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Duration: 1hr. Human Values (Sec.C) Marks: 20

**Q.1 Write short notes on the following (any 2)**

**a. Value education and its need. 1+2=3**

Ans.: The subject that enables us to understand ‘what is valuable’ for human happiness is called value education.

The current education system has become largely skill-based. The main focus is on science and technology. It has been observed that science and technology can only help in **attainment of what is considered valuable** and it is not within the scope of science and technology to provide the **competence to** **decide** what really is valuable. Therefore, Value Education plays a crucial link to fill this gap of the present education system.

**b. Swatva, Swatantrata and Swarajya. 1+1+1=3**

Ans.: Swatva: Identifying the innateness of what one really wants to be.

Swatantrata: Being self-organized: being in harmony with oneself.

Swarajya: Self-expression, self-extension: living in harmony with others, and thus participating in harmony in the whole universe.

**c. Process of self-exploration. 3**

Ans.: It is a process of self evolution through self investigation.

The following points are to be kept in mind regarding the process of Self-Exploration:

* Whatever is stated is a proposal
* Don’t start by assuming it to be true or false
* Verify it on your own right
* Don’t just accept or reject it on the basis of scriptures, instruments or on the basis of others.
* The following two steps are involved in the process of Self-Exploration**:**

       - Firstly, verify the proposal on the basis of your natural acceptance  
  
       - Secondly, live according to the proposal to validate it experientially.

**Q.2 Answer the following questions (any 3) 2x3=6**

**a. Explain the mechanism of self-exploration.**

Ans.: there are two mechanisms of self-exploration:

1. Natural acceptance
2. Experiential validation.

**b. Why the ‘self’’ is considered as a sole enjoyer, seer, or doer and the ‘body’ as an instrument?**

Ans.: The self is considered as the seer, doer and sole enjoyer because, it is the self which is the ultimate receiver of whatever the body does. The ‘I’ sees the outside world through the eyes which is a part of body but the pleasure of it is received by ‘I’ only. Similarly, once ‘I’ sees something and understands it, ‘I’ decides what should be done and what should not be. So, ‘I’ takes help from body. Lastly, ‘I’ uses the body as its instrument to accomplish any of the tasks and receives all the pleasure.

**c. What are the basic requirements to fulfil basic human aspirations?**

Ans.: Our basic aspirations are happiness (mutual fulfillment) and prosperity (mutual prosperity).

Right Understanding: This refers to higher order human skills – the need to learn and utilize our intelligence most effectively.

Good Relationships: This refers to the interpersonal relationships that a person builds in his or her life – at home, at the workplace and in society.

Physical Facilities: This includes the physiological needs of individuals and indicates the necessities as well as the comforts of life. It means the feeling of having or being able to have more physical facilities than is needed.

**d. What is the difference between human and animal consciousness?**

Ans.: Giving all priorities to physical facilities only, or to live solely on the basis of physical facilities, may be termed as ‘Animal Consciousness’. Living with all three: Right understanding, Relationship and Physical facilities is called ‘Human Consciousness’. For animal, physical facility is necessary as well as complete – whereas for human beings it is necessary but not complete.

**Q.3 Answer to the following questions (any 2)**

**a. What do you mean by self-exploration? Why is it important in one’s life (Purpose)?**

**1+3=4**

Ans.: By self exploration we mean finding out what is valuable and right to the self through investigating within the self. It is a process of focusing on the self, self-belief, aspiration.

**The purpose of Self-Exploration is to understand the following:**

It is a process of dialogue between ‘what you are’ and ‘what you really want to be’.

It is a process of self evolution through self-investigation.

It is a process of knowing oneself and through that, knowing the entire existence.

It is a process of recognizing one’s relationship with every unit in existence and fulfilling it.

It is a process of knowing human conduct, human character and living accordingly.

It is a process of being in harmony with oneself and in harmony with entire existence.

It is a process of identifying our innateness(Svatva) and moving towards Self-Organization(Swantantrata) and Self-Expression(Swarajya)

**b. ‘All human beings aspire/desire for continuous happiness and prosperity’. Explain. Analyse the current scenario of our society.** **3+1=4**

Ans.: Prosperity, is related to material things or physical facilities whereas, happiness relates to harmony both with desire and physical facilities. Basic Human Aspiration is: pursuit of Continuous Happiness and Prosperity. Happiness is ensured by the relationships with other human beings and prosperity is ensured by working on physical facilities. Our aspiration in material terms is may be long but our basic desire is attainment of happiness only. In our life we make continuous effort to do things that make us happy i.e we continuously strive for happiness.

**The current scenario:** Presently every individual is trying to achieve happiness and prosperity by maximizing accumulation and consumption of physical facilities. It is becoming anti-ecological and anti-people, and threatening the human survival itself. It has been observed that due to such problems individuals as well as family and society and nature is affected.

**c. ‘Human being is co-existence of the self(I) and the body’. Elaborate.**  **4**

Ans.: When we refer to someone as Human beings, we find there is a familiar shape and structure of human body-like features. The body is made-up like a complex, perfect machine that has increasingly complex levels of organization progressing from cell to tissues to organs to organ systems and finally to organism. But in addition to the body, we are also aware of the aliveness of the person- the entities that keep the body alive and make it operate in various ways. We perceive this aliveness in the activity demonstrated by the person like their seeing, talking, listening, walking, eating, etc. On a deeper examination of the aliveness, we sense the subtler activities of the person – the person’s feelings, thinking, believing etc. It is impossible to imagine a human being – a person that is alive- without these two aspects namely the body and the aliveness, called I. Thus human being is a co-existence of Body and I.

Those who do not believe that human being is more than Body, will be required to explain why sudden shocking news will destroy the appetite completely also why a vivid description of the most luscious eatables will make anybody hungry, even within an hour after a hearty meal. The other example include, we do not say my legs started walking by themselves! We say, I decided to walk i.e. the decision to walk is taken by I and not the legs which is part of the body.