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Attempt all questions.

1. **Imagine you have got your dream job with an attractive remuneration, write a diary entry in about 150 words describing your experience.** 10
2. **Write a paragraph in about 150 words on how the use of eco-friendly and biodegradable idols for socio-religious functions, over the last few years, has contributed to a safe environment.** 10
3. **Read the following passage taken from a national daily and do as directed after the passage:**

If women instinctively fear for their safety every time they step out of their homes in the Capital, do they even enjoy the

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most basic of rights, that of free movement, enshrined in the Constitution? On Monday, a national daily report detailed the plight of women whose lives have drastically changed since becoming victims of snatching. The same evening a Delhi journalist, who resisted snatching, sustained severe injuries. While the number of registered cases of snatching has dropped from 8,231 in 2017 to 6,932 last year, it is still a large enough number—19 victims a day—for the city to make women's safety in public spaces a top priority.

To be sure, men have also been victims of snatching and the ensuing violence. But women have been targeted in much larger numbers. Men may not think twice before accessing public spaces, but women clearly do. This denial to women of their mobility in public places stems from India's deep patriarchy. According to the report in the stated national daily, women are forced to take steps like using less or no jewellery, wearing kurtas with pockets, not travelling through dimly-lit areas, all in order to protect themselves. Cities, considered engines of growth, cannot drive progress if nearly half the population cannot walk the streets without fear. Changing this won't just contribute to improving the dismal gender gap index (India ranks 108 of 149 countries, 2018). It will also give women, as equal citizens of the country, the right to safety. India has witnessed a dip in women participation in the labour force, and one reason is precisely the absence of safety.

There are solutions. One, mobilize the police to use effective methods, including CCTV systems and thorough investigation, to pursue criminals. Two, enact stronger legislation by recognizing snatching as a non-bailable crime, with severe punishment, to deter criminals. Three, evolve a more gendered approach to city planning, which balances development with safety. Public spaces—roads, pavements and public transportation—must be safe for all those who use them. (340 words)

Questions :

- (a) Make notes based on your understanding of the passage. 5
 - (b) Write a summary in one paragraph of about 100 words to bring out the essence of the passage and give it a suitable title. 8+2
4. A highly reputed chain of gymnasiums has advertised for the post of Fitness Manager, in a newspaper. Keeping in mind the eligibility criteria and other requirements of the post, prepare the following :
- (a) Your Resume/CV. 10
 - (b) A covering letter addressed to the Director of the Gymnasium. 5
5. A friend has recently adopted a disabled stray dog. Write an informal letter in about 150 words congratulating him for the same, suggesting measures to make the dog comfortable. 7

6. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting the issue of chain snatching and ensuing violence against victims, in your city, suggesting possible remedies to tackle the menace. 8
7. Write a review in about 200 words of a book you have read recently. 10

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