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ADMISSION TEST – 2016

ENGLISH (Honours)

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Full Marks : 40 (Group A: 20; Group B: 20) Time: 12.00 noon – 01.30 p.m

GROUP A

(The following marking system will be followed for answers to questions in Group A : '+2' for each correct answer and '-1' for each wrong answer.)

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Recent advances in science and technology have made it possible for geneticists to find out abnormalities in the unborn foetus and take remedial action to rectify some defects which would otherwise prove to be fatal to the child. Though genetic engineering is still at its infancy, scientists can now predict with greater accuracy a genetic disorder. It is not yet an exact science since they are not in a position to predict when exactly a genetic disorder will set in. While they have not yet been able to change the genetic order of the gene in germs, they are optimistic and are **holding out** that in the near future they might be successful in achieving this *feat*. They have, however, acquired the ability in manipulating tissue cells. However, genetic misinformation can sometimes be damaging for it may adversely affect people psychologically. Genetic information may lead to a tendency to brand some people as inferiors. Genetic information can therefore be abused and its application in deciding the sex of the foetus and its subsequent abortion is now hotly debated on ethical lines. But on this issue geneticists cannot be **squarely** blamed though this charge has often been levelled at them. It is mainly a societal problem. At present genetic engineering is a costly process of detecting disorders, but scientists hope to reduce the costs when technology becomes more advanced. This is why much progress in this area has been possible in scientifically advanced and rich countries like the USA, UK, and Japan. It remains to be seen if in the future this science will lead to the development of a race of supermen or will be able to obliterate disease from this world.

1. Which of the following is the same in meaning as the phrase 'holding out' as used in the passage?

(a) catching (b) expounding (c) sustaining (d) restraining (e) controlling

2. Which of the following is the same in meaning as the word 'squarely' as used in the passage?

(a) rigidly (b) firmly (c) directly (d) obliquely (e) frontally

3. What is the tone of the author in the last sentence of the passage?

(a) resignation (b) cautiousness (c) relief (d) concern (e) apathy

4. Which of the following is not true, according to the passage?

(a) Society is not affected by the research in genetic engineering. (b) Genetic engineers are not able to say some things with certainty. (c) If genetic information is not properly handled, it will create problems.

(d) Manipulation of genes is presently done only in tissue cell. (e) Scientists recognize the possibilities of abuse of information related to genetics.

5. Which of the following, according to the author, are the shortcomings of genetics in becoming an exact science?

A. Geneticists cannot tell in advance when genetic disorder will set in.

B. Geneticists have not been able to manipulate germ cells.

(a) A only (b) B only (c) Both A and B (d) Either A or B (e) Neither A nor B

II. In each sentence below, there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence five pairs of words are given. Pick out the most appropriate pair to fill in the blanks in the same order to complete the sentence meaningfully.

1. He shifted to his late parents' house not because of the ----- it provided but for purely ----- reasons.

(a) grace, aesthetic (b) value, monetary (c) convenience, sentimental (d) comforts, personal (e) benefit, extraneous

2. The ----- imposed for non-payment was too ----- for it to bring in improvement in collection.

(a) fine, severe (b) toll, simple (c) penalty, low (d) damage, cruel (e) punishment, harsh

3. Weather -----, I shall ----- the office.

(a) favourable, visit (b) allowing, reach (c) permitting, attend (d) granting, manage (e) encouraging, enter

4. Any system is likely to ----- for ----- of support from the public.

(a) survive, lack (b) succeed, reason (c) fail, want (d) finish, failure (e) launch, paucity

5. Children are more ----- than adults; it is ----- their quickness in learning a new language.

(a) intelligent, disproved by (b) conservative, seen in (c) adaptable, reflected in (d) susceptible, demonstrated in (e) resourceful, proportionate to

GROUP B

III. Express your views either for or against any one of the following statements in not more than 500 words:

- 1) E-books will soon replace the book.
- 2) Shouting patriotic slogans is important to express one's love for the country.
- 3) India needs more C. V. Ramans than Rabindranath Tagores.
- 4) Boys do not cry.
- 5) Bengali literature is not rich in science fiction.

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