

PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW BOARD
TERRITORIAL ARMY COMMISSION : 10 AUG 2014

WRITTEN PAPER

Max Time : 2 Hours

Max Marks : 100

Roll No _____

Marks Awarded			
Section 1		Section 2	Total
Part I	Part II		

Index No _____

(Not to be filled by the candidate)

(Please read the instructions carefully)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. No additional sheet will be provided other than the question paper.
2. Section 1 has two parts - Part I & Part II.
 - (a) Part I - Essay in English (30 Marks).
 - (b) Part II - English language (10 Marks).
3. Section 2 consists of objective type questions (60 Marks).
4. Erasures and overwriting in objective type questions will not be awarded any marks. Pages not used to be scored out.
5. There will be no negative marking.
6. To be eligible to qualify, you must obtain 40% marks each in section 1 and 2 and a minimum 50% aggregate marks.
7. Two additional papers be provided alongwith each question paper to the candidates and to be stapled.

SECTION 1

PART I (Essay)

Q1. Write an essay in about 300 words on any one of the topics mentioned below? (25 Marks)

- (a) Indo-Bangladesh relations & present scenario
- (b) China is growing influence over South China sea
- (c) US troops pull-out from Afghanistan
- (d) Maoist challenge in India
- (e) National Integration

Q 2. What is the role of Territorial Army? What are the types of units within the Territorial Army? (Marks 5)

Ans. The Territorial Army is part of Regular Army and its present role is to relieve the Regular Army from static duties and assist civil administration in dealing with natural calamities and maintenance of essential services in situations where life of the communities is affected or the Security of the Country is threatened and to provide units for Regulars Army as and when required.

Presently the Territorial Army has strength of approx. 40000 persons comprising of Departmental TA units such as Railway, IOC, ONGC, Telecommunication and General Hospital and the non Departmental TA units of Infantry Bn (TA) and Ecological Bn (TA) affiliated to various Infantry Regiments

PART - II

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(Marks 10)

Q In this section, you have one short passage. You are required to answer the questions based on the passage.

The small village of Somnathpur contains an extraordinary temple, built around 1268 A.D. by the Hoyasalas of Karnataka - one of the most prolific temple-builders. Belur and Helebid are among their better-known works. While these suffered during the invasions of the 14th century, the Somnathpur temple stands more or less intact in near-original condition. This small temple captivates with the beauty and vitality of its detailed sculpture, covering almost every inch of the walls, pillars and even ceilings. It has three shikharas and stands on a star-shaped, raised platform with 24 edges. The outer walls have a profusion of detailed carvings: the entire surface run over by carved plaques of stone. There were vertical panels covered by exquisite figures of gods and goddesses with many incarnations being depicted. There were nymphs too, some carrying an ear of maize a symbol of plenty and prosperity. The elaborate ornamentation, very characteristic of Hoyasala sculptures, was a remarkable feature. On closer look- and it is worth it - the series of friezes on the outer walls revealed intricately carved caparisoned (covered decorative cloth) elephants, charging horsemen, stylized flowers, warriors, musicians, crocodiles, and swans. The temple was actually commissioned by Soma Dandanayaka or Somnath (he named the village after himself), the minister of the Hoyasala king, Narasimha, the Third. The temple was built to house three versions of Krishna. The inner center of the temple was the kalyana mandapa. Leading from here were three corridors each ending in a shrine, one for each kind of Krishna - Venugopala, Janardana and Prasanna Keshava, though only two remain in their original form. In the darkness of the sanctum sanctorum, I tried to discern the different images. The temple's sculptural perfection is amazing and it includes the doors of the temple and the three elegantly carved towers.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes using headings and sub-headings. **(Marks 5)**
- (b) Make a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title. **(Marks 5)**

Headings and Sub headings

Temple: the beauty and vitality

- Detailed sculpture – covering walls, pillars, ceilings
- Series of friezes on outer walls
- Intricately carved elephants
- Charging horsemen
- Stylized flowers
- Warriors, musicians, crocodile and swans
- Three shikharas – stands *shaped, raised platform – 24 edges
- The outer walls – detailed carvings
- The entire surface – carved plaques of stone
- Vertical panels covered by exq. fig.

Representation of Hinduism

- Incarnations
- Many deities

Temple in the History

- Comsnd. Soma Dandanayaka or Somnath
- The inner center of the temple – kalyana mandapa
- Three corridors ending in a shrine

Title: Temple of Somnathpur

Somnath Temple is located in the small village of Somnathpur and was commissioned by Soma Dandanayaka or Somnath, the minister of Hoyasala king, Narasimha the third. Three corridors end in three shrines with three versions of Krishna – Venugopala, Janardana and Prasanna Keshava. A *Kalyana Mandapa* resides in the inner centre of temple. It has three shikharas intricate carvings depicting plenty and prosperity through shikhars, Gods and Goddesses, caparisoned elephants, charging horsemen, flowers, warriors, musicians and other majestic animals.

(Word count – 78 words)

SECTION 2

GENERAL AWARENESS

(Marks 60)

- Who among the following is the new CEO of Infosys?
 (a) N.S Raghvan (b) K. Dinesh (c) Ashok Arora (d) Vishal Sikka
- Which among the following sportsmen is not related to shooting?
 (a) Jitu Rai (b) Abhinav Bindra (c) Pooja Ghatkar (d) Jayant Talukdar
- The Kholongchu Hydropower Project is a joint venture project between the two companies of India and ____?
 (a) Nepal (b) Bhutan (c) Bangladesh (d) Myanmar
- Which among the following is the world's largest coconut producing country?
 (a) India (b) Malaysia (c) Sri Lanka (d) Philippines
- What is the objective of the government behind setting up a Minimum Export Price (MEP) for a particular commodity?
 (a) To promote exports (b) To discourage exports
 (c) To check price rise (d) To provide subsidy to producers.
- The foreign exchange reserve of India include:-
 (a) Gold (b) Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)
 (c) Foreign Currency (d) All of the above
- In recent times, which among the following blocks of countries is pushing for implementing the UN Security Council (UNSC) reforms?
 (a) G-7 (b) G-4 (c) G-20 (d) G-22
- Who among the following is the wealthiest footballer to be competing in the FIFA World Cup 2014?
 (a) Cristiano Ronaldo (b) Lionel Messi (c) Frank Lampard (d) Steven Gerrard
- The winner of the 20th Senior National Women's Football Championship is:-
 (a) Mizoram (b) Manipur (c) Sikkim (d) Odisha
- Beiji oil refinery, which was in news recently, is in:
 (a) Italy (b) Syria (c) Iraq (d) Saudi Arabia
- Which among the following countries has published the world's first Modern Slavery Bill, recently?
 (a) Ireland (b) Britain (c) France (d) USA
- Recently, Filipe VI has been sworn in as the new king of:-
 (a) France (b) UK (c) Spain (d) Sweden
- Indian scientist Sanjay Rajaram has won the prestigious World Food Prize for 2014 for his contribution to developing high-yield varieties of:-
 (a) Wheat (b) Rice (c) Soyabean (d) Barley
- The "Yudh Abhyas" is a counter terrorism joint military exercise between India and ____?
 (a) France (b) United States (c) Japan (d) China
- Which among the following Indian airlines has joined global airline body Star Alliance:-
 (a) Air India (b) Go Air (c) IndiGo (d) Jet Airways
- Which among the following is the world's largest international maritime exercise?
 (a) TROPEx (b) RIMPAC (c) Valiant Shield (d) Team Spirit
- The Government of India has extended the ban on imports of milk and its products from China for one more year till 2015. The ban has been imposed due to presence of:-
 (a) Urea (b) Melamine (c) Magnesium Sulphate (d) Ammonia

- Q18. NASA's curiosity rover has completed one whole Martian year on the Red Planet. The Martian year refers to the length of time for Mars to complete one orbit around the Sun and is about _____ Earth solar days:-
 (a) 711 (b) 688 (c) **686** (d) 701
- Q19. Who among the following has become the first Indian to win 3 medals in successive ISSF Shooting world cup?
 (a) P.N. Prakash (b) **Jitu Roy** (c) Saurav Roy (d) Prashant Jain
- Q20. Who was crowned Femina Miss India 2014?
 (a) Puja Agnihotri (b) **Koyal Rana** (c) Gail Da'Silva (d) Jhataleka Malhotra
- Q21. The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) is a policy initiative for which among the following sectors?
 (a) **Textile Sector** (b) Manufacturing Sector
 (c) IT Sector (d) Agro-Industries Sector
- Q22. The Disaster Management Act, 2005 has been implemented in all states and Union Territories of India except one. Which one:-
 (a) Kerala (b) Rajasthan (c) **Gujarat** (d) Uttarakhand
- Q23. Jambusar area, where ONGC has drilled first assessment well for finding out the possibility of commercial production of the Shale gas, is located in which state:-
 (a) West Bengal (b) Andhra Pradesh (c) **Gujarat** (d) Rajasthan
- Q24. Which among the following countries is the newest member of the Euro Zone, slated to adopt Euro from January 2015?
 (a) Slovakia (b) Slovenia (c) Romania (d) **Lithuania**
- Q25. The PYKKA Scheme aims at providing basic Sports Infrastructure and equipment at:-
 (a) National Level (b) State Level (c) District Level (d) **Block and Panchayat Level**
- Q26. Who among the following has authored the book Hind Swaraj?
 (a) Bal Gangadhar Tilak (b) **Mahatma Gandhi**
 (c) Gopal Krishna Gokhale (d) M.G Ranade
- Q27. French : France :: Dutch : _____ ?
 (a) Fiji (b) Sweden (c) **Holland** (d) Norway
- Q28. Australia : Kangaroo :: Siberia : _____ ?
 (a) Bear (b) Yak (c) Horse (d) **Reindeer**
- Q29. Who is the author of a famous book 'A better India a better world'?
 (a) Azim H Premji (b) Rajiv Sikri (c) **NR Narayanmurthy** (d) Prema Mahajan
- Q30. The headquarters of World Health Organisation are located at -
 (a) The Hague (b) Oslo (c) **Geneva** (d) New York
- Q31. Which of the following is the tallest building of the world:
 (a) Eiffel Tower (b) **Burj Khalifa** (c) Statue of Liberty (d) Qutub Minar
- Q32. Who is heading the TATA Group after Ratan Tata:-
 (a) Noel Tata (b) **Cyrus Mistry** (c) OE Bhatt (d) Kumar Manglam
- Q33. The discount equivalent to two successive discounts of 10% is:
 (a) 15 % (b) **19 %** (c) 20% (d) 22%
- Q34. If a man was to sell his wrist watch for Rs 720/- he would lose 25%. What price he must sell at for to gain 25%:-
 (a) 960 (b) 900 (c) 1000 (d) **1200**
- Q35. Which of the following is only a star:-
 (a) Moon (b) Venus (c) Earth (d) **Sun**
- Q36. Dudhwa National Park is located in:
 (a) **UP** (b) UK (c) MP (d) HP
- Q37. DVD is:-
 (a) **Digital Video Disc** (b) Dynamic Versatile Disc (c) Digital Versatile Disc (d) Dynamic Video Disc
- Q38. The Thomas Cup is associated with:-
 (a) Table Tennis (b) Lawn Tennis (c) **Badminton** (d) Billiards
- Q39. Which of the following institutions is a part of shadow Banking: -
 (a) **Non-Banking Finance Companies** (b) Development Banks
 (c) Cooperative Banks (d) Local Area Development Banks
- Q40. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India is appointed by the: -
 (a) **President of India** (b) Speaker of Lok Sabha
 (c) Chairman of Rajya Sabha (d) Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee
- Q41. Why is 05 March 1931 important date in Indian struggle of Independence?
 (a) **Gandhi-Irwin pact was signed** (b) Demand of Poorna Swaraj
 (c) Bomb blast in British Parliament (d) Udham Singh killed General Dyer
- Q42. Which one among the following is used to make periscope?
 (a) Concave lens (b) Concave mirror (c) **Plane mirror** (d) None of these
- Q43. The Gulf of Mannar is situated along the coast of -
 (a) **Tamil Nadu** (b) Kerala (c) Karnataka (d) Andhra Pradesh
- Q44. Public Interest Litigation (PIL) may be linked with -
 (a) Judicial review (b) **Judicial activism** (c) Judicial Intervention (d) Judicial sanctity
- Q45. Name the latest aircraft carrier ship inducted in the Indian navy
 (a) Vikrant (b) Viraat (c) **Vikramaditya** (d) Vijay
- Q46. The first Governor General of free India was
 (a) **Lord Mountbatten** (b) Lord Sinha (c) C. Rajagopalachari (d) Mrs. Sarojini Naidu
- Q47. When did the present Constitution come into force?
 (a) **Jan, 26, 1950** (b) Nov, 26, 1950 (c) Aug 15, 1947 (d) Jan 30, 1948
- Q48. Martin Luther King was a -
 (a) French (b) Dutch (c) **USA** (d) English

- Q49. Which of the following states in India does not share boundary with Myanmar?
(a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Nagaland (c) Manipur (d) Assam
- Q50. A catalyst is a substance which:-
(a) Stops a chemical reaction (b) Helps initiate a reaction
(c) **Increases the speed of a reaction** (d) Decreases the speed of a reaction
- Q51. Holding of the elections for the Panchayats is decided by the:-
(a) Election Commission (b) **State Government**
(c) District Magistrate (d) Union Government
- Q52. Ten rupee currency notes bear the signature of the?
(a) Finance Minister (b) **RBI Governor** (c) Finance Secretary (d) Chief Economic Adviser
- Q53. Fiscal Policy is concerned with?
(a) Public revenue and expenditure (b) Issue of currency
(c) Population control (d) **None of these**
- Q54. "Gwadar Port" was developed and operated by China and is located in which of the following country?
(a) Sri Lanka (b) **Pakistan** (c) Afghanistan (d) China
- Q55. Coffee is produced largely in
(a) Assam (b) West Bengal (c) **Karnataka** (d) Tamil Nadu

Fill in the blanks.

- Q56. The Territorial Army in India was raised by British on 1920
- Q57. Capital of Brazil is - Brasilia
- Q58. The operation in which Osama-bin-Laden was killed by the US troops is called Operation Neptune Spear
- Q59. The present Secretary General, United Nations Organisation is - Ban Ki Moon
- Q60. Present Director General of WTO is - Roberto Azevêdo

ANSWERS ARE BOLD