

But still brain drain continues to be a cause of worry for India, for we are getting used to thousands of students going abroad every year for education. Former Indian President, APJ Abdul Kalam said that reverse brain drain will have to begin if India is to become a developed nation in the future.

A. Questions: [4]

- i. What is brain drain?
- ii. Is brain drain still affecting India?
- iii. In what way has the definition of brain drain not changed for India?
- iv. What major step has to be taken to stop brain drain?

B. Give meaning of the following words/phrases used in the passage and use them in sentences. [4]

- i. Haunt
 - ii. Outsourcing
 - iii. Outstanding
 - iv. Greener pastures
2. Explain Phoenix Jackson and describe her journey she makes with two main obstacles old Phoenix comes up against on her way to the town of Natchez and how she deals with them. (A Worn Path)
3. Highlight the advantages and disadvantages of fuel crises as mentioned in the essay "The Nightmare Life Without Fuel".
4. Write a letter of job application for the post of Nurse at Bir Hospital, Kathmandu. Mention your updated Curriculum Vitae (CV) as well.

Group 'B' (Short Questions)

[8×4=32]

Attempt any EIGHT questions.

5. Visit someone who has recently passed Public Service Commission of Teacher Service Commission, ask him/her to give you some tips that may help you to face a job interview. Make a short dialogue.
6. "Technology makes us more alone". Write a paragraph with your strong arguments in 100 to 150 words either for or against the topic.
7. Does the essay "Speaking of Children ... " speak in favor of or against having many children? Give reasons.
8. The play "Malini" ends with Malini's words "Father forgive Kemankar". Why does Malini ask the King to forgive Kemankar at the end of the play? Do you think the King will forgive Kemankar? Discuss.

9. What is the central theme of the essay "The Six Million Dollar Man"?
10. Write a short report on "The Annual Day Function of your College".

11. Have you ever faced or witnessed cases of racial or sexual discrimination? or heard? Write few paragraphs on the topic "Racial or sexual discrimination".

12. Put the verb in brackets into their most suitable forms:

- a. Biru ... (finish) his work yet.
- b. She ... (teach) in the same college for 7 years.
- c. She ... (have) an accident last year.
- d. By next month he ... (finish) the exam.

13. Put the correct use of preposition:

- a. He was born ... March. (in/on/at)
- b. Our school starts ... 7:30 AM. ((in/on/at)
- c. We will have finished the work ... 2010. (in/on/by)
- d. I have lived in this village ... 2002. (in/by/since)

14. Fill in the blanks with one of the connectives from the box:

- a. Sumeena couldn't attend her class ... her illness. (because of/ therefore/ in spite of)
- b. Monika ... I like very much has recently written a book. (whom/whose/what)
- c. Ram met me late evening yesterday ... he didn't give me back my umbrella. (though/therefore/however)
- d. I don't know the girl ... is singing the song. (who/whose/whom)

Group 'C' (Very Short Questions)

[12×2=24]

Attempt any TWELVE questions.

15. Write a short paragraph about your future plan.
 16. Write the central idea of the poem "Keeping Things Whole".
 17. Complete the sentences with should or shouldn't. Use one of these verbs: (should/shouldn't + verb)
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| drink, | visit, | leave, | roam |
| a. That's a very dangerous area. Tourists ... there. | | | |
| b. I'm going to be late. Do you think I ... now? | | | |

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