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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 little kite succeeded because of
- (a) the big kite (b) his efforts
(c) the wind (d) other kites
- (ii) As Beinkensopp walked into class, the teacher said, "Late again, Beinkensopp?" The use of the word 'again' shows that the teacher was
- (a) disappointed (b) surprised
(c) annoyed (d) unhappy
- (iii) In the poem *Including All My Friends* the speaker says, "we all are the same" because
- (a) we all look alike (b) we are all playing
(c) we all are relatives (d) we all are human beings
- (iv) In the poem *About Me* the speaker's complaint is that he is
- (a) supposed (b) ignored
(c) laughed (d) supported
- (v) Sumba plans to 'Hurdle' them. 'Hurdle' here means
- (a) welcome (b) overcome
(c) jump over (d) across



(B) Fill in the blanks using correct alternatives :

[1×5=5]

- (i) She lives in _____ apartment. (a, an, the)
 (ii) How _____ money do you need? (much, many, any)
 (iii) He will wait _____ 3 o'clock. (on, in, till)
 (iv) She has been studying _____ 4 o'clock. (since, for, during)
 (v) They teach Maths in our school. _____ ?
 (Do they, Don't they, Does they)

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

[1×5=5]

Column 'A'

Column 'B'

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| (i) She was so tired | - (a) she finished late |
| (ii) Although she started early | - (b) till he arrived |
| (iii) I waited for my friend | - (c) that she could not walk |
| (iv) If you speak too much | - (d) I left a message for him |
| (v) Since he was not there | - (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 :

In India, there are cities like Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai which are greatly suffering from the evils of urbanization. In this connection, the condition of Kolkata has become very serious because it is turning fast into the biggest slum of Asia and diseased city. The authorities are finding it very difficult to solve the ever increasing demand of water, drainage, electricity and transport, etc. It is said that lakhs of people are living there in the highest insanitary conditions in slums causing a lot of law and order problems which had become worse during the turbulent days of Naxalite violence. Thousands of people are also sleeping in Kolkata on footpath without overhead shelter on them during the night time.

Questions :

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

(i) The cities are suffering from the evils of

- (a) civilization
- (b) centralization
- (c) urbanization

(ii) Biggest slum of Asia and diseased city is

- (a) Kolkata
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Mumbai

Q.3 (A) Choose the correct option : [1]

Thousands of people are sleeping on the

- (i) road
- (ii) footpath
- (iii) path
- (iv) bridge

(B) Write true or false : [1]

- (i) Kolkata is turning fast into the biggest slum of Asia and diseased city. ✓
- (ii) All the problems of Kolkata have been solved.

Q.4 Find antonyms of the following words from the passage : [1×2=2]

- (i) Decreasing, (ii) Better

Q.5 What are the cities like Kolkata, Chennai, Delhi and Mumbai suffering from? [2]

Q.6 Why has the condition of Kolkata become very serious? [2]

Note : Answer the following questions (Question Nos. 7 to 10) in 2 or 3 sentences each :

[3×4=12]

- Q.7 Why did Nanaji take Ajit and Naina to Himapet?
- Q.8 How did the girl justify her presence in the auditorium?
- Q.9 How did Swaminathan react to the questions put by the Headmaster?
- Q.10 What does one learn by travelling around the world, according to Ibn Battuta?
- 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.

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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.

- 12 Write a paragraph on 'Smoking is Dangerous' on the basis of given hints :

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- (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

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- (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.

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OR

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

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(ii) Fill in the blanks 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) Why does the poet say that the woodland's owner cannot see him?

(vi) What makes the horse feel queer?

Q.15

Do as directed (any *five*) :

[1×5=5]

(i) He does his homework.

(Change into interrogative)

(ii) I get up early in the morning.

(Make the sentence emphatic using 'do/does/did')

(iii) Mr. Kishore is _____ M.L.A.

(Use article 'a / an / the')

(iv) You like to visit the Taj.

(Make a question using 'would')

(v) Have you _____ money in your pocket?

(Fill in the blanks using 'few / any')

(vi) She was cooking _____ I was finishing my homework.

(Fill in the blank with 'while / when')

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.

Questions :

[1×8=8]

(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

P.T.O.

(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.

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

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

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

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

Q.17

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

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