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Instructions to Candidates

(1) This paper consists of seven pages and five (5) questions and the candidates are requested to write answers to all the questions.

(2) Your hand writing must be legible.

(3) Must write your index number in the box provided.

(4) Write answers to questions 1,2,3,4 in the paper itself and to question 5 in a separate paper.

Question No	Marks
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Q-1 Complete the paragraph using the words provided in the cage below.

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa

The magnitude of the Ebola outbreak in West Africa may be far (1)..... than the current statistics indicate. Officials from the World Health Organization said "Patients are flooding at (2)..... centers that have just been opened, and the recorded case and death tolls may vastly (3).....the magnitude of the outbreak".

For (4)....., the 80th bed treatment center that recently opened in Liberia's (5)..... filled up(6)..... and dozens of people lined up the next day to be treated for Ebola. The latest WHO figures peg the death toll at 1,069, with nearly 2,000 (7)..... cases.

At this point, Ebola cases have been reported in Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. In a bit of good news, no new cases have been (8)..... in Nigeria following the deaths of three people in the past month, according to the latest update from WHO.

Experts from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and (9)..... have helped Nigerian health officials with monitoring efforts in that country, and that has kept the number of (10)..... cases down, WHO said. The CDC is also providing computer software and hardware to the countries hit (11).....hardest by Ebola, so officials there can track and analyze the outbreak's spread in real time, WHO(12).....

And food is being delivered to the more than 1 million people who are now in (13)..... zones by the World Food (14)..... These zones are mostly (15).....located where the borders of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone intersect.

treatment, , example, capital, , confirmed, detected, , additional, added, quarantine, Programme, greater, underestimate, immediately, Prevention

2. Read the text and answer the questions given below. 00294

Earthquake Devastates Nepal

A powerful earthquake shook Nepal on Saturday near its capital, Katmandu, killing more than 1,900 people, flattening sections of the city's historic center, and trapping dozens of sightseers in a 200-foot watchtower that came crashing down into a pile of bricks.

As officials in Nepal faced the devastation on Sunday morning, they said that most of the 1,931 deaths occurred in Katmandu and the surrounding valley, and that more than 4,700 people had been injured. But the quake touched a vast expanse of the subcontinent. It set off avalanches around Mount Everest, where at least 17 climbers died. At least 34 deaths occurred in northern India. Buildings swayed in Tibet and Bangladesh.The earthquake, with a magnitude of 7.8, struck shortly before noon, and residents of Katmandu ran into the streets and other open spaces as buildings fell, throwing up clouds of dust. Wide cracks opened on paved streets and in the walls of city buildings. Motorcycles tipped over and slid off the edge of a highway.

By midafternoon, the United States Geological Survey had counted 12 aftershocks, one of which measured 6.6.Seismologists have expected a major earthquake in western Nepal, where there is pent-up pressure from the grinding of the Indian tectonic plate as is it forced underneath the Eurasian plate to the north. Still, witnesses described a chaotic rescue effort during the first hours after the quake as emergency workers and volunteers grabbed tools and from construction sites, and dug with hacksaws, mangled reinforcing bars and their hands.

Though many have worried about the stability of the concrete high-rises that have been hastily erected in Katmandu, the most terrible damage on Saturday was to the oldest part of the city, which is studded with temples and palaces made of wood and unmortared brick.

Four of the area's seven Unesco World Heritage sites were severely damaged in the earthquake: Bhaktapur Durbar Square, a temple complex built in the shape of a conch shell; Patan Durbar Square, which dates to the third century; Basantapur Durbar Square, which was the residence of Nepal's royal family until the 19th century; and the Boudhanath Stupa, one of the oldest Buddhist monuments in the Himalayas.

For many, the most breathtaking architectural loss was the nine-story Dharahara Tower, which was built in 1832 on the orders of the queen. The tower had recently reopened to the public, and visitors could ascend a spiral staircase to a viewing platform around 200 feet above the city.

(1) Where did the most number of deaths occur?

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(2) How many aftershocks had they counted?

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(3) Where was the royal family living until the nineteenth century?

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(4) What is the name of the tower which was built in 1832?

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(5) Write down the names of the plates mentioned in the text?

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(6) What was the magnitude of the highest quake?

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(7) Why did the residents in Kathmandu run in to streets and to open spaces?

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(8) What organization is maintaining the heritage sites in Nepal?

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(9) Why did the workers and volunteers grab the tools and bulldozers?

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(10) What is your idea about the concrete high -rise erected in Kathmandu?

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Writing Memos

Read the following guide lines and write a memo to all the heads of the different departments of the company to be ready with reports and slide shows to be present at the meeting which will be held on 18 th June 2015, in not more than 100 words.

(a) Assume that, you are the managing director of ABC Company, and the general manager of the mother Company hopes to visit all the daughter companies including your one on 17 th June 2015.

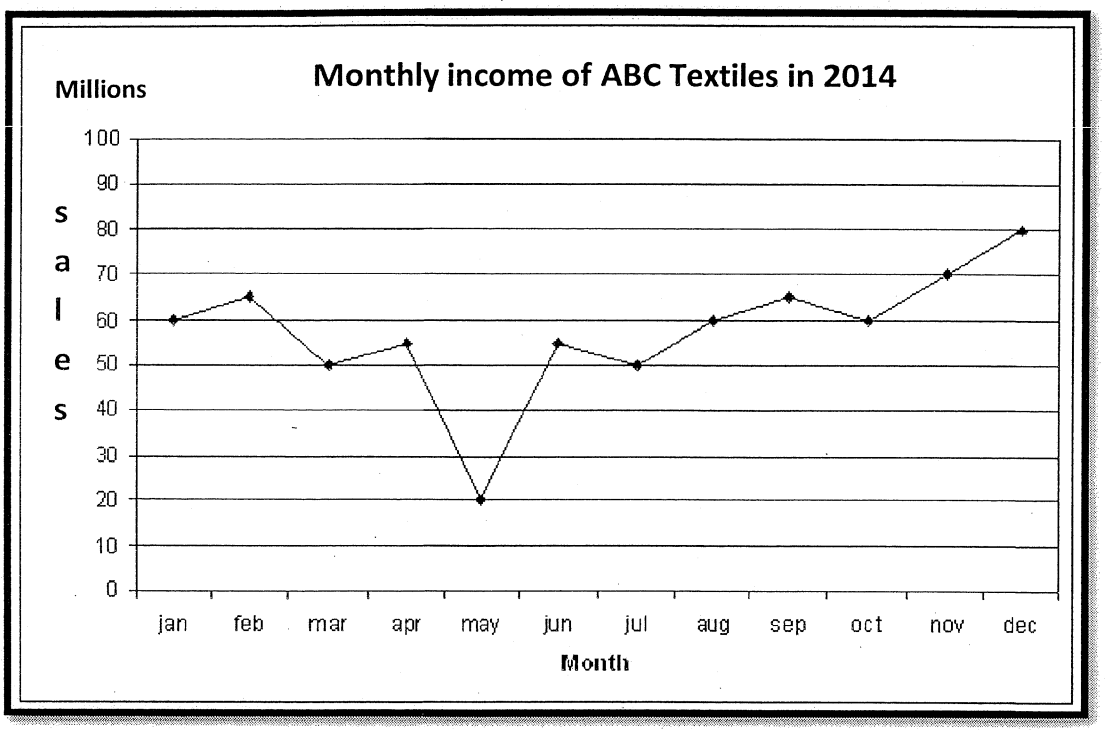
(b) He hopes to discuss the progress of your company.

(c) He expects latest reports of transactions to witness the progress all the sections of your company.

(d) He further expects slide shows.

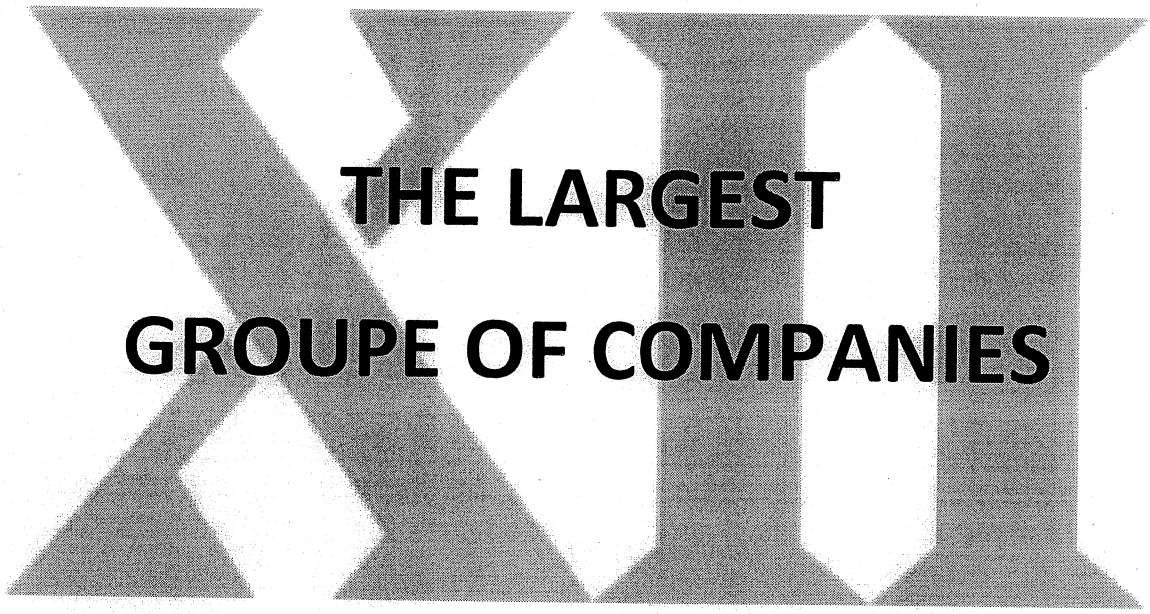
Q-4

The graph shows the monthly income of ABC Textiles Company which ex garments to Europe. Study the trends of the graph and describe it with possible re the fluctuations of the income of the company in about 100 words.



London Observer (News Paper) published the following advertisement in the news paper. Write curriculum vitae for the above post. You may use an extra paper to write the answer.

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c. Must ready to work long hours.