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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 apethood 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 liis food and the clemency of the weather, throw over

the whole earth an air of gaiety, significantly expressed by Smile of nature.
(Samuel John Son)

Questions:

- (a) Give meanings of the under lines expressions in the passage in your own words. (10)
- (b) Say howr an early budding flower becomes a messenger of happy days? (3)
- (c) Who, according to the writer can make the best of the spring season? (3)
- (d) Why are all animals glad at the approach of spring? (3)
- (e) Suggest a title for the passage. (1)

Q:-

Answer

Title:

Role of language in evolution of mankind

Though different people define human beings differently, the author of the passage is of opinion that language is the distinct feature that set humans apart from other animals. Humans communicate with each other through language and share their feelings, and form their ideas and beliefs through language. Without language homo sapiens could not have evolved into a civilization.

Words in passage: 197

Words in prece: 65

Q2:

Answer

a) The author of the passage has explained the different seasons of the year. The changing season is attributed as a beauty of the world. Every season is termed as beautiful, but spring holds its distinct importance. The author expresses the joy received from natural sceneries, and its impact on human mood. The beauty of seasons has been expressed in a poetic way.

b) The early budding flowers represent the birth of a new season. They are used as a metaphor to show the beauty of nature in spring.

c) Every creature with an undisturbed, calm mind can enjoy the vastness of spring.

d) All animals are glad at the approach of spring because of the blessing of spring season. Everything becomes beautiful during spring and that is why all animals are happy at the start of spring.

e) Beauty of Spring.