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2. Located in the Krishnaraja Sagar dam site in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district, the Brindavan Gardens is at a distance of 24 Km. from the famous cultural heritage centre of Karnataka – the city of Mysore, and 143 Km. from Bangalore, the capital city of Karnataka. The Krishnaraja Sagar dam is built across the river Cauvery, one of the principal rivers in South India. The Cauvery rises in the hills of Brahmagiri – in Talacauvery, Kodagu District in the Western Ghats and traverses Eastwards in Karnataka for about 320 Km. before entering Tamil Nadu and finally joining the Bay of Bengal. The dam is named after Krishnaraja Wodeyar IV during whose rule the Chief Engineer, Sir M. Vishveswaraya engineered the construction of the dam. The River Cauvery below the giant dam divides the garden into two parts.

3. The Brindavan Gardens, primarily a terrace garden is laid out immediately behind the Krishnaraja Sagar dam site. The Department of Horticulture in 1927 started the work of laying out this garden, then called the Krishnarajendra Terrace Garden. Today, the garden extends over an area of 60 acres and it is laid out in the three terraces, which ends in a horseshoe shape. The slopes are planted with colorful Bougainvilleas and ornamental



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plants. This garden is a public park and it is one of the important tourist spots of India. The garden is enriched with innumerable fountains decorated with coloured lighting. The illuminated running waters and fountains with changing colours of lights is an event that the tourists can look forward to in the evenings. The garden has many open spaces, lawns, illuminated flower beds and ornamental plants. It also has well laid out roads and pathways. The Brindavan Gardens is the best-illuminated terrace garden in India. The boating pond in the midst of the garden is a location where the visitors can enjoy a boat ride. The whole garden when illuminated is an enchanting site to see.

4. The Musical and dancing fountain, is the main attraction of the visitors. The water, coloured light and music are harmonized in the fountain to create a water ballet controlled by an aquatic organ operated through a controller. Water is pumped to the fountain and the operation is computerized. All the other fountains run due to the water pressure from the dam. A laser vision has also been developed for visitors' attraction. The illumination timing is the same as that for the garden. The musical and dancing fountain is located in the North Brindavan Garden. A gallery and rain shelter are provided for the viewers.

5. The main gate is designed on the model of the India Gate, New Delhi. Rose gardens on either side of the gate are worth seeing. Attractive lawns, annual flowerbeds, perennial flowering plants, ornamental hedges are maintained.

6. Located beside the South Brindavan towards the right is the Children's' Park. In the park are found slide, and concrete animals, birds and aquatic species and items/structures for children to play.

7. A fruit orchard has been established in an area of 75 acres near the North bank of the Krishnaraja Sagar Dam. Established based on modern technology, the fruit orchard is a model farm; a place for teaching about fruit culture to the visitors and those interested in horticulture. This farm was developed with the aim of producing quality-planting materials of fruits and high yielding hybrid coconut seedlings. The fruits and plantation crops grown in this garden are Mango, Guava, Sapota, Litchi, Rose apple, Bilimbi, Aonla, Avacado, Malayan apple, Arecanut, Coconut etc.

**On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions:**

**(8 Marks)**

- a) What makes the Brindavan Garden world famous?
- b) Where is the Brindavan Garden located?
- c) How far is this garden from Bangalore?
- d) Which location is best for the tourists to enjoy the boat ride?
- e) What is the main attraction of the visitors?
- f) How is the main gate of the Brindavan Garden designed?
- g) Where is the Children's' park located?
- h) Where is the fruit orchard established?

**Q2) Read the following passage carefully**

**(12 marks)**



- c) Why is it important to review your notes?  
 d) What are the disadvantages of calling your friends during your study time?

1.2. Answer the following questions (4x1=4 Marks)

- a) How can setting a goal help you?  
 b) Why should you start with the most difficult assignment?  
 c) Find a word from paragraph three which means to succeed in doing a task.,  
 d) Find a word from paragraph five which is the opposite of the word 'difficult'.

**SECTION – B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) -30 MARKS**

3. With the help of the inputs given below, write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper on the colossal wastage of food in the lavish Indian weddings. (100 -120 words)

- Indians spend life's savings on weddings.
- India also hosts one of the biggest armies of starving people in the world.
- No wastage more condemnable than wastage of food.
- Money spend on lavish marriages to be used for other constructive purposes.

4. Write a short story in 150 -250 words on the basis of the hints provided. ( 10 marks)

The doorbell rang.....Sunil opened the door.....At First he could not recognize the tall and the well- dressed man who stood before him ..... Then the man spoke and all of a sudden.....

5. Fill in the blanks appropriately: (4 marks)

Pollution is one of (a) -----most serious problems (b) -----humanity is facing today. This problem (c)..... fairly complicated for much of pollution is caused (d) ---- objects and activities that benefit mankind.

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct word against the correct question number. 4 marks

	Incorrect word	correct word
A gentleman which had travelled	a) -----	-----
in Africa tell his friends that he	b) -----	-----
and his servant has made fifty	c) -----	-----
wild Arabs run. Everybody		
at once asked him how they		
had manage to do so. The traveler	d) -----	-----



laughed and said that it was wonderful.

7. Rearrange the following words into meaningful sentences (4 Marks)

- a) the/ stars/ sky/ twinkle/ the/ in/ at night
- b) reveal/ universe/ could/ the size / this/ of the
- c) twinkling/ scientists say/ the/ stars/ that/ of the/ distance/ indicates
- d) astronomers/ this/ allow/ should/ to/ distances/ measure

**SECTION – C (LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT) 30 MARKS**

8. Read the extract below and answer the questions: (4 Marks)

And immediately I regretted it,  
I thought how paltry, how vulgar,  
What a mean act.

I despised myself and the voices of  
my accursed human education.

**QUESTIONS:**

- a) What was the mean act?
- b) Why did the poet despise himself?
- c) What does the word 'accursed' mean in the above stanza?
- d) What is the meaning of the word 'paltry'?

**OR**

I could be well moved, if I were as you:  
If I could pray to move, prayers would move me:  
But I am constant as the northern star,  
Of whose true-fixed and resting quality  
There is no fellow in the firmament.

**QUESTIONS:**

- a) Who is the speaker of the above lines?
- b) What does the speaker compare himself to?
- c) What do you mean by 'northern star'?
- d) What do the above lines tell about the speaker?

9. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words. (4x2 =8Marks)

- a) How were the two boys useful to the author?
- b) In what way did the villagers help Mrs. Packletide shoot the tiger?
- c) How did Lavinia react on seeing the ghost?
- d) How was Sebastian Shult's memory stored on Michael's disk? Did Michael discover that?

10. Answer any one of the following question in about 100-120 words. 8 MARKS



"One feels pain only when one goes through it himself/ herself. Explain the postmaster's change of heart in the chapter "The Letter", and why it took place?

OR

"Patience and hard work go a long way in achieving your goals". How does Patol Babu earn the admiration of the director through a very small role?

11. Answer any one of the following in about 200 – 250 words. (10Marks)

Write about Miss Anne Sullivan's qualities as an ideal teacher?

OR

What was the incident of 'The Frost King'? How did it affect Helen?