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## Writing Skills Test

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Q.1 Write an essay of approximately 300 words on any one of the following topics:

- (i) Rise of Artificial Intelligence
- (ii) Contingency planning – a must for all walks of life
- (iii) Importance of civic sense
- (iv) Terrorism – a common challenge

Your essay will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Introduction and conclusion.
- Quality of text, use of idioms and phrases.
- Language, vocabulary, organization and logical presentation of ideas.

*(Word count also carries mark)*

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Q.2 Write a précis of 125-135 words of the following passage. *(Word count carries mark)*

During World War II (WWII), a vast majority of the world's countries fought on one of the two different sides i.e. the Allies Powers and the Axis Powers. The main Allied powers were Great Britain, the United States, China and the Soviet Union whereas the main Axis powers were Germany, Japan and Italy. However, some countries stayed neutral and did not fight from either side.

The common purpose of the Axis Powers was to expand their territories beyond their existing boundaries. On the other hand, the Allies wanted to defeat the Axis powers and create a peaceful post-war world. The Allies' creation was a response to the aggression and unprovoked war the Axis had unleashed upon the world. Each country under Allies power had different ideas about what this post war world would look like. Britain wanted to create a post-war Europe that would prevent Germany from rising again. The United States wanted a permanent end to the fascist regimes of Germany, Italy and Japan and to foster democracy throughout the world. The Soviet Union wanted to crush Germany and gain influence over Europe. The United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union coordinated their foreign and military policies and created institutions in common to support these policies and win the war.

During the final stage of WWII, the United States detonated two nuclear bombs over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August 1945 respectively. The United States dropped the bombs after obtaining the consent of Great Britain, as required by the Quebec Agreement. This Agreement stipulated that the United States and Great Britain would pool their resources to develop nuclear weapons and that neither country would use them against each other nor against other countries without mutual consent. The Agreement also did not permit passing of nuclear weapon related information to other countries.

The two bombings killed hundreds of thousands people, most of whom were civilians. The bombing on Hiroshima and Nagasaki remains the only use of nuclear weapons in the history of armed conflict. Japan announced its surrender to the Allies within a week after the bombing of Nagasaki. On 2 September 1945, the Japanese government signed the instrument of surrender, effectively ending WWII. The ethical and legal justification for the bombings is still debated to this day.

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Q.3 Venus Satellite Network (VSN) has rights to broadcast the matches of Football Super League (FSL) which is a premium tournament of the region. The league is underway; however, the management of FSL has received a notice from VSN stating that VSN would not broadcast FSL's matches after three days without assigning any specific reason. Despite immediate telephonic contact and attempts to resolve the issue, VSN remains rigid on its stance.

Assume that your name is Sultan Zaid and you are Project Manager of FSL responsible for managing broadcasting contracts. Write a letter to Javed Ansari, Chief Operating Officer of VSN, expressing displeasure of FSL on VSN's action and the course of action FSL might take in case VSN does not resume the broadcasting.

FSL's office is situated at Level 1, Burj Jannah, Sharjah, UAE while VSN's office is situated at Communication Street, Dubai Sports City, UAE. You may use your imagination and make further relevant assumptions to strengthen your arguments.

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