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Subject : English (General)

Time : 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks : 75

Note : Attempt All questions.

Q.1 (A) Choose the correct alternative :

[1×5=5]

(i) The big kite flew away because

- (a) he was kind
- (b) he wanted to encourage the little kite
- (c) he was clever
- (d) he was cold

(ii) Beinkensopp did not bring the _____ for P.E.

- (a) money
- (b) book
- (c) kit
- (d) fee

(iii) What did the bad guys do in the poem *Including All My Friends*?

- (a) Played and talked to us
- (b) Said bad words about us
- (c) Said they are our friends
- (d) Said good words

(iv) In the poem *About Me* the poet wants to be treated at least like a/an

- (a) animal
- (b) bird
- (c) angel
- (d) person



(v) Sumba imagines _____ in the poem.

(a) dragon

(b) cats

(c) dogs

(d) rats

(B) Fill in the blanks using correct alternatives :

[1×5=5]

(i) Mr. Ghanshyam is _____ honourable man. (a, an, the)

(ii) He has been suffering from fever _____ Monday. (for, since, of)

(iii) She gave me _____ books yesterday. (any, some, little)

(iv) The old man died _____ malaria. (at, of, for)

(v) Work hard _____ you should fail. (or, lest, but)

(C) Match actions in Column 'A' with actions in Column 'B' to make meaningful sentences :

[1×5=5]

Column 'A'

Column 'B'

(i) I found the house locked – (a) until you give him money

(ii) If you speak too much – (b) bring me that book

(iii) As soon as he saw a lion – (c) when I reached there

(iv) Whenever you go to market – (d) he ran away

(v) The beggar will not go away – (e) you will be caught

Note : Question Nos. 2 to 6 are based on the following passage :

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Another great step, which may have come either before or after the beginning of language, was the utilization of fire. I suppose that at first fire was chiefly used to keep away wild beasts while our ancestors slept but the warmth must have been found agreeable. Presumably on some occasion a child got scolded for throwing the meat into the fire but when it was taken out it was found to be much better and so the long history of cookery began.

Questions :

Q.2 Find the words which are the antonyms to the given words from the passage : [1×2=2]

(i) Cold

(ii) Worse

Q.3 Choose the correct options : [1×2=2]

(i) Fire was used at first

(a) for cooking

(b) for keeping oneself warm

(c) for keeping away wild animals

(d) for baking meat

(ii) The main idea of the passage is

(a) beginning of language

(b) cookery

(c) keeping away animals

(d) uses of fire

Q.4 Why was the child scolded for? [2]

Q.5 Which are the words from the passage that are formed from the given verbs—(i) utilize, (ii) cook ? [2]

Q.6 How did the history of cookery begin? [2]

Note : Answer the following questions (Question Nos. 7 to 10) in 2 or 3 sentences each : [3×4=12]

Q.7 How did the villagers express their gratitude to the service provided by Akash?

Q.8 Why did the academy send the girl to the conference?

Q.9 Why was the peon called? What did he tell about Swaminathan?

Q.10 How did Mr. Robinson manage to get fresh coconuts?

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Q.11 You are Savita Banerjee, reading in Govt. Higher Secondary School, Korba. Write an application to your Principal, requesting him/her to issue you books from the book bank of your school as you cannot afford to buy it from the market. [4]

OR

You are Anuj Singh, living at Tikrapara, Bilaspur (C.G.). Your friend Rohan lives at Sonarpara, Ambikapur. Write a letter inviting him to spend his summer vacation with you.

Q.12 Write a paragraph on 'Smoking is Dangerous' on the basis of given hints : [4]

- (a) Smoking is injurious to health.
- (b) It causes cancer, lung infection, bronchitis and peptic ulcer, etc.
- (c) It affects the people sitting beside the smokers.
- (d) Awareness against its harm can play a major role to make the people fit and healthy.
- (e) The Government have started an anti-smoking campaign.

OR

Write a paragraph on 'An Election Scene' using the clues given below :

- (a) Long queue of voters
- (b) Polling officers and presiding officer
- (c) Polling agents
- (d) Indelible ink
- (e) EVM machine

Q.13 You are Megha Sen, the Cultural Secretary of your school. Next week a debate competition is going to be held in your school. Write a notice inviting the name of the students who are interested to take part in the competition. [4]

You are Soheb Khan, the Sports Secretary of your school. Write a notice for your school notice-board about the annual sports to be held in the coming week.

- Q.14 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below (any *five*) :

[1×5=5]

Whose woods these are I think I know.

His house is in the village, though

He will not see me stopping here.

To watch his wood fill up the snow.

My little horse must think it queer

To stop without a farmhouse near.

Between the woods and frozen lake.

The darkest evening of the year.

Questions :

- (i) Choose the correct option :
The woodland owner's house is in
- (a) the village
(b) the forest
(c) the city
- (ii) Fill in the blank choosing the correct option :
The poet halts his horse by the side of a frozen _____ in the snow covered wood.
- (a) river
(b) ocean
(c) lake

(iii) Choose the correct option :

My little horse must think it queer.

Here 'queer' means

- (a) odd
- (b) frightened
- (c) interesting

(iv) What does the poet know in this poem?

(v) What makes the horse feel queer?

(vi) Why does the poet say that the woodland's owner cannot see him?

Q.15

Do as directed (any five) :

[1×5=5]

(i) He does his homework. (Change into interrogative)

(ii) Mr. Kishore is _____ M.L.A.
(Use article 'a / an / the')

(iii) She was cooking _____ I was finishing my homework.
(Fill in the blank with 'while / when')

(iv) I get up early in the morning.
(Make the sentence emphatic using 'do / does / did')

(v) You like to visit the Taj. (Make a question using 'would')

(vi) Have you _____ money in your pocket?
(Fill in the blank using 'some / any')

Q.16

Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions :

"Then I can't stop her from joining the scholars' panel. She has come here on her own merit. I will allow her to sit on the panel until you come up with a convincing example," said the king.

People were still doubtful about girl's worthiness. But as the discussion progressed all doubts vanished.

Days passed. The girl took part in several discussions, asked many questions and answered many others. Other scholars were astonished by her brilliance.

When the final draft of the book was compiled, many hymns which were composed by the girl were included.

Nobody knows for sure what happened to the girl thereafter.

Some say, she constructed a book of her own hymns. Some say, she opened an academy for girls. Different people, different stories. But everybody agrees that "the girl who asked why" became the first female scholar.

[1×8=8]

Questions :

(A) Tick the correct response for each of the following :

(i) During the scholars' meet _____.

- (a) the girl asked many questions
- (b) the girl headed the panel
- (c) the girl left the court

(ii) The final draft of the compiled book had _____.

- (a) all the hymns composed by the girl
- (b) many hymns composed by the girl
- (c) only one hymn composed by the girl

(iii) Some people said that the girl _____.

- (a) wrote many stories
- (b) became the first woman to write stories
- (c) opened an academy for girls

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(iv) The girl was selected to the panel on the basis of her

- (a) look
- (b) worthiness
- (c) presentation

(B) Answer the following questions (any *four*) :

- (i) What happened to the girl after the conference?
- (ii) On what basis did the king allow the girl to attend the conference?
- (iii) Find the noun forms of the given words from the passage :
 - (a) Worthy
 - (b) Brilliant
- (iv) Who became the first female scholar?
- (v) What did the girl do during the discussion in the conference?

Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics :

- (i) My Hobby
- (ii) An Indian Festival
- (iii) Wonders of Science
- (iv) Importance of Trees

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