

## WB PSC MISC (Mains) Exam. – Practice Set

### Paper - II (English)

#### Answer

1. (a) It was Rabindranath's great misfortune that he lost more than one close relative within a span of a few years. But he did not allow this tragic experience to go waste. His compositions, 'Kheya' and 'Gitanjali' are the expression of this agony. His life and poetry, as if, were waiting for such a culmination. There was need for the scorching sun for the ripening of fruits. Without the growth of compassion in him, he could not have become the poet and spokes man of all people for all times. The death of close relatives cast a profound mystic spell on Rabindranath in his middle-age. He found in God close association of his lost relatives. He who had been a father so long became a friend and lover.
- (b) The joys of freedom are indeed difficult to describe they can only be fully appreciated by those who have had the misfortune to loose them for a time. With grief and sorrow, I occasionally notice that here and there are people who speak of freedom as though it were a mechanical invention, or a quack specific for which they have taken a patent. "Our ancestors," say they, "have struggled and have suffered for freedom. It is ours exclusively. We will not share it with those who have not shared our troubles, trials and misfortunes to attain it." I take it that is not an exalted view of freedom.
2. Freedom has elevated our prestige and position and offered us new opportunities. But it implies giving up idleness and narrow selfishness and working hard as discipline citizens. Everyone, in his own sphere, must work hard and give his best for national development. Idleness is the greatest crime in India today. All our problems would be solved if we can root out this crime by hard and sincere work for the welfare of the country. (74 words)
3. **PROS AND CONS OF E-LEARNING** শ্রুতিভাষ্য  
**Staff Reporter** : E-learning has transformed education by offering flexibility and accessibility, allowing students to learn from anywhere at any time, which is especially beneficial for working professionals or those with other commitments. Though traditional teaching is based in the classrooms with paper and pen, e-learning includes numerous types of media for delivering text, audio, images, animation, and streaming video etc. and it can occur in or out of the classroom. The delivery of education is made to a large number of recipients at the same or different times. One of the key advantages is that it eliminates geographical barriers, making education accessible to individuals in remote areas. Additionally, e-learning can be cost-effective as it reduces the need for physical infrastructure and transportation. There can be productive discussion between a teacher and a student irrespective of the place and time. However, e-learning also has its drawbacks. Students may feel isolated as they miss out the face-to-face interactions with teachers and it can be an obstruction to the development of social skills of them. Sometimes students with lack of technical knowledge cannot deal with this fast method of teaching. Technical issues, such as poor internet connectivity, can also hinder this learning. For the subjects with practical experience it is not helpful. With all the convenience, it also comes with challenges that need to be addressed for optimal learning outcomes.
4. (a) latest  
 (b) have gone শ্রুতিভাষ্য  
 (c) make out  
 (d) on  
 (e) had been walking
5. (a) No outsiders except the delegates were present.  
 (b) He prefers cycling to jogging.  
 (c) Each of the players performed well in the match.  
 (d) What type of books you like to read?  
 (e) He objected to my leaving the place.  
 (f) No sooner had he gone than I found his books.  
 (g) You must listen to your teacher's instructions.  
 (h) The application of the boy who was ill has been granted.
6. (a) Make two ends meet – Ronita worked extra hours to **make two ends meet**. শ্রুতিভাষ্য

- (b) Pie in the sky – Her dream of becoming a billionaire by next two years seemed like a **pie in the sky**. অ্যাচিভার্স
- (c) Hit the sack – After a long day's work, Mr. Roy felt very tired and wanted to **hit the sack**.
- (d) Beating a dead horse – He is still arguing on the matter which cannot be solved, as if he is **beating a dead horse**.
- (e) Miss the boat – The student **missed the boat** this year, she will appear for the board exam next year.
- (f) Bring up – Mahua is struggling to **bring up** her children alone.
- (g) Turn a blind eye – The police has **turned a blind eye** to the illegal activities around the police station. অ্যাচিভার্স
- (h) Put up with – The lady is **putting up with** the noise of quarrels from the next door everyday.

