

Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in [Set I](#).

SECTION A

(READING)

A2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. 'There is no need to define morality; let man be simply compassionate'. This sentence expresses the basic essence of morality: the extent to which it relies on compassion for its definition. For when we think about it, is not that truly human feeling of compassion the basis of all morality?

2. Morality rests for its very meaning on the concepts of 'good' and 'bad' where 'good' refers to all thoughts and deeds that do not aim at or accomplish any harm or injury or do not involve an attempt to inflict sufferings on others. Thus morality is based on man's ability to understand, being able to sympathise, feel kindness and sorrow for and identify himself with the sufferings of his fellow men. So only compassion can give rise to moral thoughts and feelings.

3. Depriving a person of what is his or what must belong to him — what is called stealing — for selfish ends, taunting or insulting others through words or actions for the purpose of self-gratification, violence — expressed verbally or as acts of torture, killing etc. - for the sake of violence contradict morality as well as an inner feeling of kindness and compassion.

4. When we talk about social morality of any kind, what comes into play is our ability to feel for the well-being of our society. A certain moral code of conduct is ultimately necessary to ensure that the society does not fall prey to degeneration of values, which would lead to rampant sufferings and ultimately chaos. It is a concern to help the society by safeguarding it from unwanted ills and malaises and ensuring its well-being. Society's concerns are our concerns: anything capable of causing a detrimental impact on it in the short-term or in course of time is ultimately bound to affect us and our children.

5. There is the need to realize that man must continue to feel compassion for the sake of himself as well as the society. But like any other human trait, compassion ought to be continually exercised if it is to remain a dominant force. Unfortunately, in modern society what we witness is a complete lack of kindness and sympathy between fellow beings. One can only shake one's head and say that just like other cherished values even compassion is getting eroded in the hustle and bustle of the mechanical existence of these times. What remains is material values that look only towards immediate personal gains and in the process rid man of whatever 'humanness' is left in him.

A2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. **5**

A2.2. Write a summary of the above passage in 80 words, also suggest a suitable title. **3**

SECTION B

(WRITING SKILLS)

B1. You are Rajan/Rajani, residing at 30A, Munirika. Your friend has to undergo a heart operation for which he needs rupees two lakhs. Some generous people have donated money but that was not sufficient Draft an appeal/notice which will be published in the local daily to generate money for the operation Do not exceed 50 words. **5**

Or

Your company is launching a new range of school bags for children next month. Draft an attractive poster which can be displayed in all the market areas of your town to promote its sale. Do not forget to mention the speciality of these bags. 50 words.