

## English Writing Ability

(For the Post of Junior Superintendent)

Full Marks: 20

Date: 06/11/2020

Answer all the questions. All the sections carry equal marks.

4X5

### Section A

1. Write the draft of a letter to the Accounts Officer letting the latter know that your office is well prepared for an internal audit. (Not more than 100 words)

### Section B

2. Write a paragraph on 'Nationalism in India'. (Not more than 200 words)

### Section C

3. a) Give the adjective of **cow**.  
b) Find the odd word here: i) arcane, ii) abstruse, iii) esoteric, iv) generic  
c) The word **feline** is the adjective for i) horse, ii) dog, iii) cat, iv) bull  
d) and e) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:

Contrary... the dominant narratives in the European consciousness, witchcraft and wizardry constitute a predominantly benevolent parallel universe...the fictional world of Harry Potter.

### Section D

4. Write a précis of the following paragraph and add a suitable title.

In one of the iconic short fictions of Jorge Luis Borges, "On Exactitude in Science" (1946), we meet a group of imperial cartographers obsessed with the exact correspondence between imperial geography and its map, and subsequently engaged in the arduous task of producing a map of the "Empire whose size was that of the Empire, and which coincided point for point with it." Earlier maps of provinces as large as cities or of the Empire that covered an entire province are deemed "unconscionable," and not before long the Cartographers Guild finds the ideal mimetic match between the Empire and its map occupying the same space. Borges's fabulous account of scientific "exactitude" provokes nervous laughter in his readers. Nervous, because it not only challenges one's routine expectations from mapmaking—that maps should present diminutive versions of given territories through graphic and semiotic codes, or that maps are instruments of measurement, inquiry, and examination—but also forces one to confront the heart of imperial fantasy. (163 words)