

- Note: a) Question No. 1 is compulsory.**  
**b) Answer any four from the rest.**

Q. 1 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (20)

While several Mumbaikars were quietly going about their daily routines on Sunday morning, a motley crew of social activists students and residents converged at Juhu Beach. Their agenda for the day : to clean up the beach.

Wasting no time in their efforts, 500 odd citizens went about their tasks, collecting dismembered pieces of figurines rejected by the sea and brought to the shore with the high tide. A couple of hours later, the beach was restored to its original state.

Organised by the Rajni Foundation India in association with Organisation for Nature and Elderly (ONE) and United for Greater Cause (UFGC), the Cleanathon was phase one of the citizens' effort to clean the beach of the 17,000 Ganesha idols immersed over the course of the first six days of Ganesh Utsav. A second phase will be held next Sunday (September 18) after the immersions planned for the coming days.

"We are the same people who praise Him (Ganesha) but by using non bio-degradable plaster of paris (POP) idols, we are desecrating his creation," said 24-year-old Aniket Salvi, founder of Rajni Foundation India.

An assistant professor at Bhavan's College, Salvi's efforts saw more than 400 students from NSS units of various colleges take part in the cleanathon.

"We are trying to involve as many youngsters as possible so that they understand why it is important that we undertake these drives," he added.

But not all residents need a cleanup drive to do their bit.

"My office is near Juhu beach and I stay near Versova. You can imagine how the Sight of an untidy beach can become a pet peeve," said 43-year-old filmmaker Neerav Ghosh, who added that he tries to clean up at least a small portion during his Sunday visits to the beach. He is part of the 'Beach o Beach Clean-Up Project' whose Facebook page reads: A citizen led initiative towards cleaner beaches all over Mumbai.

Ghosh who rues having to restrict his eight-year-old daughter from going to the beach on account of it "being dirty", stressed on the need for a concerted effort from all citizens, at least post-visarjan, to keep the city's beaches clean.

"This year has been especially bad as the number of immersions were more. The problem is compounded when in addition to the POP idols, fruits and flowers in plastic bags are thrown into the sea," said Ghosh.

- a) Why were the social activists, students and residents gathered at Juhu Beach? (2)
- b) How did the social activists clean the beach? (2)
- c) How many Ganesh Idols were immersed over the course of the first six days of Ganesh Utsav? (2)
- d) Who organised the cleanathon? (2)
- e) How is the problem of pollution compounded? (2)

- f) Match the following. (5)

'A'

'B'

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| i) converged    | a) the act of putting something completely in a liquid |
| ii) dismembered | b) to return to an original condition                  |
| iii) restore    | c) to come together and have one goal.                 |
| iv) immersion   | d) to damage a holy object                             |
| v) desecrate    | e) to separate into smaller parts                      |

- g) Do as directed. (5)

- i) He is standing near the \_\_\_\_\_. (choose get / gate)
- ii) The tree is \_\_\_\_\_ both of us. (Use between / among)
- iii) She \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) well.
- iv) The girl who is wearing glasses is my sister. (Make two sentences.)
- v) He stood first in the class. He studied hard. (Use conjunction.)

- Q. 2 a) Explain credit worthiness with reference to credit letters. (10)

OR

Mr. Devashish Patki has applied for credit to Mr. D'souza and given his credit references too. Write a letter to the credit reference enquiring about Mr. Patki.

- b) Write a note on the collection series. (10)

OR

Draft a letter to Messrs. Purohit & co. firmly requesting payment of a bill of Rs. 300000/- for goods delivered some months ago. Make it clear that unless the bill is paid within a week legal action might be the only solution.

- Q. 3 Write the minutes of the meeting held by the Swaranjali Housing Society where the following points were discussed. (20)

- a) To renew the contract of the security agency.
- b) To celebrate Ganesh festival.
- c) To resolve the water scarcity problem.
- d) To appoint a new committee.

- Q. 4 Write any two letters. (20)

- a) You want to attend a family function at Delhi hence you will not be able to come to the office. Draft a leave note for 5 days.
- b) Dr. Dipak Rao has been selected for the post of Head of the H.R. Department. Draft an offer letter providing details of the duties, salary and other conditions.
- c) You have decided to continue further studies abroad. Hence you will be resigning from the present post. Draft the letter of resignation.

- Q. 5 Write an application for the post of teacher in a High School Candidates with B.Ed. will be preferred. Apply with C.V. (20)

Q. 6 Summarize the following passage.

(20)

The news report in the paper about children between the ages of two and six being groomed for possible future careers ranging from fashion modelling to television anchoring will cause many to lament the loss of childhood in the increasingly hectic rat race which begins only too early. Have the wonder years of childhood innocence gone for good ? Were childhoods past better than childhoods present which are weighed down by peer pressure and fierce competitiveness in everything from exams to sport? Fiddlesticks. In fact, the wonder years have never been more wonderful. Far from hemming in the child's horizons, modern technology from the Net and satellite TV. to cheap air travel has hugely enlarged the scope and immediacy of imagination.

The common argument that today's children are becoming couch potatoes thanks to television is wrong. The so-called idiot box is only as idiotic as one chooses it to be. If you choose mindless soaps over informative programmes like those on Discovery channel, you can only blame yourself and not the box.

Similarly, there is a hue and cry about children being subjected to the compulsive urge to succeed at all costs. This misses out on the all important point that childhood is itself a constant process of experimentation and role playing. Far from being forced to try their hands at cat walking or T.V. anchoring, children love such creative mimicry – which besides being great fun could also pave the way for a future career. Be a boring old accountant like Dad or a bank executive like Mom? Forget it, I want to be a Pranoy Roy or a Madhu Sapre. And if we just take a look at the scores of career options that have suddenly sprung up, we can see that far from childhood's end, what we have today are childhood dreams.

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