



General Instructions

- (i) The examination will be conducted in Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode.
- (ii) Each question carries +5 marks for correct answer and -1 mark for wrong answer.
- (iii) The total number of questions are 50.
- (iv) Duration of the exam is 1 hour (60 minutes).

1. Passage:

My grandmother always held a certain stoic posture toward life's erratic tides. Her small house sat at the edge of the village, containing nothing more than an iron cot, a wooden trunk, and a shelf filled with dynamic journals. Neighbors often characterized her lifestyle as "ascetic," given her strict dietary routines and complete rejection of modern comforts. Yet, her mind was anything but isolated; she possessed a profound clarity about the transient nature of human existence, often reminding us that everything material rests on a precarious foundation.

Based on the passage, why did neighbors characterize the grandmother's lifestyle as "ascetic"?

- (A) Because she had an unpredictable, erratic pattern of welcoming visitors.
- (B) Because she lived a severe, self-disciplined, and simple life alone.
- (C) Because her penchant for grand storytelling was confusing.
- (D) Because she spent her time constantly worrying about her failing health.

2. Which word used in the passage is closest in meaning to an "unstable, uncertain, or uncomfortable situation"?

- (A) Stoic
 - (B) Transient
 - (C) Precarious
 - (D) Ascetic
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3. One Word Substitution: A person who studies or collects postage stamps is called a/an:

- (A) Ornithologist
 - (B) Philatelist
 - (C) Numismatist
 - (D) Graphologist
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4. One Word Substitution: Identify the correct terms for the following two definitions respectively:

- 1. The study and analysis of handwriting.**
- 2. An instrument that records heart/beat action.**

- (A) Numismatics, Stethoscope
 - (B) Graphology, Cardiograph
 - (C) Ventriloquism, Cardiograph
 - (D) Graphology, Stethoscope
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5. Synonyms: Match the words in Column I with their correct meanings/synonyms in Column II.

Column I	Column II
1. Eloquent	P. Fluent or persuasive in speaking
2. Vivacious	Q. Extremely unpleasant; repulsive
3. Odious	R. Lively, animated, and full of energy
4. Penchant	S. A strong or habitual liking for something

- (A) 1-P, 2-R, 3-Q, 4-S
 - (B) 1-R, 2-P, 3-S, 4-Q
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(C) 1-P, 2-Q, 3-R, 4-S

(D) 1-S, 2-R, 3-Q, 4-P

6. Antonyms: Select the correct antonym for the word "Concise".

(A) Brief

(B) Loquacious

(C) Verbose / Wordy

(D) Meticulous

7. Spelling Check: Identify the option with the exact correct spelling.

(A) Maintainance

(B) Maintenance

(C) Maintenance

(D) Mentenence

8. Homophones: Complete the sentence using the correct set of homophones:

The actress wore a dark _____ to hide her face, but she could not suppress a loud _____ of grief when she saw the _____ state of the slum.

(A) vail, wail, vile

(B) veil, vail, vile

(C) veil, wail, vile

(D) vile, wail, veil

9. Match the Idioms in Column A with their meanings in Column B.

Column A**Column B**

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| 1. Bury the hatchet | P. A sudden and completely unexpected event |
| 2. Bolt from the blue | Q. To reveal a secret or disclose information prematurely |
| 3. Spill the beans | R. To make peace or end a long-standing conflict |
| 4. Apple of discord | S. A cause or subject of dispute and rivalry |

(A) 1-R, 2-P, 3-Q, 4-S

(B) 1-P, 2-R, 3-Q, 4-S

(C) 1-R, 2-Q, 3-P, 4-S

(D) 1-S, 2-P, 3-Q, 4-R

10. Complete the sentence:

“The candidate was completely _____ by the deceptive questions asked by the interview board.”

(A) taken in

(B) brushed off

(C) ironed out

(D) lashed out
