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

India is coming into its dividend as an unusually young country in an unusually ageing market — a young, fresh-faced nation in a graying world. Globally, more people than ever before are entering retirement. In fact, even by the 1980s, the heads of European countries had begun to worry out loud about Europe's falling population. 'Europe is vanishing...our countries will be empty.' The former French President Jacques Chirac had said—the continent was becoming a place of 'old people, living in old house, ruminating about old ideas'.

This trend of an ageing, shrinking population now visible across much of the developed world, is coinciding with India's experience of a demographic dividend that will last until 2050. This opens up interesting new opportunities for the country, as the challenge of maintaining wealth in ageing societies means that developed markets will have to increasingly outsource their labour requirements. In 2020 India is projected to have an additional forty-seven million workers, almost equal to the total world shortfall. The average Indian will be only twenty-nine years old, compared with the average age of thirty-seven in China and the United States, forty-five in Western Europe and forty-eight in Japan.

An early sign of the immense potential of our human capital has been the growth of India's IT sector and the rise of 'transformational outsourcing' by multinational firms across industries. The country has seen its global profile rise rapidly on the strength of its human capital—its entrepreneurs, scientists, engineers and management graduates.

India already has the second largest reservoir of skilled labour in the world. It produces two million English-speaking graduates, 15,000 law graduates and about 9000 PhDs every year. And the existing pool of 2.1 million engineering graduates increases by nearly 300,000 every year.

A talented pool of workers, along with abundant capital and investment, presents us with immense opportunities for creativity and innovation, which can in turn lead to rapid gains in productivity growth and GDP.

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a) Answer the following questions:

- 1) What is the advantage that India will soon enjoy compared to the western world?
  - A talented pool of workers, along with capital & investment
  - Immense opportunities for creativity & innovation, which can in turn leads to rapid gains in productivity growth & GDP
  - Large reservoir of skilled labour
- 2) What were the two things that were worrying the former French President? (2)
  - Europe's falling population
  - Continent becoming a place of old people, living in old house, ruminating about old ideas
- 3) Why do you think age is such an important factor for the economic health of a nation? (2)
  - Health problems are attached to age & it is said "Health is Wealth"
  - Fresh & young talents are efficient, effective creation & innovative in doing work as compared to old people
- 4) What has been the early visible sign of India's economic potential? (2)

Early sign of immense potential of our human capital has been growth of India's IT sector & rise of transformational outsourcing by multinational firms across industries. The country has seen its global profile rise rapidly on the strength of its human capital-its entrepreneur, scientists, engineers & management graduates
- 5) Give an appropriate title to the passage and say why you choose it? (2)

"Trend of ageing Across Nations" – As full passage describes about age pattern & its trend across the world. Whole paragraph is focusing on challenges attached with nations & its people.

b) Pick out words from the passage which mean the same as the following: (5)

- 1) An extra benefit that you do not expect to get Dividend
- 2) Thinking about something very carefully worry out loud
- 3) Becoming smaller Shrinking/ short full
- 4) Pertaining to study of population demographic
- 5) A person who organizes and operates a business entrepreneur

c) Find the opposites/antonyms of the following words from the passage: (5)

- 1) Decreases – increasingly

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2) Local – global

3) fall – rise

4) Slowly – rapidly

5) Restricted – immense/open/pool/abundant

2. You have been asked to write a report on flexible working hours for your company. You may write **for** or **against** this concept. The first paragraph of the report is given. The report should be of approximately 200 words. (15)

The report concerns the feasibility of allowing members of staff to start and stop work at the times that suit them best; the obvious proviso is, of course, that everyone should still work a total of 40 hours per week, as we do now. The suggestion of flexible working hours was put forward to the directors by certain members of staff, particularly those who have young children at school

## For

- When staff will be provided with flexible in working hours, they will give their 100% in doing the work which in turn will increase productivity
- They will do work in an effective & efficient manner
- They will not feel pressurized which again will improve their performance & in turn it will offer numerous positive impacts to the organization as well
- It will be an added on advantage to females as they can balance their personal & professional life easily
- When staff members will be given flexibility in doing their work, they will manage their personal works regularly which result in less absenteeism & labour turnover.
- To sum up, it will offer various benefits to staff as well as organization

## Against

- When flexibility will be provided, some staff members can take undue advantage.
- If they are free to own convenience, one may feel irritated as there will be change in daily times which will affect his performance
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- Whole working environment will be get affect in the sense that everyone coming & going as per their convenience which leads to disturbance
- Delay in work as in if 5 members are working in a project & out of 5 say 3, comes late then there will be problems in co-ordinating things which will directly affect their performance.
- Total performance of the organization will be affected as every department is clearly linked with each other.

3. Fill the gaps with **in, on** or **at**. **(10)**

- i There's a ticket machine at the entrance to the metro station.
- ii Chandni Chowk tube station is on the Yellow Line of Delhi Metro.
- iii Delhi Metro Fares are calculated based on the origin and destination stations using a fare chart.
- iv Refundable deposit of ₹50 must be paid at the time of purchasing the card.
- v Rahul found a Norwegian flag on the South Pole.
- vi There is snow in Kilimanjaro throughout the year.
- vii The mosquitoes that spread dengue usually bite at dusk and dawn.
- viii According to WHO dengue fever is now endemic in more than 100 countries.
- ix He was born at a small village in Uttar Pradesh.

4. You are a group of 6 friends, interested in visiting Thailand. You have seen an advertisement of Excellent Travels on the web. Write an email to them to enquire about a one week trip to Thailand. Ask about the following: **(10)**

- Place you should visit
- Accommodation
- Organization of sightseeing
- Total cost per head

To : Excellent Travel @gmail.com

Bcc/cc :

Subj : to enquire about one week trip to Thailand

Hello

Wih reference to your adverstisement5 on web, I wanted to enquire about the following

- Place one can visit in one week's time.
- Accommodation facility

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- Organization of sightseeing
- Total cost per head

We are in total 6 friends interested in visiting Thailand. Kindly provide me with all these details at the earliest

Looking forward to hear from you soon

Thanks

Regards

XYZ

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb given in brackets. (10)

- i The cars are parked on the street ahead. (is/are)
- ii The carpet has a lot of stains. (has/have)
- iii The Trade Union Members' Meeting is being held in the Conference Room. (is/are)
- iv Fifteen years is a very long time! (is/are)
- v Neither her father nor her mother is very tall. (is/are)
- vi Either this woman or that man has stolen the watch. (has/have)
- vii At the party, everyone was well dressed. (was/were)
- viii Baked beans and toast is my favourite dish for breakfast. (is/are)
- ix Many children were injured in the accident. (was/were)
- x Something seems amiss in this room. (seem/seems)