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Exam No. :

SECTION - A READING

I. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows.

7 x 1 = 7

The textile industry in India is one of the oldest and most significant industries in the country, contributing significantly to its economy. It is the second-largest employer after agriculture, providing jobs to millions of people, particularly in rural areas. The sector includes various activities, such as cotton farming, spinning, weaving, dyeing, and garment manufacturing. India's textile industry is known for its diversity, producing everything from raw materials like cotton to finished products like garments and fabrics.

India's textile industry has a rich history, with handlooms and traditional crafts dating back thousands of years. Over the years, the industry has undergone modernization, with the introduction of new technologies and techniques. The Indian government has also played a key role in the development of the textile sector, implementing various policies and programs to support its growth. These include providing subsidies for cotton farmers, promoting exports, and offering financial incentives to textile manufacturers.

Despite its success, the textile industry faces several challenges. One of the major concerns is the increasing competition from countries with lower labor costs, which makes it difficult for Indian manufacturers to compete on price. Additionally, the environmental impact of the textile industry, including water pollution from dyeing processes and excessive waste, has become a growing concern. The industry also struggles with issues related to labor rights and working conditions, especially in the informal sector.

Looking forward, the future of the Indian textile industry lies in embracing sustainable practices and innovation. The industry is exploring eco-friendly alternatives to traditional dyeing processes, as well as adopting automation and digital technologies to improve efficiency. By adopting these practices, the sector can not only reduce its environmental footprint but also enhance its competitiveness in the global market.

Questions:

i. How has the Indian government contributed to the development of the textile industry, as mentioned in paragraph 2?

ii. Read and complete the following sentence suitably:

The phrase "the Indian government has played a key role in the development of the textile sector" suggests that the government has ____.

iii. Choose the correct response from the two options to complete the sentence.

The Indian textile industry faces challenges because _____:

- (A) It competes with countries having lower labor costs.
- (B) It has no international market for its products.

iv. Complete the following with ONE example from paragraph 3:

The environmental impact of the textile industry includes _____.

v. Provide ONE textual evidence from paragraph 4 to support the following:

The textile industry is trying to adopt environmentally friendly practices.

vi. Complete the analogy with ONE word from paragraph 1:

Cotton farming: Spinning:: Weaving: _____

- (A) dyeing
- (B) manufacturing
- (C) fabric
- (D) garment

vii. Why is it fair to say that the statement "The textile industry faces several challenges" in paragraph 3 uses factual language?

- (A) It refers to competition from countries with lower labor costs and environmental concerns.
- (B) It explains the traditional practices used in the industry.
- (C) It describes how workers are treated in different countries.
- (D) It highlights the industry's potential for growth in rural areas.

SECTION-B WRITING & GRAMMAR

II. You are Virat Dhoni, a concerned citizen of your city. Write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper about the increasing pollution in your city and the need for immediate action to preserve the environment. Suggest measures that individuals and the government can take to combat the growing environmental crisis. 4M

III. The following paragraphs have not been edited. There is one error in each line. Identify the error and write its correction against the correct blank number. 4M

	Error	Correction
Madhubani painting is one in the many traditional	(a)	
Indian art forms. It is but known as Mithila or Godhana	(b)	
Paintings. This art developed by Mithila or Madhubani district	(c)	
Of Bihar or then spread to villages around Madhubani	(d)	

SECTION - C LITERATURE

IV. Choose the correct answer based on the extract given.

1x3=3

All the world's a stage

And all the men and women merely players:

They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages.

1. And one man in his time plays many parts

Replace the underlined word with the correct option which has the same meaning as used in the given lines.

A. scenes B. roles C. jobs. D. tasks.

2. The word 'merely' reveals that the poet regards/views human life as _____.

A. impressive B. inconsequential C. magnificent D. uninspiring

3. Pick the option that does not match with the poetic device used in the phrase 'All the world's a stage'.

A. A thing of beauty is a joy forever. B. The lightning was fireworks in the sky.
C. Heavy is the heart that wears the crown. D. The movie was a roller coaster ride of emotions.

V. Answer the questions in short.

2x2=4

1. Explain "the whole thing was going to be much more of a sell than a sale."

2. How is the rain a "messenger of mercy"?

VI. Answer the question in about 50 words.

3M

"They say maids are born; maids not made maids." Explain the context of the above statement.