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Question 1:

[25 marks]

Questions i through vii refer to the following passage: [14marks]

In the 16th century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favour. After he was dismissed from service by the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally they found the passage they sought near 50 degrees S latitude. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today it is known as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian now known as the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after 98 days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later, Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and 17 sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge.

i. The 16th century was an age of great _____ exploration.

[2marks]

A. cosmic

B. land

C. mental

D. common man

ii. Magellan lost the favour of the king of Portugal when he became involved in a political _____.

[2marks]

- A. entanglement
- C. negotiation

- B. discussion
- D. problem

iii. The Pope divided New World lands between Spain and Portugal according to their location on one side or the other of an imaginary geographical line 50 degrees west of Greenwich that extends in a _____ direction.

[2marks]

- A. north and south
- C. easterly

- B. crosswise
- D. south east

iv. One of Magellan's ships explored the _____ of South America for a passage across the continent.

[2marks]

- A. coastline
- C. physical features

- B. islands
- D. mountain range

v. Four of the ships sought a passage along a southern _____.

[2marks]

- A. coast
- C. border
- sides'

- B. inland
- D. body of land with water on three

vi. The passage was found near 50 degrees S of _____.

[2marks]

- A. Greenwich
- C. Spain

- B. The equator
- D. Portugal

vii. In the spring of 1521, the ships crossed the _____ now called the International Date Line.

[2marks]

- A. area
- C. imaginary circle passing through the poles
- land mass

- B. land mass
- D. imaginary line parallel to the equator

Questions viii to xii refer to the following passage. Read the following passage and answer the questions by filling in the blanks with appropriate answers. [11marks]

The Alaska pipeline starts at the frozen edge of the Arctic Ocean. It stretches southward across the largest and northernmost state in the United States, ending at a remote ice-free seaport village nearly 800 miles from where it begins. *It* is massive in size and extremely complicated to operate. The steel pipe crosses windswept plains and endless miles of delicate tundra that tops the frozen ground. It weaves through crooked canyons, climbs sheer mountains, plunges over rocky crags, makes its way through thick forests, and passes over or under hundreds of rivers and streams. The pipe is 4 feet in diameter, and up to 2 million barrels (or 84 million gallons) of crude oil can be pumped through it daily. Resting on H-shaped steel racks called "bents," long sections of the pipeline follow a zigzag course high above the frozen earth. Other long sections drop out of sight beneath spongy or rocky ground and return to the surface later on. The pattern of the pipeline's up-and-down route is determined by the often harsh demands of the arctic and subarctic climate, the tortuous lay of the land, and the varied compositions of soil, rock, or permafrost (permanently frozen ground).

A little more than half of the pipeline is elevated above the ground. The remainder is buried anywhere from 3 to 12 feet, depending largely upon the type of terrain and the properties of the soil. One of the largest in the world, the pipeline cost approximately \$8 billion and is by far the biggest and most expensive construction project ever undertaken by private industry. In fact, no single business could raise that much money, so 8 major oil companies formed a consortium in order to share the costs. Each company controlled oil rights to particular shares of land in the oil fields and paid into the pipeline-construction fund according to the size of its holdings. Today, despite enormous problems of climate, supply shortages, equipment breakdowns, labour disagreements, treacherous terrain, a certain amount of mismanagement, and even theft, the Alaska pipeline has been completed and is operating.

viii. The passage primarily discusses the pipelines [2marks]

ix. The word "it" in line 3 refers to [2marks]

x. According to the passage, 84 million gallons of oil can travel through the pipeline each [2marks]

xi. How many companies shared the costs of constructing the pipeline? [2marks]

xii. What determined the percentage of the construction costs each member of the consortium would pay? [3marks]

Question 2: Summarize the following article about the *reasons for child abuse* in not more than 120 words.

[25marks]

The childhood years are supposed to be the best times of one's life; playing and having fun. Yet there are many children who are deprived of this childhood. They are tortured and verbally and physically abused.

There is no reason or excuse for child abuse. Abusers claim they do it because of the stress of work. Child-abusing housewives say they feel harassed by a crying child and are unable to curb their own fury, especially if no support is received from anyone. This is not surprising since support is extended to a victim of child abuse more readily than to the perpetrator. Occasionally, parents may vent their frustrations on their child if they fight and quarrel with each other. In cases like there, it is the children who are the victims.

In this modern age where both parents are usually holding jobs, children are left with babysitters and nurseries. Abuse by these carers may occur when there are too many children to be minded. The disappearance of the extended family system is partly to be blamed for these incidents.

Crowded homes and financial problems can also lead to child abuse. When there are too many mouths to feed, parents feel the pressure and vent their anger on a child.

Substance abuse is another factor which increases the incidents of child abuse. Under the influence of alcohol or drugs, a parent may not know what he or she may be doing. Or, rather, knows what he or she is doing but is not bothered at all. A drug addict may experience mood swings and is easily provoked by a crying baby. Thus we see and read horrifying reports of a child being savagely tortured and dumped elsewhere, like garbage.

Psychologists believe that child abusers may have been victims of abuse themselves. Thus, in anger and hatred, they repeat the vicious cycle of abuse. Some have no love for the children they abuse. Some have been brought up to believe that children should be beaten in order to maintain control. These are troubled people who need help.

A home is supposed to be a haven where a child ought to feel safe and secure. Unfortunately, more often than not, the home is also where a child is abused. Whatever the reasons for the abuse, something must be done to stop the cruelty and help these parents who simply cannot cope with parenting. Parents-to-be should be counselled and inculcated with parenting skills. The Child Protection Act which was passed in Parliament in 1991 does not effectively prevent child abuse. Stricter enforcement is necessary. Thus, it requires a commitment from each individual to help families with victims and troubled parents, the perpetrators.

Question Three

[25marks]

Write an essay of about 200 to 250 words on ONE of the following topics:

1. "Malaysia has been rated as the highest among Asian countries for obesity." – *The Star, June 16 2014*

Discuss the cause and effect of this unhealthy trend.

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own experience or knowledge.

2. Which is better; home-schooling or public or private school?

Give your reasons with suitable examples.

Question Four

[25 marks]

Your class is unhappy with your college cafeteria. As the representative of your class, you have been asked to write to your chairperson, to complain about the following:

- food left uncovered
- attract many flies
- food served is stale
- food too expensive
- oily plates and cups
- rude workers
- dustbins not cleared daily
- same menu daily

In your letter, you would also like to offer three suggestions from your classmates:

- stringent checks
- cheaper food
- serve a variety of food

-the end-