

Part A: Seen part (20 marks)**Read the Passage (EFT-based) carefully and answer the questions following it (1-3)**

Human beings conquered the distance on earth by discovering wheels. They endeavored further. Then on December 17, 1903, the Wright brothers in America made the first experiment of flying in a plane. In the experiment, a machine carried a man and rose above by its own power. *The machine was called 'aka airplane'*. It flew naturally in a smooth speed, and finally landed without damage. That was human being's first real take-off. And now, they have got a supersonic speed. In a supersonic speed, something travels *faster* than sound! So *the sky's the limit* now! Modern aircraft companies are making revolutions in aviation technology. Boeing as well as Airbus is producing modern passenger airplanes. These planes fly very fast. Boeing 787 flies 950 km/h. However, Airbus 350 is expected to fly in a couple of years. Its speed will be 945 km/h. You find attractive ads on the websites of both Boeing and Airbus planes. Both have excellent features. But in speed, neither could beat the Concorde. It is the world's *fastest* supersonic passenger aircraft. Its normal speed was 2,170 km/h. The Concorde was a joint project by France and Britain. It started passenger flight in 1976. Unfortunately, the Concorde fleet was grounded for ever in 2003 after a major accident.

1. **Choose the best answer from the alternatives.** $1 \times 7 = 7$

(a) discover means....

(i) uncover (ii) supervise (iii) cover (iv) riddle

(b) damage means.... .

(i) total (ii) wound (iii) amount (iv) loss

(c) couple means..... .

(i) discrete (ii) single (iii) twosome (iv) separate

(d) project means.....

(i) expect (ii) propose (iii) envisage (iv) scheme

(e) feature means...

(i) aspect (ii) article (iii) report (iv) column

(f) **The word 'attractive' means———.**

(i) charming (ii) ugly (iii) timed (iv) perfect

(g) **The word 'naturally' means**

1. i) artificially ii) whimsically iii) automatically iv) particularly

2. Give short answer to the following questions. 2×4=8

- (a) Who made the first successful experiment in flying an airplane?
- (a) What was the first flying machine called?
- (a) What do you mean by 'supersonic'?
- (a) What was world's fastest passenger airplane?

3. Fill in each gap with a suitable word of your own based on the information in the text. 5

Nakshi Kantha is a kind of (a) ——— quilt. The name was taken (b) ——— the Bengali word 'naksha'(c) ——— means artistic pattern. It is a kind of traditional (d) ——— and is said to be indigenous (e) ——— Bangladesh and West Bengal in India.

Part B: Unseen part (25 marks)

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions 4 & 5.

Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world. It is over 29,000 feet above the sea level. It was named after George Everest, an Englishman who first surveyed the Himalayas in 1841. Many expeditions had been led to conquer Mount Everest. Some of them were abandoned. Many climbers who took part in them lost their lives. Sir Edmund Hillary from New Zealand and his companion Tenzing Norkay from Nepal led an expedition in 1953. The expedition was set out on March 10. As the climbers were going up, they set up camps at different places. They left some of their men and supplies in these camps. The highest camp was set up at 27,000 feet. Only Hillary and Tenzing reached that height on March 25. But the top was still 2000 feet away. They went up and up. After two months of difficult and dangerous climbing, they succeeded in reaching the top on May 10. They must have felt excited when they stood there. They must have felt excited when they stood there. They have gone down in history as the conquerors of the highest mountain in the world. They were given hearty welcome in 1954. Hillary went to Britain with Tenzing in 1955. There they were given tribute in 1956. In 1956 they were recorded in the Greenwich book. In 1958 both of them were given the honour of world hero.

4. Complete the following information with the information given in the passage. 5

Who/what	Events	Time/Year
George Everest	First surveyor of the Himalayas	(i).....
Sir Edmund Hillary and	Led and expedition	(ii)

Tenzing
Norkay

(iii)
..... Set out on March 10

Hillary and (iv)
Tenzing 1956

Recorded
in the
Greenwich
(v) book 1957

5. **Read the passage again and write True or False the following statements. Give answer for the false statement:**

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

(a) Mount Everest was first surveyed the Himalayas in 1841.

(b) Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norkay are the same country.

(c) They felt very nervous when they reached the top.

(d) They succeeded in reaching the top before two month.

(e) One of them is regarded as world hero.

6. **Fill in each gap using appropriate word from the box below to complete the following passage.**

$$.5 \times 10 = 5$$

obstacle learning sensibility mind refine business

outlook individual choice purpose process opportunity

Education is the (a)by which we develop our mind through a formal (b)at an institution like a school, college or university. It is a mental and intellectual training which provides (c)of growth and helps to overcome (d)to progress. Again the (e)of education is to enlighten the (f) and develop our capacity to the limit. It is also the (g) of education to train individual to make the right (h)... . It also broadens our (i)and (j)

7. **Fill in each gap using appropriate word.** .5×10=5

Independence Day is the (a) --- of a man. But no nation can (b) ---it without struggling. Our war of Independence (c) --- in 1971. People of all walks of (d) ---- joined the war with a smiling face to (e) --- the country. They (f) --- face to face the enemy. They did not run (g) ---showing their backs. Many died while (h) ---. Again many of them (i) ---killed. Today we remember them with profound (j) ---.

8.The phrases in column A are the beginnings of some sentences. The phrases in column B are the endings. Match the column A with the phrases in column B to make complete sentences.

Column A

Column B

a) We learn English because

i) learning English as it is an international language

b) Our students are afraid of

ii) its importance can't be described in words

c) Unless we learn English we

iii) emphasized learning English

d) For higher education

iv) the knowledge of English is a must

e) It is high time we

v) won't be able to keep pace with the changing world

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