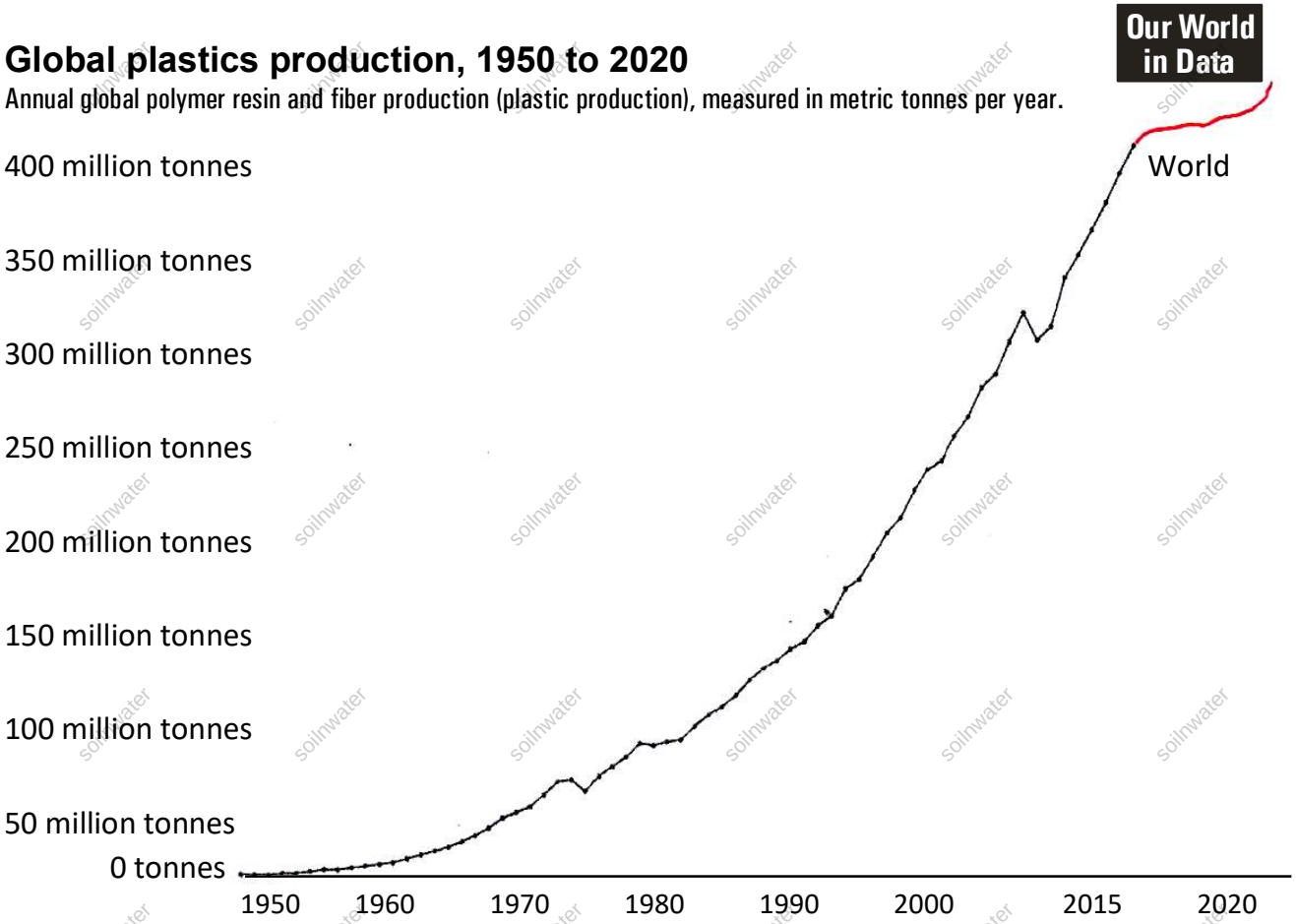
(ix) Pick out the word from the passage which means — completely necessary. (Para 3) *1*

2. Read the passage given below : *6*

1 Our history makes it evident that the Indian Plastics Industry made a vigorous beginning in 1957 but it took more than 30 years for it to pervade Indian lifestyles. In 1979, 'the market for plastics' was just being seeded by the State-owned Indian Petrochemicals and it was only in 1994 that plastic soft drink bottles became a visible source of annoyance.

2 In the same year, people in other cities were concerned about the state of public sanitation and also urged regulatory bodies to ban the production, distribution and use of plastic bags. However, the challenge was greater than it appeared at first.

3 The massive generation of plastic waste in India is due to rapid urbanisation, spread of retail chains, plastic packaging from grocery to food and vegetable products, to consumer items and cosmetics. The projected high growth rates of GDP and continuing rapid urbanisation suggests that India's trajectory of plastic consumption and plastic waste is likely to increase.



4 According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report of 2018, India stands among few other countries like France, Mongolia and several African countries that have initiated total or partial national level bans on plastics in their jurisdictions. On World Environment Day in 2018, India vowed to phase out single-use plastics by 2022, which gave a much needed impetus to bring this change.

5 In this context, thereafter, ten States (Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Odisha, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu) are currently sending their collected waste to cement plants for co-processing. Twelve other States/UTs are using plastic waste for polymer bitumen road construction and still four other States are using the plastic waste for waste-to-energy plants and oil production. A world of greater possibilities has now opened up to initiate appropriate and concrete actions to build up the necessary institutions and systems before oceans turn, irreversibly, into a thin soup of plastic.

6 However, there is no one single masterstroke to counter the challenges witnessed by the staggering plastic waste management in the country. The time is now to formulate robust and inclusive National Action Plans, and while doing so, the country will establish greater transparency to combat the plastic jeopardy in a more sustainable and holistic way.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any ***six*** out of the seven questions given below : *6×1=6*

(i) What does the writer mean by 'visible source of annoyance' ? *1*

(ii) Why did people demand a ban on plastics ? *1*

(iii) What created a demand for plastics in India ? *1*

(iv) What does the line, 'oceans turn, irreversibly into a thin soup of plastic', suggest ? *1*

(v) What step can be taken to combat the challenges of plastic waste management ? What will be its impact ? *1*

(vi) With reference to the graph, write one conclusion that can be drawn about the production of plastics in 2019 (approximately). *1*

(vii) What does the upward trend of the graph indicate ? *1*

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(vi) What accelerated the partial ban for plastics in India ? *1*

(vii) How are certain states in India recycling plastic waste productively ? *1*

SECTION B

(Writing) **(8 marks)**

3. Sita has cleared the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET). Her parents, Seema and Rahul Pandey, are hosting a dinner party to celebrate her success. Draft a formal invitation card giving details of date, time and venue in about 50 words. *3*

4. Attempt ***any one*** from A and B given below. *5×1=5*

A. You are Arvind/Aarti Sinha residing at Marine Vihar, Mumbai. You come across the following advertisement in 'The Times Today' for the position of School Counsellor for 'New Dawn Public School', Mumbai. Write a letter of application with detailed resume for the post in 120 – 150 words.

> SITUATION VACANT
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> Wanted qualified and experienced School Counsellor for New Dawn Public School. Candidate must be a Post Graduate in Psychology, with minimum 5 years experience in counselling. Knowledge of computers preferred. Mention additional skills and interests. Apply with detailed resume to the Principal, New Dawn Public School, Golf Road, Mumbai.

B. A Health Mela was organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The theme of the Mela was 'Child Obesity – a Growing Concern'. The day long activities consisted of a free BMI check-up, poster making and a talk on healthy eating habits. The Mela was inaugurated by the local MLA Mr. Lal. You are Sandhya/Sohan Ahuja, Staff Correspondent of 'The Star'. Write a report in about 120 – 150 words. Mention date, time, venue, events and response of participants.

SECTION C

(Literature) **(18 marks)**

5. Answer any ***five*** out of the six questions given below, within 40 words each : *5×2=10*

(i) Why did Edla invite the peddler ? *2*

(ii) What, according to Keats, causes a pall over our spirits ? *2*

(iii) Why does Adrienne Rich describe the tigers as 'chivalric' in the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' ? *2*

(iv) Why was storytelling especially tiring on Saturdays for Jack ? *2*

(v) How did Derry's handicap affect his life ? *2*

(vi) How does the Governor describe Evans to the Secretary, Examination Board ? *2*

6. Answer any ***two*** of the following in about 120 – 150 words each : *2×4=8*

(i) How did Civil Disobedience triumph for the first time in India ? *4*

(ii) Justify the title of the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'. *4*

(iii) Even though the Governor's sixth sense told him to keep close tabs on Evans, he failed and proved to be 'gullible'. Comment. *4*