

Russell hates war as also the system that helps to encourage and sustain war and war-like psychology. It is not only the physical horrors of war, but also the spiritual vacuum that war helps to create that disturbs Russell most. "A war", to use his words, "has a momentum of its own which is quite independent of the wishes of those who set it going."

*Questions :*

- (a) Name the two outstanding intellectuals of modern times. 2
- (b) What constitutes Russell's humanism and the motive force for his rebellion? 2
- (c) What were the causes of war in ancient times and what are its causes today? 2
- (d) What disturbs Russell the most? 2
- (e) Why, according to Russell, is war an evil? 2

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ENGLISH

( Science )

( Functional English—2 )

*Full Marks : 40*

*Time : 2 hours*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

1. Fill in the gaps of the following sentences with suitable words from the list given below (any four) : 1×4=4  
 fallacy, déjà vu, illusion, coincidence, superstitious
  - (a) I had a sense of \_\_\_\_\_, as if I was in a situation I had experienced before.
  - (b) The magician sawed his assistant in half, but we knew it was a/an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c) It may be a/an \_\_\_\_\_ that some people are accident-prone.
  - (d) He always avoids walking under ladders because he is very \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (e) We hadn't seen each other for years but we were both sitting on the same bus in Cairo, it was an amazing \_\_\_\_\_.

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2. Fill in the gaps of the following sentences with heart, hand, leg, foot or feet (any *four*) :

1×4=4

- (a) We had to learn the words by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) The new manager was given a free \_\_\_\_\_ to restructure the company.
- (c) My new job was hard at first, but I eventually found my \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) I didn't mean what I said, I was only pulling your \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) I shouldn't have mentioned his ex-wife—I think I put my \_\_\_\_\_ in my mouth.
- (f) If you need help, let me know and I'll give you a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Or**

Fill in the gaps of the following sentences with hard, soft, difficult or easy (any *four*) : 1×4=4

- (a) Computer equipments are known as \_\_\_\_\_ ware and the programs are known as \_\_\_\_\_ ware.
- (b) This new fabric is so \_\_\_\_\_ wearing that it will last a lifetime!
- (c) After a hard day at the office, I like to take it \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (d) These aren't guidelines, they are \_\_\_\_\_ and fast rules.

- (e) A \_\_\_\_\_ hearted interviewer can give candidates a very hard time and make life \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

3. Find out the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly (any *three*) : 1×3=3

- (a) The person which phone number you gave me, was not very helpful.

- (b) I'm sure it doesn't rain tomorrow.

- (c) You can't expect achieving success without to work hard.

- (d) I'll be glad when it will be time to go home.

- (e) The entire class passed the examination with flying colour.

4. Rewrite the following words correctly that are spelt incorrectly (any *ten*) :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$

accross; aggressive; campainging;  
underdevelopped; sanctaury; extincsion;  
enthusiasticly; replacable; camuouflage;  
disruppted; sieze; seperate.

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5. Discuss the differences in meaning between the following sentences :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$

David says he wants to visit his relations in Canada.

David said, "He wanted to visit his relations in Canada".

6. Match each item in *Column—A* with the appropriate item in *Column—B* (any six):

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$$

<i>Column—A</i>	<i>Column—B</i>
Perpendicular	Sidewalk
Rubbish	Normal
To ring someone up	Schedule
Tick	Pharmacy
Pavement	Checkmark
Time table	Garbage/Trash
Chemist	To call someone
Flat	Closet
Wardrobe	Apartment

**Or**

Use a negative prefix to form the opposite of each of the adjectives given below (any six) :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$$

- (a) Compatible
- (b) Sociable
- (c) Satisfied

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- (d) Stable
- (e) Adequate
- (f) Legitimate
- (g) Polite
- (h) Willing
- (i) Respectful
- (j) Credible

7. Imagine you are Rani/Rohit, an alumnus of X School, Guwahati (do not mention the name of the School). Describe a get-together of the alumni belonging to your alma mater. Mention in detail how social media like facebook, whatsapp, etc., helped in bringing you closer to your classmates some of whom you would have never met otherwise. 10

**Or**

Following is an advertisement for a job :

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Health and Hygiene*

We are looking for a young, self-motivated and energetic person to act as 'Awareness Campaigner' for our Programmes on Promotion of Cleanliness, Health and Hygiene

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Write an application for the job. Enclose your CV.

8. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

It is primarily as a humanist, a clear thinker and an intellectual of great wit and wisdom that Bertrand Russell has captured the imagination of the modern world. Russell in fact is one of the two outstanding intellectuals of modern times; the other is Aldous Huxley. It is true that Russell has initiated no philosophical thought as a school as such; philosophy in the context of today means interpretation of existing trends of thought. Nevertheless, he has given an intellectual structure to existing ideas and thoughts. As a rule, Russell could be

described as a system of ideas; he is in fact a disembodied intellect. In more than one sense he is in his own way a rebel in the world of thought, perhaps more intellectual than most of his contemporaries.

At the bottom of Russell's rebellion lies the simple horror of war. This accounts for his stubborn resistance to atomic power as a weapon of destruction. This in a nutshell constitutes his humanism and the motive force of his rebellion. The reasons that turned Einstein into a humanist are the reasons that turned Russell into one. The cause of war in ancient times was imperialist expansion, whereas today it is extension of the so-called spheres of influence through ideological expansion.

Whatever the cause of war today might be, Russell hates war with all the passions he has at his command. It does not matter whether it is ideological expansion or empire building of the Ottoman type. Since it is war, it is an evil; since it brings untold sufferings to humanity and causes destruction of civilizations, it is to be hated so that it might be obliterated from the world. Like Einstein, he is emphatic in his condemnation of the sight of young men marching forth into battleground to kill and get killed.