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ENGLISH (Précis & Composition)

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS.....Maximum Marks: 100

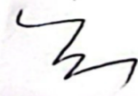
Q1. Make a precis of the given passage, also give a suitable heading" (20)

'The official name of our species is homo sapiens; but there are many anthropologists who prefer to think of man as homo Faber-the smith, the maker of tools It would be possible. I think, to reconcile these two definitions in a third. If man is a knower and an efficient doer, it is only because he is also a talker In order to be Faber and Sapiens, Homo must first be loquax, the loquacious one. Without language we should merely be hairless chimpanzees. Indeed we should be some thing much worse. Possessed of a high IQ but no language, we should be like the Yahoos of Gulliver's Travels- Creatures too clever to be guided by instinct, too Self-centered to live in a state of animal grace, and therefore condemned forever, frustrated and malignant, between contented apeshood and aspiring humanity. It was language that made possible the accumulation of knowledge and the broadcasting of information.-It was language that permitted the expression of religious insight, the formulation of ethical ideals, the codification to laws, It was language, in a word, that turned us into human beings and gave birth to civilization.

Q2. Read the given passage, then give brief answers, to the questions placed at the end, in your own words: - (20)

There is indeed, something inexpressibly pleasing in the annual renovation of the world and the new display of the treasures of nature. The darkness and cold of winter with the naked deformity of every object, on which we turn our eyes, make us rejoice at the succeeding season, as well for what we have escaped, as for what we may enjoy. Every budding Flower, which a warm situation brings early to our view, is considered by us a messenger to notify the approach of more joyous days.

The spring affords to a mind free from the disturbance of cares or passions almost everything that our present state makes us capable of enjoying. The Variegated Verdure of the fields and woods, the succession of grateful Odours, the Voice of pleasure pouring out its notes on every side, with the gladness apparently conceived by every animal from the growth of his food and the clemency of the weather, throw over



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Q#1

Language: Unique Gift possessed by Man

Man is known as Homo-Sapiens and Faber-the Smith but the writer thinks man's ability to speak makes him Faber and Sapien. Absence of language would have turned man worse than animals ^{unlike animals} as humans possess high IQ and unique nature. Man acquires and transfers knowledge because of language. Besides, Religion, ethical and legal consciousness is created by language thus whole of human civilization is the outcome of language.

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Total words: 195
words in precis: 68

Q#02

(a) How an early budding flower becomes a messenger of happy days?

An early budding flower becomes a messenger of happy days because it gives the message of arrival of spring and an end to darkness and cold of winter where everything seems depressed thus budding flowers provide an escape from this scenario and which

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In turn gives hope of repicing and enjoying. Spring brings comfort to enjoy thus budding flowers becomes a messenger of happy days.

b) Who, according to the writer can make the best of spring season?

According to the writer, the budding of flowers, the variegated verdure of fields and woods, the succession of grateful odours, the voice of pleasure pouring out its notes on every side, with gladness apparently conceived by animals from growth of food and clemency of weath all these make the best of spring season.

single sentence ans
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c) Why are all animals glad at the approach of spring?

Animals are glad at the approach of spring due to the growth of food and the wonderful weather that surrounds the whole earth and fresh air which encapsulates them. all these make animals glad.

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d) Suggest a title for the passage
Arrival of spring: Hope, happiness and Beauty.