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Name of the Course:

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Time limit: 3 + 1 (One hour reserved for downloading of Question Paper, scanning and uploading of Answer Sheets)

### Instructions

There are 6 questions, you have to answer **any 4**.

All questions carry equal marks of 18.75 each.

Each answer must be written in 400-600 words.

### AURANGAZEB'S LETTER TO HIS TEACHER

Sir! What do you expect from me? Is there any justification in your asking that I, in my capacity of a famous Muslim ruler, should take you into my court? May be your request would have been reasonable if you had imparted education to me in proper way. A student, who receives good education, should respect his teacher as he respects his father. But, what have you taught me?

Firstly, you taught saying that Europe means a small island called Portugal, that the king of that country alone is great, in the next position is the king of Holland and then comes the king of England. You also said the king of the France and Spain are like the petty rulers in our country and that the King of Hindustan are greater than all those Kings, that they are the emperors who conquered the whole world and the kings of Persia, Uzbek, Tartar, China, Eastern China, Pegu, Machina, will shiver at the mere mentioning of the names of Hindustan kings.

Ah! You have taught excellent history and Geography, indeed! Instead, you should have taught me about the different countries in the world and their varied interests, the strengths and weaknesses of those kings, their war strategies, their customs, religions, Government policies, the advantages, History, progress, downfall, what disasters and blunders had led to great changes and revolutions-you should have taught me all these things. I did not learn anything from you regarding the great men, who established the Mughal empire. You did not teach me anything about their life histories. You did not teach about the policies and the strategies that they followed to achieve glorious victories.

1. Read the passage above and answer the following questions:
  - a. Why does Aurangzeb refuse to admit his teacher into his court? (2)
  - b. Why does Aurangzeb think that learning about the history of different countries, their strengths, and weaknesses is important for a ruler? (3)
  - c. Describe the tone of the letter writer. (2)
  - d. Do you agree with Aurangzeb's opinion of his teacher? Justify your answer by giving reason(s). (3)
  - e. **Paraphrase** the given passage in your own words. (8.75)
2. Rewrite this passage as a **dialogue** between Aurangzeb and his teacher, giving the teacher's responses to Aurangzeb's questions and the charges he makes against the teacher in his letter.
3. As Principal of a college you have organized an Orientation programme for new students. Write a **public speech** that you will give to students about what they should expect from a college education.
4. On Teacher's Day each student in the college is asked to interview their favourite teacher for the college newspaper. Write an **interview** in which you ask questions about the best practices of teaching employed by the teacher.
5. Write a **letter** to a teacher that you had in school who you think did not teach you anything of value. Following the pattern of Aurangzeb's letter, write about the specific problems with the teaching, as well as what you think would have been valuable for you to learn.
6. You have been asked by the Education Ministry to conduct a survey of college students to find out what kind of education they think will be the most valuable to them at the college level. Write a **report** of your findings and your proposals for action to the Education Minister.