

## Answer all the questions

## SECTION-A

## (READING)

## 1. Read the passage carefully:

1. Oct. 14: Chancellor Amartya Sen today came calling to Nalanda University and interacted with its students, exactly 44 days after the revival of the ancient seat of learning.
2. Sen spent over one –and –a- half hours in the evening with the 13 first-batch students of the international university at Rajgir International Convention Centre, around 15 km from the ruins of the ancient institution and 110 km southeast of Patna. He interacted with each one of them and inspired them to aspire for academic excellence. He also thanked the students for joining the University.
3. The classes of Nalanda University started on September 1. It sets sail with two schools – School of Ecology and Environment Studies and School of Historical Studies.
4. External affairs minister Sushma Swaraj officially inaugurated the varsity on September 19. But Sen could not make it on either occasion because of his prior engagements at Harvard University. A source said Sen made up his mind to meet the Nalanda University students today after his plan of visiting University of Geneva was finalized.
5. The students were thrilled after their maiden interaction with Sen a day after French economist Jean Tirole won the 2014 Nobel Prize for economics. Their chancellor was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1998.
6. Coming out of the session, Daniel, a student of School of Ecology and Environment Studies, said: “ Sir (Sen) asked me where do I hail from and what are my expectations from the University.
7. Daniel, who has a master’s degree in peace and Conflict Resolution from Mysore University, told Sen: “ After completing the master’s in Ecology and Environment Studies from Nalanda University, I wanted to join United Nations.”
8. The Chancellor also spoke to every faculty member of the University in the presence of the Varsity’s Vice- Chancellor, Gopa Sabharwal, dean (academics) Anjana Sharma, administrative head Sridhar V.K. and other officials. He congratulated them too for joining the university.
9. Coming out of the convention centre, Sabharwal said, “the session was very informative and the Nobel laureate discussed the importance of the revival of Nalanda University and how the revival of An ancient university can become a milestone for a state like Bihar.
10. The Nalanda University Chancellor came to Rajgir from Patna, where he landed yesterday. The then Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi met him in a city hotel.
11. After the interaction, Nitish posted on his Facebook, “Enlightened by a stimulating discussion with Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, Vice- Chancellor of Nalanda University Gopa Sabharwal and dean Anjana Sharma.. Nalanda University will forever transform the way our future generations view the glorious foundations of knowledge and culture that once existed in Bihar.
12. Nitish in his tenure took keen interest in the University, the idea of which was first floated by then President APJ Abdul Kalam in 2006. Sen played a pivotal role in carrying it forward.
13. At present, the varsity has five students in School of Historical studies and eight in school of Ecology and Environment Studies. There are four faculty members in School of Ecology and Environment Studies and six in School of Historical Studies.

**1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer each of the questions given below with the help of options that follow :**

[6]

- (i) Nalanda University has been inaugurated by .....
- (a) Nitish Kumar (b) Amartya Sen

(c) Sushma Swaraj (d) APJ Abdul Kalam

(ii) Rajgir is situated in the ..... of Patna.

(a) East (b) North  
(c) North West (d) South East

(iii) Nalanda University has been started with ..... Schools.

(a) 4 (b) 2  
(c) 6 (d) 1

(iv) 2014 Nobel Prize for Economics has been awarded to .....

(a) Gopa Sabharwal (b) Nitish Kumar  
(c) Jean Tirole (d) Amartya Sen

(v) The Vice- Chancellor of Nalanda University is .....

(a) ) Amartya Sen (b) Anjana Sharma  
(c) Gopa Sabharwal (d) Jean Tirole

(vi) The word 'transform' in Para 11 means the same as .....

(a) Revolutionize (b) change  
(c) Halt (d) decorate

**1.2 Answer the following questions briefly: [1x4 = 4]**

1. Where did Amartya Sen interact with the students of Nalanda University ? Why did he not attend the inauguration of the university?
2. Which are the schools started at Nalanda University now?
3. Who is Daniel? What is his goal?
4. What did Nitish Kumar post on his Facebook about the University?

**1.3 Find out words from the passage that mean the same as the following:**

**[2]**

- (a) Very old [para 2]  
(b) very important [para 12]

## **SECTION-B**

### **(WRITING)**

**2. You are Pratibha of class X. Write an article on "Ill effects on students of too much of television"**

**You can use the following clues: [8]**

- **Increasing addiction**
- **Great variety of programmes**
- **Easy availability**
- **Neglect of studies**
- **Drop in academic performance**
- **Result – poor physical and mental health**

## **SECTION-C**

### **(GRAMMAR)**

**4. Rearrange the words to form meaningful sentences. The first one is done for you:**

**[3]**

e.g. nation / are/ precious/ property/ of / children/ every/ most/ the

Children are the most precious property of every nation.

(a) The / and /cup /seeds /my /them / garden /collect /I/ from /plant /in

(b) birthdays /them /their /gift /friends / to /I /my /on

(c) my /plants /sad /I /if /harms /feel /someone / or /breaks

**5. The following passage has not been edited . Identify the errors in each line and write them along with the corrections in your answer sheet as given in the example.**

**[7]**

Life was a precious gift of God.  
We would enjoy it. We can make  
life both a bed of roses or a bed of thorns.  
It depends upon his wisdom. Life  
with wisdom is useless. It becomes  
dangerous too many a time. I who  
leads the life without wisdom can  
never enjoy it. We can enjoy our life then  
we are full of wisdom.

	<b>incorrect</b>	<b>correct</b>
eg:	was	is
(a)	_____	_____
(b)	_____	_____
(c)	_____	_____
(d)	_____	_____
(e)	_____	_____
(f)	_____	_____
(g)	_____	_____

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