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**Exam Duration: 1 Hour and 30 Minutes Total Marks: 20**

**Section A – (5 X 2 = 10 Marks)**

**Read the passage and answer the following questions**

There was once a rather amusing Mayor. It was very unusual. No matter how many times he told people to do things, they would never obey him. As he was also a peaceful and just Mayor, who didn't want to punish anyone, he ended up with no authority. So the Mayor decided to get a great expert to come up with a plan which would get people to obey him. The old expert, the wisest man in the area, provided many plans but he couldn't find a way to get people to obey the Mayor.

A young man, who was passing through, heard about the problem, and went quickly to Mayor’s Residence, telling the Mayor that he knew the solution. The Mayor seemed excited, and the young man gave him two small pieces of papers, with incredibly colorful writing on them.

-"These are the ideas that I have prepared for you, your highness. Use the first before saying that which you want your subjects to do, and use the second when they have done it. A smile will indicate that the person remains under your power. Do this, and the idea will last forever."

Everyone was interested, curious to hear the plan; especially the Mayor. Before using them he read them several times to himself, trying to memorize the writings. A worker was passing by, carrying a large bag in his arms. The Mayor said to him,

-"Please, Mohidur, come here and let me see that magnificent bag."

Mohidur, surprised by the Mayor's kindness, and never having heard him say 'please' before, approached the Mayor. The Mayor, and everyone else there, was surprised by how effective the plan had proven. The Mayor, after looking at the bag with little interest, said,

-"Thank you, Mohidur, you may go."

And the worker left, smiling. It had worked! And, even better, Mohidur remained under the Mayor's power, just as the young man had said! The grateful Mayor, festooned the young man with riches, and the young man decided to continue on his journey.

But before he left, the old expert approached him, asking him where he had gotten his extraordinary plans, begging the man to share this with him. The young man, who was nothing more than an intelligent teacher, told the expert the truth:

-"My ideas do not lie in those worthless papers which I wrote on arriving at the house. I got my ideas from school as a child. My teacher constantly repeated that with good manners you could get anything. And he was right. Your good Mayor only needed good manners and some politeness to get just what he wanted.”

1. **How did good manners help the Mayor to transform his impression into Good Mayor? Please describe your views with appropriate references from the text.**
2. **What is the definition of ‘Friend’? Is it mandatory to maintain certain etiquettes with our friends? If yes, what kind of etiquette should we maintain? If no, why? Describe the reason with appropriate examples.**

**Section B – (5 X 2 = 10 Marks)**

1. **Please observe the picture below and answer with examples from your point of view – “Rather than the universities; why parents are the first university for children?”**
2. Self-esteem is how you feel about yourself, or the opinion you have about yourself. Everyone has times when they feel a bit low or find it hard to believe in themselves. However, if this becomes a long-term situation, this can lead to problems, including mental health issues such as depression or anxiety. Some of the symptoms of low self-esteem can also be a sign of these problems. Self-esteem is often the result of a lifetime of experiences, and particularly what happened to us as children. However, it is possible to improve your self-esteem at any age.
   1. **By practicing ‘Thinking Out of the Box’, how can we achieve high Self-esteem? Please explain your stand with appropriate examples.**