

I. English Language Section

A. Insert the correct prepositions in the following paragraph: (5 marks)

When much is _____ stake, always consider sharing or syndicating the risk involved. When you spread a risk so that it's _____ others' shoulders as well as your own, you defuse and diffuse that risk. _____ distributing and syndicating risks, you put yourself _____ the enviable position _____ being able to cash _____ opportunities where the odds are _____ your favour. Whether you are playing poker or investing _____ the stock market, you're _____ a stronger position if your capital is considerably larger than your opponents'.

B. For each verb in parentheses, use the tense (present, past, or present perfect) that is demanded by the meaning of the sentence: (5 marks)

1. There (be) fifteen members in our club now. Yesterday, we (celebrate) our third anniversary. We (hold) meetings every Friday. Last year we (hold) no meetings during the summer vacation. Our club (be) in existence for three years.
2. I (be) never to see a Shakespearean play, and I (be) really ashamed of myself. My friend Jitesh, who (see) Othello a week ago, (stop) not talking about how much he (enjoy) it.

C. Choose the correct pronoun from those given in the brackets: (5 marks)

1. It gives me great pleasure to nominate a man (who, whom) all of us know to be the best fitted for the job.
2. He is the one (who, whom) I'd like to see win the election.
3. The Manhattan and Bronx organizations were asked to pledge their support to (whoever, whomever) wins the elections.
4. The security police are rounding up persons (who, whom) it is suspected might do harm to the State.
5. (Who, whom) shall I say is calling?
6. This is something for (we, us) Indians to be proud of.
7. My father bought a cellphone from my brother and (I, me).
8. He wrote to us from Syria to pray for (he, him) and his friends.
9. The murderer could not possibly have been (he, him).
10. Last summer my aunt and uncle invited my brother and (I, me) to their farmhouse.

D. Choose the correct word: (10 marks)

1. The Prime Minister indicated that Egyptians would neither expect nor (except, accept) Soviet military involvement in combat.
2. Mr. Anderson described the forthcoming trial as the (climactic, climatic) point of all dissent in America.
3. (Beside, besides) the three police officers whom he accused of negligence, the Commissioner implied that there were others equally culpable.
4. The Russians apparently unwilling to show their hand at this time, are (laying, lying) low.
5. In the main he regards the press and television as primarily (complimentary, complementary) rather than competitive.
6. His wife is largely (uninterested, disinterested) in the theatre.
7. Some animals are able to (adapt, adopt) themselves very quickly to new surroundings.
8. There was disagreement (among, between) theatre owners, actors and producers on how the new time will affect business.
9. There can be nothing but ultimate confusion and chaos if court decrees are (flaunted, flouted) whatever the pretext.
10. He (borrowed, lent, loaned) one thousand rupees from his brother-in-law.

II. Write an essay of about 500 words on the following topic: (25 marks)

According to the Union health ministry's estimates, as many as 1.2 lakh people end their lives every year in India by committing suicide. Discuss the possible socio-economic and psychological reasons behind suicides committed especially by **young professionals in metro cities** and also suggest solutions for prevention.