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INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES :

1. All Questions Are **COMPULSORY**.
2. Question No. 1, 2, 3 carry **TEN** marks each.
3. Question No. 4 and 5 carry **FIFTEEN** marks each.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions of that follow :

The Constitution of India had conferred on women equal rights and opportunities political, social, educational and of employment with men. Because of oppressive traditions, superstitions, exploitation and corruption, a majority of women are not allowed to enjoy the rights and opportunities, bestowed on them. One of the major reasons for this state of affairs is the lack of literacy and awareness among women. Education is the main instrument through which we can narrow down the prevailing inequality and accelerate the process of economic and political change in the status of women. The role of women in a society is very important. Women's education is the key to a better life in the future. A recent World Bank study says- that educating girls is not a charity, it is good economics and if developing nations are to eradicate poverty, they must educate the girls. The report says that the economic and social returns on investment in education of the girls considerably affect the human development index of the nation. Society would progress only if the status of women is respected and the presence of an educated woman in the family would ensure education of the family itself. Education and empowerment of women are closely related.

Women's education has not received due care and attention from the planners and policymakers. The National Commission for Women has rightly pointed out that even after 50 years of independence, women continue to be treated as the single largest group of backward citizens of India. The role of women in overall development has not been fully understood nor has it been given its full weight in the struggle to eliminate poverty, hunger, injustice and inequality at the national level. Even when we are at the threshold of the 21st century, our society still discriminates against women in matters of their rights and privileges and prevents them from participating in the process of national and societal progress.

Various Committees and Commissions have been constituted before and after the independence to evaluate the progress in women's education and to suggest ways and means to enhance the status of women. The female literacy rate has gone up in the 20th century from 0.6 per cent in 1901 to 39.29 per cent in 1991 but India still possesses the largest number of illiterate women in the world. The female literacy index for the year 1991 shows that there are eight States which fall below the national average. The most populous States of the country, UP, MP, Bihar and Rajasthan fall in the category of most backward States as far as female literacy is concerned.

The prevailing cultural norms of gender behavior and the perceived domestic and reproductive roles of women tend to affect the education of girls. Negative attitude towards sending girls to schools, restrictions on their mobility, early marriage, poverty and illiteracy of parents affect the girl's participation in education.

Women's political empowerment got a big boost with the Panchayati Raj Act of 1993 which gave them 30 per cent reservation in Village Panchayats, Block Samities and Zila Parishads throughout the country. The National Commission for Women was also set up in 1992 to act as a lobby for women's issues.

a) Answer the following :

- i) Mention any two attributes of a modern woman.
- ii) Why is women's participation and empowerment considered necessary?
- iii) Which factors adversely affect the education of girls?

b) Pick out words from the passage that mean the same as the following :

- i) cruel and unfair
- ii) populous

2. a) Use of the following words in meaningful sentences :

need; creative; scanty; carryout; partial.

b) Do as directed:

- I said to my husband, "Please, get me a glass of water". Change the narration.

c) Fill in the blanks with suitable Prepositions

- He insisted joining me.
- It gets very cold the evening.

d) Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions :

- All the land you can cover will be yours.
 - The driver (not stop) the car when was talking on the mobile . (use the appropriate tense form).
3. Online shopping and attitude of Indians towards shopping have changed drastically in recent years. Compare the different ways men and women have been affected by these changes? Give your reasons with examples. Your write-up should be between 250-300 words.
 4. Your neighbouring state has suffered a strong windstorm and floods. There is death and destruction all around. Write a letter to a volunteer organization offering you services for visit and help. In your latter describe the service that you can render along with the dates when you will be free to join the group.
 5. You, as a marketing manager have been given the responsibility of conducting and preparing a market research to know the market potential of a new product which your company is intending to launch in the market in near future. Prepare a draft report.

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