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सिद्धि-II - 014

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : ~~200~~ 160

English - Part (A, B, C)

Paper - IV

Name :		MARKS	
Enroll. No.:	Part	Att. Question	Marks Obtained
Date of Birth :	Part - A		19
Medium : English	Part - B		40
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अनुदेश (Instructions)

1. परीक्षा शुरू होने से पहले पुस्तिका को जांच लें।
Please check the booklet before commencement of the exam.
2. अंक योजना प्रत्येक खंड के प्रारम्भ में दी गई है।
The marking scheme is given at the start of every section.
3. अभ्यर्थियों को उत्तर निर्धारित शब्द सीमा से अधिक नहीं लिखना चाहिए, इसका उल्लंघन करने पर अंक काटे जा सकते हैं।
Candidates should not write more than the prescribed word limit in answers, violating this may result in deduction of marks.
4. अभ्यर्थियों को निर्देशित किया जाता है कि किसी भी प्रश्न का उत्तर प्रश्नोत्तर पुस्तिका में निर्धारित स्थान पर ही लिखें। बॉर्डर लाईन से बाहर प्रत्युत्तर नहीं लिखें। बॉर्डर लाईन के बाहर लिखे गये उत्तर को जाँचा नहीं जायेगा।
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	REVIEW PARAMETERS	SCALE			
		Good	Above Average	Average	Below Average
1.	DOES THE ANSWER ADDRESS THE DEMAND OF THE QUESTION?				
a.	Answer Relevancy				✓
b.	Answer Enrichment points like use of: • Key Terms/ Subject Vocabulary. Use of Commission/ report/ government publication/ judgements, etc. Association with the Current Affairs and use of examples to explain the concept and idea			✓	
2.	HOW WELL IS THE ANSWER PRESENTED?				
a.	Structure - Intro, Body, Conclusion			✓	
b.	Presentation – Using Subheadings/ points/ highlighting/ flowcharts/ diagrams/ maps			✓	
c.	Language & Grammar		✓		✓
d.	Word limit			✓	

Detailed Comments / Feedback / Suggestions for Improvement
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1.

→ In part - c focus more on what is being asked in the question

→ give more & relevant examples

↳ ques (B-II)

→ work on letter writing

good luck!

Part - A

(A) Identify the error and rewrite the correct form of the following sentences: (1-20) Marks: 20×1= 20
1. He should mix his authority with little of courtesy and common sense.

2. He is a better than you.

~~He is a better than you.~~ He is better than you.

3. Our leaders should not let the criminal activities to grow in our country.

4. Everybody worship the rising sun.

~~Everybody worship the rising sun.~~ Everybody worships the rising sun.

5. Shall I ask you a personal question?

~~Shall I ask you a personal question?~~ May I ask you a personal question?

6. When I was a boy, I would walk forty miles in a day.

~~When I was a boy, I would walk forty miles in a day.~~ When I was a boy, I could walk forty miles in a day.

7. Open the door. (change into passive voice)

~~Open the door.~~ You are ordered to open the door.

8. We do not know him. (Change into Passive voice)

~~We do not know him.~~ He is not known to us.

9. He said to me, "How do you feel?" (Change into Indirect speech)

He asked me how did I feel. ~~felt~~

10. The old lady wished that I might live long. (Change into Direct Speech)

The old lady said to me, "May you live long".

11. He was elected a M.P.

He was elected an M.P.

12. There is ten rupee note in my wallet.

There is a ten rupee note in my wallet.

13. The ceiling fan is spinning on my head.

The ceiling fan is spinning over my head.

14. The two politicians quarrelled on the vote percent they were trying for.

15. He has sleeping since morning.

He has been sleeping since morning.

16. The magic show begun when we arrived in the auditorium.

The magic show had begun ~~when~~ we arrived in the auditorium.

17. What is bothering you? (Change into Passive)

~~To what are you bothered of?~~

by what are you being bothered.

18. How much milk do you need? (Change into passive)

~~How much milk was needed by me? you~~

19. He said to me, "I will not come to school tomorrow." (Change into indirect speech)

He told me that he would not come to school the next day.

20. Raman asked me how my health was. (Change into direct speech)

Raman said to me, "How my health is?"

B. Choose the word similar in meaning. (Q.No. 21-24)

Marks : 4×1

21. Urge

22. Virtue

~~Traits~~

morality, ethic

23. Sacred

~~Pure~~

Holy, divine

24. Thrifty

Greedy ✗

C. Choose the word opposite in meaning. (Q.No. 25-28)

Marks : 4×1

25. Sympathy

26. Pompous

27. Alien

Familiar (1), native, resident

28. Lenient

D. Rewrite choosing the appropriate expression to form a meaningful sentence (29-32) Marks : 4×1

29. I get off/get along with my father-in-law.

I get off with my father in-law ✗

30. She hit upon/hit at an idea for his new collection.

she hits upon an idea for his new collection (1)

31. If you want to stay at this office, you must abide by/avail of the rules.

IF you want to stay at this office, you must abide by the rules. (1)

32. It is recommended to back away/back up all the files in a secure location.

It is recommended to back up all the files in a secure location. ✗

E. Selecting the correct phrase/word, rewrite the following sentences (Q.No. 33-36) Marks : 4×1

33. The government has turned a blind eye to/blind eye into price rise.

The government has turned a blind eye to price rise.

34. Recent research has thrown light upon/light on the causes of cancer.

Recent research has thrown light on the causes of cancer.

35. The local M.P. fell into grace/fell from grace when he was arrested for smuggling.

The local MP fell from grace when he was arrested for smuggling.

36. Gandhi ji was not a person to be trifled with/trifled to.

Gandhi ji was not a person to be trifled to.

F. Write a one-word substitute for the following expressions. (Q.No. 37-40) Marks : 4×1

37. Use of force or threats to get someone to agree to something.

38. A book containing an alphabetical index of the names and addresses of persons in a city district, organization, etc.

Dictionary X Directory

39. One who has become dependent on something or drugs.

Addicted

40. A thing likely to be easily broken.

Fragile

(A-I) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow - (41-50) Marks : $10 \times 2 = 20$

Hidden deep within the rugged desert canyons of Jordan lies the ancient city of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most remarkable archaeological wonders of the world. Carved into rose-red cliffs by the Nabateans over two millennia ago, Petra served as a thriving trade hub and capital of the Nabatean Kingdom, a testament to the ingenuity and craftsmanship of its inhabitants.

As the first rays of dawn paint the towering sandstone walls in hues of pink and gold, Petra emerges from the shadows, its intricate facades and rock-cut tombs standing as silent witnesses to the city's storied past. From the iconic Treasury to the towering Monastery, every corner of Petra is steeped in history and mystery, inviting visitors to explore its ancient streets and uncover its hidden treasures.

41. Where is the ancient city of Petra located?

Ancient city of Petra is located within the rugged desert canyons of Jordan.

42. Who carved the city of Petra into the rose-red cliffs?

Nabateans carved the city of Petra into the rose-red cliffs, over two millennia ago.

43. What was Petra used for in ancient times?

Petra used as a thriving trade hub, as testament of craftsmanship of Nabateans. It also served as capital of Nabatean Kingdom.

44. What are some notable features of Petra?

(i) Hidden deep within rugged desert canyons. (ii) Towered sandstone walls (iii) Rock-cut Tombs (iv) Intricate facades.

45. Find a word in the passage that has the same meaning as "Extraordinary".

Iconic. ✗ Remarkably.

(A-II)

Stretching across the arid plains of southern Peru, the Nazca Lines remain one of the world's most puzzling archaeological mysteries. Etched into the desert floor over 2,000 years ago by the ancient Nazca people, these geoglyphs depict a diverse array of shapes, including animals, plants, and geometric patterns, visible only from high above.

From the vantage point of the surrounding foothills or the air, the Nazca Lines reveal their intricate designs, captivating the imagination of all who behold them. How and why the Nazca people created these colossal artworks has long confounded researchers, leading to numerous theories ranging from astronomical calendars to ritualistic practices.

As the sun sets over the stark landscape, casting long shadows across the desert, the Nazca Lines take on an eerie quality, their purpose and significance still eluding modern comprehension. Yet, despite the passage of centuries, these enigmatic symbols continue to inspire wonder and intrigue in those who seek to unlock their secrets.

46. Where are the Nazca Lines located?

Nazca lines are located across the arid plains of southern Peru (South America) (2)

47. Who created the Nazca Lines?

Nazca lines were created by ancient Nazca people on desert floors over 2,000 years ago. (2)

48. What do the Nazca Lines depict?

The Nazca Lines depicts diverse array of shapes including animals, plants & various geometric patterns. (2)

49. What theories exist regarding the purpose of the Nazca Lines?

Various theories from astronomical calendars to ritualistic practices exist regarding the purpose of Nazca lines. (2)

50. Find a word in the passage that has the same meaning as "intriguing."

~~wonder~~ fascinating

(B) Translate the following sentences into English (Q.No. 51-60)

Marks : 10×2 = 20

51. भारत में बाल श्रम एक बहुआयामी और गहरी जड़ें जमा चुकी दुविधा प्रस्तुत करता है जो विधायी प्रयासों और सामाजिक जागरूकता अभियानों के बावजूद बनी रहती है।

In India, child labour is a multi-dimensional and deep-rooted dilemma, which remain intact even after legislative efforts and social awareness programmes.

52. सोशल मीडिया एक दोधारी तलवार के रूप में खड़ा है, जो समाज को आशीर्वाद और अभिशाप दोनों प्रदान करता है।

Social media is present in form of two-edge sword, which provide both blessing and curse to society.

53. बढ़ती जनसंख्या बहस का विषय बनी हुई है, इसके लाभ और हानि दोनों के तर्क हैं।

Increasing population becomes subject/issue of discussion, arguement of both its profit and loss are there.

54. भारत में गरीबी उन्मूलन एक बहुत बड़ी चुनौती है जिसके लिए विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में कई हितधारकों के ठोस प्रयास की आवश्यकता है।

Poverty eradication is a big challenge in India, for which sincere/strong efforts of various stakeholders are required in various regions.

55. इसके समाधान के कानूनी और सामाजिक प्रयासों के बावजूद जातिगत भेदभाव और बहिष्कार भारत में गहराई तक व्याप्त मुद्दे बने हुए हैं।

Caste discrimination and boycott still remains as major deep-rooted issues even after legal and social efforts are made for their solution.

56. भारतीय लोकतंत्र की नींव को मजबूत करने और निष्पक्ष एवं पारदर्शी चुनावी प्रक्रिया सुनिश्चित करने के लिए चुनाव सुधार महत्वपूर्ण हैं।

Election reforms are important to ensure fair and transparent election procedure and to strengthen the foundation of Indian democracy.

57. भारत में ईगवनेंस नागरिकों के लिए सुविधा, पारदर्शिता और पहुँच में सुधार के लिए सरकारी सेवाओं और प्रक्रियाओं के डिजिटलीकरण का प्रतिनिधित्व करता है।

In India e-governance represents digitalisation of government services and procedures for efficiency, transparency and reform in access to citizens.

58. 2005 में अधिनियमित, आरटीआई अधिनियम ने नागरिकों को सरकारी निकायों से जानकारी प्राप्त करने का मौखिक अधिकार प्रदान करके भारत में शासन के परिवेश को बदल दिया है।

In India, ^{landscape} form of governance is changed by providing citizens fundamental right to get information from government bodies through RTI Act, enacted in 2005.

59. भौगोलिक संकेत (जीआई) भारत में महत्वपूर्ण महत्व रखते हैं क्योंकि वे अद्वितीय सांस्कृतिक विरासत की रक्षा और प्रसार में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं।

Geographical Indication have ^{Pol} important importance in India because they play important role in protection and promotion of incredible cultural heritage.

60. भारतीय कृषि के सामने आने वाली चुनौतियों से निपटने के लिए कई उपायों की आवश्यकता है।

several measures are required to compete with challenges came in front of Indian agriculture.

(C) Make a precis of the following passage in about one-third of its length.

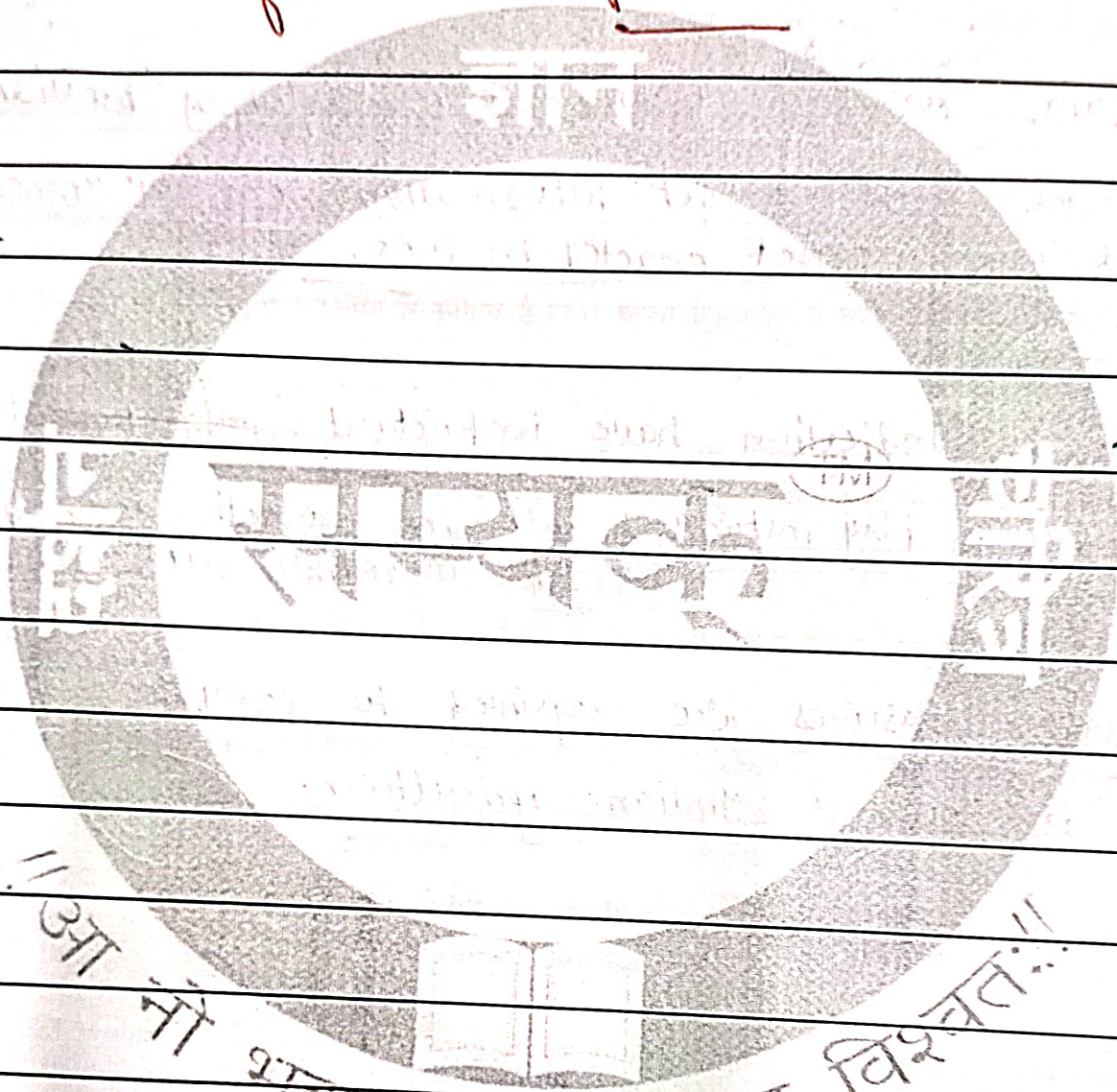
Marks : 10

(C-1)

The sun hung low in the sky, casting a warm golden glow over the tranquil meadow. Tall grasses swayed gently in the breeze, while wildflowers danced in scattered patches of sunlight. In the distance, a small stream meandered through the landscape, its gentle babbling a soothing melody to the ears. Birds chirped overhead, their songs blending harmoniously with the rustle of leaves in the nearby trees. It was a scene of serene beauty, a moment frozen in time, inviting contemplation and reflection.

The low hung sun casting golden glow over tranquil meadow. swaying of tall grasses, dancing of wildflowers, meandering of small streams, chirping of birds, creates a scene of serene beauty inviting contemplation and reflection.

→ use all keywords of the passage
→ try to cover the meaning
of whole text



!! आ नो भद्राः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतः !!

(C) Make a precis of the following passage in about one-third of its length.

Marks : 10

(C-II)

The old bookstore stood at the corner of the bustling street, its weathered facade adorned with faded letters proclaiming its name. Inside, shelves lined with books of every genre stretched from floor to ceiling, creating a labyrinth of literary treasures waiting to be discovered. The scent of aged paper and ink hung in the air, mingling with the soft murmur of pages being turned. In one corner, a cozy reading nook beckoned with plush armchairs and dim lighting, inviting visitors to lose themselves in the world of words. It was a sanctuary for book lovers, a place where time seemed to stand still amidst the endless stories and adventures waiting to be explored.

The old bookstore, at street's corner with weathered facade,
Faded name plate. Inside, shelves, labyrinth of literary treasures
attract the visitors to discover them. It was a sanctuary,
for story and adventures literature lovers.

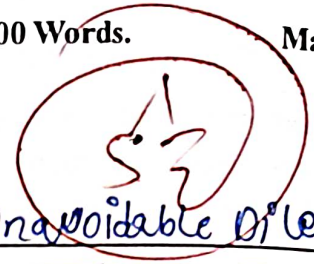
→ good attempt

Part - C

(A-I) Write a paragraph on any one of the following in approximately 200 Words.

Marks : 10

1. Censorship of Web Series and its Pros & Cons
2. Child Labour in India : An Unavoidable Dilemma



child labour in India - An Unavoidable Dilemma

As per the child labour prohibition Act-2016, person below age of 14 is considered as child. Hence, labour performed by such person is considered as child labour.

Although participating in cultural works like music, cinema, sports with consent of child is not considered child labour.

In India, child labour is a deep-rooted issue. Major people working in Hotel and Hospitality industry of unorganised sector, mines, industries, cottage industries, shops, Dhabhas are minor.

In India the structure of economy and population pressure promotes child labour. India is a developing nation. There is lack of employment, low per capita income, poverty and inflation are its peaks, creates

Pressure on families to introduce their children to work.

Along with it, lack of proper development of Industries, major unorganised sector small cottage industries are there, in which child labour is found more.

→ elaborate this portion as it is demand of question

Government of India make legal efforts and organise social awareness programmes to eradicate child labour.

The child labour prohibition Act, implies punishment of 2 years with penalty of 20K, and 3 years punishment with penalty of 50K and license of employer will be declared void.

But it is condition of dilemma, because strict prohibition of child labour also creates problem of livelihood for thousands of families, people of unorganised sectors.

According to Multi-dimensional poverty Index, more than 16 crore Indians are still below poverty level, in these families child labour is necessary for livelihood.

To solve the dilemma government make two portion of age groups, after 14 to 18 are considered

adolescent and can do labour but not in
hazardous works and person below 14 considered
child, hence complete prohibition over working.

⇒ try to describe more
about why it is an dilemma

→ use examples

॥ वाचो शब्दाः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्रुतः ॥

-11) Write a paragraph on any one of the following in approximately 200 Words.

1. Social Media : Blessing or Curse for the Society
2. Increasing Population : Boon or Bane

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Social Media : Blessing or curse for the society

In the era of Information Revolution and artificial Intelligence, where technological advancements touches the sky, data is considered as fuel. Social Media become the important and necessary part of life, which connect individual to world, ensure global access and reach to every news of the world.

Social Media is a Blessing -

Social Media is used for communication, connectivity with world and contemporary events, updation of knowledge etc.

Social Media is necessary because it comes as an another alternative of electronic or print media, it increase access, transparency and control over media.

Social Media become a effective tool to raise the voice of people, to make representation in front of government and to create pressure on state against its wrong policies.

Major revolutions like Arab Spring, mee too movement etc. are movements organised on social media and became large and creates huge impact.

Through social media, a person of minority or deprived class can raise his/her voice from any part of world.

Social Media as curse for society-

Social media is 2-edge sword which also have negative impact on society along with its importance.

↳ spreading of wrong information is major problem of social media. People spread wrong/incomplete information over internet. It is used for defamation.

The concept of privacy has declined, now the large MNCs have big data about every individual and they use it in advertisement activities.

cyber crimes are increased a lot in recent years. Information over social media is used by hackers and perform crimes.

↳ give some examples

Situation in India -

In India there is lack of proper act to ensure control over social media. Although the social media and OTT platform Act-2021 ensure its positive use, but yet it's misused at large scale.

Although social media also has negative side, but these challenges can be addressed through proper legal system and efforts. In the era of industrial revolution 4.0, social media is the need of the hour.

nice attempt

write ~~more~~ more pros & cons -

सत्यमेव जयते
श्रद्धा नो वाप्राः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतः

(B-1) Elaborate any one of the following themes in approximately 150 Words.

1. 'Uncertainty should ignite creativity not depravity'
2. 'As you Sow, So Shall You Reap'

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"As you sow, so shall you reap"

It is a renowned proverb which means person get results as per his deeds.

One who work hard, face challenges, be consistent with his efforts, make efforts with integrity will get the expected results and become successful.

On the other hand, one who don't take life seriously, make insufficient efforts or one who de-routed from its lines, do illegal works like stealing, murder, kidnapping, rape. will get negative results in form of punishment and hard-life.

good example

The above proverb is clearly visible in events of history.

The separate electorate started by British and they know that they were sowing dragons teeth which results in partition of India, as they sow, so they reap.

After the world war I, the winning nations did the

immoral treaty of Versailles with Germany, which results into another world war just after 20 years.

After the Independence India emphasize on nation building, GDP growth rate, economic planning, development of science and technology in country, development of various sports and to adopt a balance foreign policy to maintain friendly relations with all nations.

On contrary to this, Pakistan adopt policy of revenge, make emphasis on military development, successive wars, development of Arms and nuclear weapons. As a result Pakistan's economy goes into stagnant growth, it lost its credibility on international platforms.

मिले अटेंप्ट

keep it up

(B-II) Elaborate any one of the following themes in approximately 150 Words.

Marks : 10

1. 'Wisdom Finds Truth'

2. Justice Delayed is Justice Denied

Justice delayed is Justice Denied

Justice is described in Indian Constitution as social, Economic and political. social justice means egalitarian and progressive society. Economic justice implies decentralization of resources, equal control over means of production and political justice emphasises on Right of Individual to vote, free and fair elections etc.

Justice in case of individual, is protection from atrocities. Justice is provided by judiciary. But in India, it is a complex and time taking process. If justice is not provided on time, it is denying of justice. Because if court not make decision in case related to a victim, on time, the impact and qualitative change in life of victim, which may be come will not.

For example, more than 4 crore cases are pending before Indian judiciary which show the speed of justice.

In cases of rapes, the victim have to face the different types problems during hearing of court. these hearing continues for years, hence, the process to get justice, is itself not just.

- Explain through illustrations
- meet the word limit
- put more and relevant examples

(C-1) You're a resident of Ward No. 32, Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur. Write a letter to the Mayor of Jaipur Municipal Corporation complaining about the bad sanitary conditions in your Ward.

Marks : 10

Ward No. 32,

Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur.

To
The Mayor,

Jaipur Municipal Corporation

subject - complaint about bad sanitary conditions

respected
Sir/Madam,

with due respect and humble submission,

I want to draw your attention towards the bad
sanitary conditions and their consequences, on the
behalf of residents of my ward.

The drainages are blocked due to lumps of garbage
in drainages. Polluted water collects on the road
creates problem for local with transport. The students
especially of primary schools not able to ~~visit~~^{go} to school.

The polluted water become the habitat of
mosquitoes cause problem of Dengue & malaria.

The person responsible for sanitation comes once in blue moon.

Please look into the matter as soon as possible and do the necessary.

I hope, you'll take prompt action

Yours faithfully

XYZ.

I write this

I thank you for your attention to this matter

Yours sincerely,

ABC

Ward no 32, Grandh Nagar

Jaipur. शतः कृतवो यन्तु विश्वतः

(C-II)

You're ABC, a resident of Mansarovar, Jaipur. Write a letter to the Inspector of Police, Mansarovar, Jaipur about the theft in your house.

Marks : 10

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House No. 39,

Mansarovar, Jaipur.

May 12, 2024

Date - ?

The Inspector of Police

Mansarovar Police Station,

Jaipur.

TM

subject - complain about theft in house.

~~Respected~~
sir/Madam.

with due respect and humble submission, I ABC a resident of Mansarovar Jaipur would like to draw your attention towards the theft in my house.

This is the 15th theft in Mansarovar area in this month.

A gang of 4 persons came with arms, at night broke the door and steals the money and jewelry.

Yesterday ~~night~~ after the mid-night, sound of bike start came, when I woke up and saw, 4 persons

were running on bike from my house. They stole 3 lakh rupees and golden Jewellery from my house.

This gang of thieves created an environment of threat in Mansarovar.

Please look into the matter as soon as possible and do the needful.

→ Your swift action in this regard will be highly appreciated!

Yours faithfully

ABC.

Contact no - ?

Rayat Path
Mansarovar, Jaipur

write this

॥ आ नो भद्रः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतः ॥