

**PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW BOARD**  
**TERRITORIAL ARMY COMMISSION : 09 FEB 2014**

**WRITTEN PAPER**

Max Time : 2 Hours

Max Marks : 100

Roll No \_\_\_\_\_

Marks Awarded			
Section 1		Section 2	Total
Part I	Part II		

Index No \_\_\_\_\_

(Not to be filled by the candidate)

**(Please read the instructions carefully)**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- No additional sheet will be provided other than the question paper.
- Section 1 has two parts - Part I & Part II.
  - Part I - Essay in English (30 Marks).
  - Part II - English Comprehension and language (10 Marks).
- Section 2 consists of objective type questions (60 Marks).
- Erasures and overwriting in objective type questions will not be awarded any marks. Pages not used to be scored out.
- There will be no negative marking.
- To be eligible to qualify, you must obtain 40% marks each in section 1 and 2 and a minimum 50% aggregate marks.
- Two additional papers be provided alongwith each question paper to the candidates and to be stapled.

**SECTION - 1 PART I (Essay)**

**Q1. Write an essay in about 300 words on any one of the topics mentioned below.**

**(Marks 30)**

- What are the salient features of India's Foreign Policy?
- What is "Inflation"? What is the impact of High Inflation on the economy and List out the measures to tackle Inflation?
- Explain "Energy Security"? What is the current status of India's Energy Security and what are the challenges being faced by the country in this regard?
- Describe the salient features of MGNREGA.
- Describe the salient features of LOKPAL BILL?

**PART - II**

**ENGLISH COMPREHENSION**

**(Marks 10)**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

In this section, you have one short passage. After each passage, you will find several questions based on the passage. First, read a passage and then answer the question based on the passage.

**PASSAGE I**

**(Marks 5)**

Anxiety and conscience is a pair of powerful dynamos. Of course, I can only speak for myself: Between them, they have ensured that one shall work hard, but they cannot ensure that one shall work at anything worthwhile. They are blind forces which drive but do not direct. Fortunately, I have also been moved by a third motive- the wish to see and understand. Curiosity is another motive for action. It is also one of the distinctive characteristics of human nature and contrasted with the natures of non-human animals. All humans have curiosity in some degree and we also all have it about things which are of no practical use. Curiosity may be focused on anything in the universe, but the spiritual reality of the phenomena should be the ultimate objective of all curiosity for it to be fruitful. Thanks to my mother my approach to this ultimate objective is through the story of human affairs.

- What is the main objective of this passage?
  - Distinguish between human beings and animals
  - Project curiosity as a potent motivating factor**
  - Project anxiety and conscience as inadequate motivators
  - Motivation and spiritual reality
- A characteristics peculiar to human beings that is referred to is
  - Superior intelligence
  - Spirit of inquiry**
  - Capacity to rationalize and analyse
  - Ability to sift the practical from the impractical
- Which of the following statements is true according to the passage?
  - Animals are as curious as human beings
  - Curiosity is the only motive for action**
  - People motivated by curiosity do not need other motives to guide them
  - People motivated by anxiety and conscience alone can be misdirected

- Q4. According to the author  
 (a) Those who have little curiosity are curious about unimportant things.  
 (b) Apart from humans no other living beings have the gift of curiosity  
 (c) The highest form of curiosity can be satisfied by study of human affairs alone  
 (d) **Spiritual reality is the ultimate goal of humans through action**
- Q5. The author subscribes to the view  
 (a) **One's curiosity should focus beyond the façade on the latent meaning of things**  
 (b) Curiosity in an inherent family characteristic.  
 (c) A study of human affairs is the most effective method of satisfying one's curiosity  
 (d) In order to motivate, curiosity must be coupled with anxiety and conscience.

Each of these questions consists of a word in CAPITAL letters followed by four choices. Select the word with the most similar meaning. (Marks 05)

- Q6. MACABRE  
 (a) Innocent (b) **Tarried** (c) Gruesome (d) Pleasing
- Q7. DENOUEMENT  
 (a) Outcome (b) **Eschew** (c) Action (d) Character
- Q8. MANACLE  
 (a) Fetter (b) Ornament (c) Spectacles (d) **Order**
- Q9. FEIGN  
 (a) **Hesitate** (b) Pretend (c) Deserve (d) Attend
- Q10. ASSAY  
 (a) Attack (b) **Accept** (c) Case (d) Evaluate

## SECTION 2

### GENERAL AWARENESS

(Marks 60)

- Q1. The first Muslim ruler who introduced the standing army was:-  
 (a) Al-ud-din khilji (b) **Iltutmish** (c) Balban (d) Firozshah Tughlaq
- Q2. The God with three heads and horns surrounding by animals, represented on a seal from Mohen-jo-Daro is said to be:-  
 (a) Indra (b) Varuna (c) Vishnu (d) **Pasupati**
- Q3. Whose reign has been called the 'Golden Age of the Mughals'?  
 (a) **Shah Jahan** (b) Akbar (c) Jahangir (d) Aurangzeb
- Q4. The upheaval of 1857 was first described as the war of independence by:-  
 (a) Jawaharlal Nehru (b) Bal Gangadhar Tilak (c) **V.D. Savarkar** (d) Lala Lajpat Rai
- Q5. Jhansi was annexed to the British Indian territory in 1854 under the:-  
 (a) Subsidiary Alliance (b) Mutual Agreement (c) Passage of a separate Charter (d) **Doctrine of Lapse**
- Q6. 'Patriotism is religion and religion is love for India'- whose utterance is this?  
 (a) Raj Narain Bose (b) Swami Vivekananda  
 (c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak (d) **Bankim Chandra Chatterjee**
- Q7. The notable feature of Civil Disobedience movement of Mahatma Gandhi was:-  
 (a) Picketing of shops (b) Mass strike  
 (c) Arrest of thousand of persons (d) **Wide participation of women**
- Q8. Which one of the following is not a mosquito borne disease?  
 (a) Dengue Fever (b) Filariasis (c) **Sleeping Sickness** (d) Malaria
- Q9. Which of the following is a fertilizer?  
 (a) **Sodium Nitrate** (b) Sodium Carbonate (c) Sodium Peroxide (d) Sodium Thiosulphate
- Q10. Which of the following is also known by the Sahyadri Range?  
 (a) Shiwaliks (b) Vindhyas (c) Eastern Ghats (d) **Western Ghats**
- Q11. Which of the following states in India does not share boundary with Myanmar?  
 (a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Nagaland (c) Manipur (d) **Assam**
- Q12. The Garo and Khasi are languages of the state of:-  
 (a) Manipur (b) Tripura (c) Assam (d) **Meghalaya**
- Q13. The Planning Commission (of India) presided over by the:-  
 (a) **Prime Minister** (b) Vice President (c) Union Minister of Planning (d) Union Finance Minister
- Q14. Which of the following is not a basic industry?  
 (a) Iron & Steel (b) Fertilizers (c) **Paper** (d) Cement
- Q15. A catalyst is a substance which:-  
 (a) Stops a chemical reaction (b) Helps initiate a reaction  
 (c) **Increases the speed of a reaction** (d) Decreases the speed of a reaction
- Q16. Holding of elections of the Panchayats is decided by the:-  
 (a) Election Commission (b) **State Government**  
 (c) District Magistrate (d) Union Government
- Q17. National emergency can be declared by the President:-  
 (a) On the recommendation of the Prime Minister (b) On the recommendation of the Parliament  
 (c) On his own (d) On the recommendation of the Council of Minister  
*(National emergency can be declared by the President on the recommendation of the Union Cabinet)*
- Q18. Which one of following islands is coral in origin?  
 (a) Rameshwaram (b) Nicobar (c) Andaman (d) **Lakshadweep**
- Q19. William Harvey is known for the discovery of  
 (a) **Blood Circulation** (b) Blood Clotting (c) Respiration (d) Digestion

- Q20. A Social Security Agreement was signed on March 4, 2013 by Overseas Affairs Minister Vayalar Ravi and Paulo de Sacadura Cabral Portas, the Foreign Minister of  
 (a) Spain (b) Belgium (c) **Portugal** (d) France
- Q21. Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) scheme is related to?  
 (a) Education (b) Global Warming (c) **Energy Efficiency** (d) Bharat Nirman
- Q22. London will host which of the following sporting events?  
 (a) 2018 Winter Olympic (b) **2017 IAAF World Champion in Athletics**  
 (c) 2018 Common Wealth Games (d) 2016 Twenty 20 World Cup
- Q23. The first ever day-night full combat and fire demonstration was conducted by Indian Air Force at the Pokhran range in Rajasthan on February 22, 2013. It is called?  
 (a) Indra (b) Exercise Malabar (c) Yudh Abhyas (d) **Iron Fist**
- Q24. 1000 km long Dabhol-Bangalore pipeline recently, Dabhol is in?  
 (a) Kerala (b) Goa (c) **Maharashtra** (d) Gujrat
- Q25. Sitar Legend Ravi Shankar was posthumously awarded the best world music album trophy for  
 (a) **The Living Room sessions Part-1** (b) Set Fire to the Rain  
 (c) Making Minors (d) We Found Love
- Q26. Which of the following satellites is designed for oceanographic studies?  
 (a) SAPPHTRE (b) NEOSAT (c) AAUSAT (d) **SARAL**
- Q27. Who was elected the ninth President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently in April 2013?  
 (a) Yukia Amano (b) **Takehiko Nakao** (c) Shinzo Abe (d) Akihito
- Q28. Which country will host the 40th G-8 Summit in June 2014?  
 (a) Canada (b) UK (c) Japan (d) **Russia**
- Q29. Which one of the following countries is not a Newly Industrialized Country (NIC)?  
 (a) Brazil (b) **France** (c) Maxico (d) South Africa
- Q30. Which of the following terms is not used in the world of Economics/ Finance?  
 (a) Sinking Fund (b) Devaluation (c) Open Door Policy (d) **Privilege Motion**
- Q31. One rupee currency notes bears the signature of the?  
 (a) Finance Minister (b) RIB Governor (c) **Finance Secretary** (d) Chief Economic Adviser
- Q32. Fiscal policy is concerned with  
 (a) Public revenue and expenditure (b) Issue of currency  
 (c) Population control (d) **None of these**
- Q33. New Gas pipeline starts from Azerbaijan to Italy would be Trans-regional co-operation between Asia and Europe. What is the name?  
 (a) Iran-Pakistan pipeline (b) **(TAP) Trans Adriatic pipeline**  
 (c) Russian-Hungry pipeline (d) Eurasia pipeline
- Q34. How many schedules are there in the Indian Constitution?  
 (a) 10 (b) 15 (c) 18 (d) **12**
- Q35. Which company name is based on river name?  
 (a) Sumsang (b) Sony Ericsson (c) **Nokia** (d) HTC
- Q36. Who drafted the declaration of American independence?  
 (a) George Washington (b) Abraham Lincoln (c) **Thomas Jefferson** (d) John F. Kennedy
- Q37. Which country has granted temporary asylum to Edward Joseph Snowden who leaked details of the US programme of mass surveillance of electronic data?  
 (a) Ecuador (b) Hong Kong (c) China (d) **Russia**
- Q38. The inaugural 'World Test Cricket Championship' will take place in 2017 in-  
 (a) **England & Wales** (b) West Indies (c) Australia (d) India & Pakistan
- Q39. 'Gwadar Port', recently in news, which developed and operated by China handing over by which of the following country?  
 (a) Sri Lanka (b) **Pakistan** (c) Afghanistan (d) China
- Q40. 'Astra' which was in news in recent past is the name of a newly developed-  
 (a) **Air-to-air missile** (b) Battle Tank (c) Spy-Rocket (d) Submarine
- Q41. The recent CAG reports point out several performances and financial anomalies in Kol Dham Hydro Electric Power Project. The project belongs to  
 (a) Jammu & Kashmir (b) Uttarakhand (c) **Himachal Pradesh** (d) Meghalaya
- Q42. For the effective implementation of policies and programmes chartered out in the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan, planning commission has come with a new initiative, IBIN. What is the full form of the same?  
 (a) India Backbone Initiative Network (b) India Broader Implementation Network  
 (c) **India Backbone Implementation Norms** (d) India Broad-based Implementation
- Q43. The International Mother Earth Day is observed on which of the following dates?  
 (a) April 20 (b) April 21 (c) **April 22** (d) April 23
- Q44. Which one of the following countries has topped in the list of countries receiving remittance according to the latest edition of the World bank's Migration and Development Brief?  
 (a) Nigeria (b) **India** (c) Philipines (d) China
- Q45. Name the person who has been appointed as the vice-chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) recently?  
 (a) Ratan Tata (b) Anil Aggarwal (c) **Sunil Bharti Mittal** (d) Ravi Ruia
- Q46. Indian businesses and consumers will soon be able to check the authenticity of a product with the help of a mobile phone application. Name the application which is being developed by the Interpol?  
 (a) I-Register (b) **I-Checkit** (c) Info-World (d) I-Sure
- Q47. World Intellectual Property Day is observed on which of the following dates?  
 (a) April 20 (b) April 21 (c) April 22 (d) **April 26**

- Q48. In the wake of an alleged fraud by Kolkata-based Saradha group, the central government has ordered a SFIO probe into the matter of suspected misuse of the public money by various chit fund companies. What is the full form of SFIO?  
 (a) Serial Fraud Investigation Office (b) **Serious Fraud Investigation Office**  
 (c) Specific Fraud Investigation Office (d) Stock Fraud Investigation Office
- Q49. Which of the following countries has become the first country outside South Asia to legislate against caste discrimination recently?  
 (a) France (b) Germany (c) **UK** (d) Norway
- Q50. Union Minister of state for power (independent charge), Jyotiraditya Scindia recently dedicated the third unit of Indira Gandhi Super Thermal power project at Jharli to the nation. Jharli is located in which of the following state?  
 (a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Punjab (c) **Haryana** (d) Rajasthan
- Q51. India has acceded to Madrid Protocol which allows Indian companies to register their trademark in \_\_\_\_\_ countries by filling a single application  
 (a) 50 (b) 69 (c) 70 (d) **89**
- Q52. America experts has alleged Syrian regime of using chemical weapons against the rebel opposition. Samples of which of the following chemical agents have been traced?  
 (a) Kolokol-1 (b) **Sarin** (c) Ethyl Iodoacetate (d) Benzyl bromide
- Q53. N.N. Vohra has been given an extension of five years as the governor of which of the following states recently?  
 (a) Haryana (b) Himachal Pradesh (c) Odisha (d) **Jammu & Kashmir**
- Q54. What is the expended form of ECGC as used in banking/financial sector?  
 (a) Export Creditors' Guarantee Corporation of India  
 (b) Export Credential Guarantee Corporation of India  
 (c) Export Credit Garnering Corporation of India  
 (d) **Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India**
- Q55. The World Wide Web is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year in the service. Who among the following had invented the WWW at Cern laboratory 20 years back?  
 (a) Robert Hooke (b) **Tim Berners-Lee** (c) Zacharias Janssen (d) VA Shiva Ayyadurai
- Q56. Which of the following statement is correct? SX 40 is  
 (a) The name of a new mid size sedan launched by Maruti Suzuki  
 (b) The name of a new submarine launched missile developed by DRDO  
 (c) A newly developed nuclear fusion reactor  
 (d) **The name of the index of MCX-SX**
- Q57. World Press Freedom Day observed on which of the following dates?  
 (a) April 29 (b) April 30 (c) **May 3** (d) May 5
- Q58. Who among the following heads the Cabinet Commission on Investment (CCI) in India?  
 (a) **The Prime Minister** (b) The Finance Minister  
 (c) The Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission (d) The Governor of RBI
- Q59. Star Movie in the month of May 2013 launched which new movie channel?  
 (a) Star Movies (b) **Star Movies Action** (c) Fox Action Movies (d) Fox Movies
- Q60. What is the name of the Arctic research station of India?  
 (a) **Himadri** (b) Maitri (c) Bharati (d) Gangotri

**ANSWERS ARE BOLD**