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**SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**LIMITED DEPARTMENTAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR**  
**ASSISTANT ACCOUNTS OFFICERS (GROUP B)**  
**DATED 01.12.2008.**

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION (WITHOUT BOOKS)**  
**PROFESSIONAL PAPER – I**

**Time allowed: 3 Hours**

**Max.Marks: 150**

- Section 'A': GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND ENGLISH (50 MARKS)**
- Section 'B': GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF GOVT. ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO RAILWAYS (50 MARKS)**
- Section 'C': BOOKS AND BUDGET (INCL.TRAFFIC BOOK) (50 MARKS)**

**NOTE:**

- 1) **All SECTIONS** have to be answered.
- 2) **Do not write** your Roll Number anywhere in the answer sheet **except** in the column provided on the **TOP SHEET**.
- 3) **Do not write** your name anywhere in the answer sheet.
- 4) **Calculators are not permitted.**

**SECTION 'A'**

**GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND ENGLISH: (50 MARKS)**

**Q.1: Expand the following abbreviations (Any SIX)**

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- (a) RTGS
- (b) IAEA
- (c) NREGS
- (d) ISRO
- (e) BCCI
- (f) SEBI
- (g) VAT
- (h) NSG

**Q2. With which sport are the following associated (Any SIX)**

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- (a) Usain Bolt
- (b) Yelena Isinbeyeva
- (c) Viswanathan Anand
- (d) Saina Nehwal
- (e) Michael Phelps
- (f) Jeev Milkha Singh
- (g) Avinash Bindra

Q3. Name the following (Any SIX) 3

- (a) President elect of USA
- (b) Prime Minister of Nepal
- (c) President of Pakistan
- (d) Governor of Reserve Bank of India
- (e) Winner of the Nobel Prize for Economics in 2008
- (f) Prime Minister of Afghanistan
- (g) Headquarters of CORE

Q4. Why were the following in the news recently (Any FIVE) 5

- (a) Sourav Ganguly
- (b) Nano
- (c) Sarah Palin
- (d) Nicholas Sarkozy
- (e) D.Raja
- (f) Hemant Karkare
- (g) Vikram Pandit

Q5. Write short notes on the following (Any TWO) 4

- (a) Sub-prime crisis
- (b) Chandrayan II
- (c) Indo US Nuclear Cooperation
- (d) 3G
- (e) Official Language Policy Implementation on IR.

Q6. Match the following 2

'A'	'B'
Adiga	Singur
Imagining India	Booker Prize
Mamta Banerjee	Sri Lanka
LTTE	Nandan Nilekani

Q7. (a) What are the states served by South Central Railway ? 5  
(b) Name the Zonal Railways (and their Headquarters) which are adjacent to South Central Railway.

OR

- (a) What are 'A', 'B', 'C' regions under Official Language Rules ?
- (b) What are the duties and responsibilities of the Mukhya Rajbhasha Adhikari of a Zonal Railway ?

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- Q8. Choose the correct word to fill in the blanks: 4
- (a) After every match, the coach spends half an hour doing an/a \_\_\_\_\_ (autopsy, post mortem).
- (b) Take finance department's \_\_\_\_\_ (advise, advice) with a pinch of salt.
- (c) James Bond has \_\_\_\_\_ (license, licence) to kill. When you \_\_\_\_\_ (license, licence) someone, you give permission.

- Q9. Use <sup>each</sup> any of the following expression in sentences: 3
- (a) 'pigeonhole someone'
- (b) frightfully good
- (c) grow on someone

- Q10. Use the following pairs of words in sentences of your own. 3
- (a) adept - adapt
- (b) cite - site
- (c) through - thorough

- Q.11. Fill in the blanks with words or set of words that best reflects the sentence's overall meaning from the five words or sets of words which follow the sentence. 5
- (a) Like the theory of evolution, the big-bang model of the universe's formation has undergone modification and \_\_\_\_\_, but it has \_\_\_\_\_ all serious challenges.
- (A) alteration .... confirmed
- (B) refinement ....resisted
- (C) transformation .. ignored
- (D) evaluation ... acknowledged
- (E) refutation .. misdirected.
- (b) A University training enables a graduate to see things as they are, to go right to the point, to disentangle a \_\_\_\_\_ of thought.
- (A) line
- (B) strand
- (C) mass
- (D) plethora
- (E) skein

(c) You may wonder how the expert on fossil remains is able to trace descent through teeth, which seem \_\_\_\_\_ pegs upon which to hang whole ancestries.

- (A) novel
- (B) reliable
- (C) specious
- (D) inadequate
- (E) academic

(d) An essential purpose of the criminal justice system is to enable purgation to take place; that is to provide a \_\_\_\_\_ by which a community expresses its collective \_\_\_\_\_ the transgression of the criminal.

- (A) catharsis ... outrage at
- (B) disclaimer .. forgiveness of
- (C) means .. sympathy with
- (D) procedure.... Distaste for
- (E) document .. disapprobation of

(e) Although he was generally considered an extremely \_\_\_\_\_ individual, his testimony at the trial revealed that he had been very \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) intrepid .... valiant
- (B) Guileless ... hypocritical
- (C) abstemious ... temperate
- (D) meek .. timorous
- (E) ingenuous .... obtuse

(f) A perpetual spinning of particles is much like that of a top, the particles have no need to be wound up, for \_\_\_\_\_ is one of their \_\_\_\_\_ properties.

- (A) revolution .. radical
- (B) motion .. intangible
- (C) rotation .. intrinsic
- (D) acceleration ... lesser
- (E) collision ... hypothetical

(g) Book publishing has long been \_\_\_\_\_ profession, partly because, for younger editors, the best way to win a raise or a promotion was to move on to another publishing house.

- (A) an innovative
- (B) a prestigious
- (C) an itinerant
- (D) a rewarding
- (E) an insular

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(h) For centuries, physicists have had good reason to believe in the principle of equivalence propounded by Galileo; it has \_\_\_\_\_ many rigorous tests that \_\_\_\_\_ its accuracy to extraordinary precision.

- (A) endured .. compromised
- (B) passed .. presupposed
- (C) borne .. postulated
- (D) survived .. proved
- (E) inspired ... equated.

(i) Surprisingly to those who view the ocean floor as a uniformly \_\_\_\_\_ waste, each vent in the floor, where seawater is heated by the earth's interior magma, has been found to be an island-like \_\_\_\_\_ with its own distinctive fauna.

- (A) teeming .... habitat
- (B) lifeless ... enclave
- (C) barren ... oasis
- (D) sunken .. grotto
- (E) hazardous .. environment

(j) Rather than allowing these dramatic exchanges between the characters to develop fully, the Director unfortunately tends to \_\_\_\_\_ the discussions involving the two women.

- (A) exacerbate
- (B) protract
- (C) augment
- (D) truncate
- (E) elaborate

Q12. In each of the following, a related pair of words is followed by five pair of words. Select the pair that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed in the original pair. 5

(a) **GLINT: LIGHT::**

- (A) blare : sound
- (B) whiff : scent
- (C) shade : colour
- (D) glut : food
- (E) wave : tide

(b) **AGITATOR: FIREBRAND::**

- (A) miser : spendthrift
- (B) renegade : turncoat
- (C) anarchist : backslider
- (D) maverick : scapegoat
- (E) reprobate : hothead

(c) **DISPASSIONATE: PARTISANSHIP::**

- (A) enthusiastic : zealousness
- (B) disconsolate : sorrow
- (C) intemperate : moderation
- (D) volatile : immobility
- (E) ardent : involvement

(d) **DEFLECT: MISSILE::**

- (A) defend : fortress
- (B) reflect : mirror
- (C) diversify : portfolio
- (D) dismantle : equipment
- (E) distract : attention

(e) **MULISH: PLIANCY::**

- (A) piggish : gluttony
- (B) sluggish : reluctance
- (C) kittenish : motility
- (D) apish : servility
- (E) shrewish : amiability

Q13. Write a short passage of about 200 words on any of the following.

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- (a) A thing of beauty is a joy forever.
- (b) Lies, damn lies, statistics
- (c) Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.