



**1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (1x7=7 marks)**

Public sector banks are witnessing a transitional period in India and are at a turning point, where they should remain healthy without abandoning their social responsibility. They have to perform risky experiments yet perform them innovatively so that it does not fail. They should venture into new areas that are rarely trodden by them and not miss any emerging opportunities.

It should be understood that the absence of any bad advance is no sign of an efficient banking system. It only indicates extreme conservatism. However, this is no guarantee of profit. There should be a balance between liquidity and risk. The sins of the past must be forgotten. Innovative and realistic strategies should be adopted without which banks will be in danger.

**I. Choose the correct option from the following:**

- i. What is the current situation of public sector banks in India?
  - a) They are at a turning point
  - b) They are performing well
  - c) They are facing difficulties
  - d) They are declining
- ii. What should public sector banks do to stay healthy?
  - a) Avoid risky experiments
  - b) Adopt innovative strategies
  - c) Stick to traditional methods
  - d) Forget the past
- iii. What does the absence of bad advances indicate in a banking system?
  - a) Inefficiency
  - b) Efficient system
  - c) Profit guarantee
  - d) Extreme conservatism
- iv. What should public sector banks in India not miss?
  - a) Opportunities
  - b) Traditional methods
  - c) Bad advances
  - d) The sins of the past

**II. Answer the following questions:**

- i. What is the goal of public sector banks in India?
- ii. What should be the aim of banks to avoid the dangers?
- iii. What is the relationship between liquidity and risk in the banking system according to the passage?

**SECTION -B WRITING (8 MARKS)**

2. You are Prashant/Priya, Head Boy/Girl of DAV Public school, Bhopal. Your school is organizing a Kabaddi Competition. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting participants. **(4 marks)**

**OR**

You are Apoorva/Amrita, the head boy/ girl of Holy child school Delhi. Write a notice informing the students about a debate competition to be held in your school in not more than 50 words. Add necessary details in it.

3. Write a paragraph on ANY ONE of the following topics. **(4 marks)**
- (i) Importance of forests
  - (ii) National Sports Day Celebrations in your School
  - (iii) Health is Wealth

### SECTION – C GRAMMAR (7 MARKS)

4. Each of the following sentence has two blanks. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of the word given in brackets.: (4 marks)

- It isn't \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ should always be the mother of invention. (necessary)
- Hermits are \_\_\_\_\_ men. How they acquire their \_\_\_\_\_ no one can tell. (wise)
- The committee has \_\_\_\_\_ to make Jagdish captain of the team. The \_\_\_\_\_ is likely to please everyone. (decide)
- Asking for \_\_\_\_\_ is as noble as willingness to \_\_\_\_\_. (forgive)

5. Rearrange the following group of words into meaningful sentences: (3 marks)

- asked/ the / to/ prove / king / that / Gopal / was/ clever/ he
- Worker / live / quarters / in / ants / reserved
- caught / the / Golu / his / nose / crocodile / by

### SECTION - D LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

6. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

There's a shed at the bottom of our garden  
With a spider's web hanging across the door,  
The hinges are rusty and creak in the wind.  
When I'm in bed I lie and I listen,  
I'll open that door one day.

(1x4=4 marks)

- Where is the shed located?
  - at the end of the garden
  - at the bottom of the garden
  - at the tip point
  - behind the garden
- The shed has remained \_\_\_\_\_.
  - unattended
  - unpainted
  - locked for long
  - dusty
- Across the door, one can see \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a rusty chain
  - a painting
  - paper frills
  - the web of a spider
- When did he listen to the creaking sound?
  - while walking along the roadside
  - while sleeping in the bed
  - while lying in the bed
  - none of the above

7. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

One day Golu met the mynah bird sitting in the middle of a bush, and he asked her, "What does the crocodile have for dinner?" The mynah said, "Go to the banks of the great grassy Limpopo River and find out." Golu went home. He took a hundred sugar canes, fifty dozen bananas and twenty-five melons. Then he said to his family, "Goodbye. I'm going to the great, grassy Limpopo River. I'll find out what the crocodile has for dinner." He had never seen a crocodile, and didn't know what one looked like. He met a python and asked him, "Have you ever seen a crocodile? What does he look like? What does he have for dinner?"

(1x4=4 marks)

- i. Why did Golu go to the Limpopo River?**  
(a) to know about the dinner of monkey  
(b) to know about the dinner of fish  
(c) to know about the dinner of crocodile  
(d) all the above
- ii. Who advised Golu to go the Limpopo River?**  
(a) crow  
(b) hippopotamus  
(c) ostrich  
(d) mynah
- iii. How many sugar canes does Golu have?**  
(a) 50  
(b) 70  
(c) 100  
(d) 25
- iv. Who did Golu wish goodbye before leaving for the river?**  
(a) his family  
(b) giraffe  
(c) ostrich  
(d) none of the above
- 8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in about 30-40 words. (2x4=8 marks)**  
(i) Why did the king want to know answers to three questions?  
(ii) What did the squirrel do if someone came too close to his tree?  
(iii) What is the secret that Meena shares with Mridu in the backyard?  
(iv) Why was the king annoyed with his courtiers?  
(v) What three things did Gopal do before he went to buy his hilsa-fish?
- 9. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions in about 30-40 words. (2x3=6 marks)**  
(i) Why ant's life is very peaceful?  
(ii) How did Kari enjoy his morning bath in the river?  
(iii) What did the python advised Golu to do?  
(iv) Why did Golu go to the Limpopo river?
- 10. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 70-80 words. (2x4= 8 marks)**  
(i) How did the king and the hermit help the wounded man?  
(ii) What qualities of an ant do you wish to inculcate and why?  
(iii) What is a master call? Why is it the most important signal for an elephant to learn?