DESCRIPTIVE TEST
(Question Cum Answer Booklet)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Should not write on the reverse side of this page.

2. Open the Booklet only at 11.45 AM.

3. Write the Roll No. only on the column below. Do not write the Roll No. or put any identification mark on the other pages of the booklet. The answer books of those who violate this instruction will not be valued.

4. The test consists of Letter writing (10 marks), Precis writing (10 marks) and Essay writing (20 marks).

5. Two topics are given for Letter writing and for Essay writing out of which one topic each need be attempted.

6. While attempting the question on Letter writing, care should be taken not to give the real name and place of the candidates in the format.

7. The Essay should not exceed 250 words.

DESCRIPTIVE TEST **30 MINUTES**

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Signature of the Invigilator _____

(After verifying the Roll No. and Signature of the candidate)

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I. Letter writing (10 Marks)

1. Write a letter to the Union Education Minister underlining the need to include nutritional awareness in the school syllabus from the very early stages which would help children to guard themselves against Life Style Diseases.

OR

2. Write a letter to your younger brother now working in Delhi urging him to try his hands at the Civil Service Exams, telling him about the enormous possibilities a civil service career would open up.

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II. **Write a precis of the following passage:-** **(10 Marks)**

With the help of scientific inquiry we have learnt that it is in our best interest to extend compassion to other living beings. The welfare of humans and other animals is closely interlinked.

Consider, for example, the bee, whose population is declining at an alarming rate today because of climate change, pesticides and habitat loss. Bees pollinate 70 of nearly 100 crop species that feed 90% of the world. Insects help in the decomposition of organic materials, including bodies of the dead, and enrich the soil. Dung beetles evolved 65 million years ago and, as their name suggests, eat dung, recycle nutrients and improve the quality of the soil. Half of the world's species are insects, so if insects go extinct, the consequence would be complete degradation of our soil consequently leading to the disappearance of all remaining life.

A second dimension of concern for animal rights centres on farming. We keep billions of animals intensively confined in factory farms for meat, eggs and dairy. There are serious repercussions of these practices, both for animals and humans. Hens kept in battery cage farms see the sun twice in their lives – once on the way to the farm and the second on the way to the slaughterhouse. These factory farms are responsible for the formation of dead pools around them, have a massive odour, and attract pests. The people who live in the vicinity of these farms suffer from several health issues including breathing problems. Hence, while it may make financial sense to cram animals into factory farms, the consequences can be considerable. To mitigate this, the system of intensive farm animal production needs to become more humane and less exploitative, for both animals and people. Governments can take a first step by prohibiting the cruelty of battery cages.

Our legal system treats animals as if they are non-sentient commodities that can be owned and disposed by people. Animal husbandry has an entire department dedicated to it. Thousands of crores are invested in slaughterhouses. Conversely, animal welfare is relegated to one board, which

must look after the welfare of billions of animals in the country. Policy reform in this space is such a low priority that while parking fines are at least ₹10,000 in Mumbai, the penalty for beating an animal in India is ₹ 50. It is time for our government to depute a Ministry and budget for the welfare of animals.

We hold the future of billions of animals in our hands. We have an opportunity to translate our philosophy of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* into action. We must act in our collective best interest.

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III. **Write an essay on any one of the following topics, not exceeding 250 words** **(20 Marks)**

1. Life is a constant negotiation

OR

2. The attitudinal impact of Covid Pandemic on humankind

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