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Note : (i) This question paper is divided into three sections :

- Section A : Reading Comprehension
- Section B : Writing Skills
- Section C : Literature Textbook

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

[SECTION-A]

[Reading Comprehension]

Note : Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Gandhi without realising it had found the secret of success. He began to look on every difficulty as an opportunity for services, a challenge which could draw out of him greater and greater resources of intelligence and imagination. In turning his back on personal profit or prestige in his work, he found he had won the trust and

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even love of White and Indian South Africans alike. More and more people from his own community began to entrust their legal work to him, and to depend on him whenever they needed help. In few years he was a successful lawyer with an income of about twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars a year and a dignified, westernised lifestyle or living appropriate to his station. Satisfied for the time being, Gandhi returned to India to bring Kasturba Bai and their two sons back to their new home. Painfully they adjusted to the tortures of alien clothes and artificial manners. At first they objected bitterly, but Gandhi was unyielding. It was essential to look, 'civilized' that is, European, that was price of success, and all of them had to pay for it. Kasturba Bai could not have been entirely dissatisfied. At twenty-seven, her husband was on the crest of the wave of fortune, everything they could want seemed at last within their grasp. He had reached the stage where most youngman's experimentation come to an end.

But the political and social repression of all Indians in South Africa, and especially the desperate condition of those who come as labourers on system equivalent to legalised slavery, had made a deep impression on Gandhi. One of those men, who had been beaten severely by his employer, came to Gandhi for help, and through him Gandhi came to know about their families and how they lived. Gradually he began to forget about himself in trying to find time and resources to alleviate the suffering of these people. They were his brothers and sisters; he identified them more and more every day. Their suffering became his suffering.

When the black plague broke out in the squalid Indian ghetto of Johannesburg, the sick and dying were taken to an abandoned, quarantined building where a heroic English nurse spent long hours alone caring for them. Many years later she related that in the evening at the height of the epidemic a small figure appeared at the door. She shouted a warning : "Get out! This is plague." But the man quietly replied, "Its all right. I've come to help you."

Questions :

[A] Choose the appropriate option :

[1×5=5]

Q.1 Gandhi found the secret of success is _____.

- (a) personal profit
- (b) prestige in his work
- (c) in every difficulty as an opportunity
- (d) in turning his back on personal profit or prestige in his work

Q.2 Kasturba Bai _____.

- (a) was happy dressing in alien clothes
- (b) did not agree to dress in alien clothes
- (c) initially resisted to wear alien clothes and adopt artificial manners
- (d) could not adjust to alien clothes and artificial manner

Q.3 Gandhi identified with _____.

- (a) the Europeans
- (b) his family
- (c) the labourers who came India
- (d) their family

Q.4 The nurse was looking after _____.

- (a) plague patients
- (b) patients with infectious disease
- (c) sick and dying Indians
- (d) Indian labourers suffering from black plague

Q.5 The man was dying due to _____.

- (a) vermin
- (b) black plague
- (c) ill treatment
- (d) squalid living conditions

[B] Answer the following questions in about 1 sentence each :

[1×5=5]

Q.6 How did Gandhi win the trust and love of white and Indian South Africans alike?

Q.7 Why did Gandhi return to India?

Q.8 Why did Gandhi want his wife and two sons to adjust to European clothes and manners?

- Q.9** What made a deep impression on Gandhi's mind?
Q.10 What was the annual income of Gandhi as a lawyer?

[C] Find the words in the passage similar meaning as :

- Q.11** sealed off
Q.12 fortune

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

There are two problems which cause great worry to our educationists. The problem of religious and moral instruction in a land of many faiths and the problem arising out of a large variety of languages.

Taking up the education of children, we see that they should be trained to love one another to be kind and helpful to all, to be tender to the lower animals and to observe and think right. The task of teaching them how to read and write and to count and calculate is important, but it should not make us lose sight of the right way. For this, it is necessary to call into aid, culture, tradition and religion. But in our country, we have, in the same school, to look after boys and girls born in different faiths and belonging to families that live diverse ways of life and follow different forms of worship associated with different denominations of religion. It will not do to tread the easy path of evading the difficulty by attending solely to physical culture and intellectual education. We have to evolve a suitable technique and method for serving the spiritual needs of school children professing different faiths. We should thereby promote an atmosphere of mutual respect, a fuller understanding and helpful co-operation among the different communities in our society. Again we must remain one people and we have therefore to give basic training in our schools to

speak and understanding more languages than one and to appreciate and respect the different religions prevailing in India. It is not right for us in India to be dissuaded from this by considerations as to overtaking the young mind. What is necessary must be done. And it is not in fact too great a burden.

- Q.13** On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary.
Q.14 Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words using notes made and also suggest a suitable title.

[SECTION-B]
[Writing Skills]

Q.15 Write a letter to your friend Rakesh / Rakhi inviting him / her to attend your sister's marriage. [6]

OR

Write a letter to the Commissioner of Raipur Corporation, complaining about the poor sanitary conditions and mosquito menace in your locality.

Q.16 You are Rahul, Cultural Secretary of your school. You have organised an inter-school singing competition as a part of the annual day celebrations in your school. Write a notice for the school notice board informing the students about the same (in about 50 words). [4]

OR

You have found a briefcase while travelling in the bus. Write a suitable advertisement for the 'Lost and Found' columns of a local newspaper in about 50 words. State the details required for your satisfaction.

Q.17 Do as directed (any *ten*) : [1×10=10]

(i) We have won the match. (Change the voice)

(ii) Do not waste your time. (Change the voice)

(iii) The teacher said, "The earth is round like a ball."

(Change the narration)

(iv) He said to her, "Where do you live?"

(Change the narration)

(v) It is certain, Abdul will pass.

(Combine the sentences using noun clause)

(vi) (a) The peon rings the bell.

(b) The students run out of the classroom.

(Combine the sentences using 'as soon as')

(vii) You do your homework daily.

(Change the sentence into interrogative)

(viii) (a) The box is very heavy.

(b) I cannot lift it.

(Combine the sentences using 'so...that')

(ix) Mohan posted the letter. (Add question tag)

(x) (a) I met Ramesh. (b) Ramesh had just arrived.
(Combine by using relative clause)

(xi) He shuts the gate. (Change the voice)

Q.18 Write an article in about 250 words on any *one* of the following topics :

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- (i) Television : A Boon or a Bane
- (ii) Importance of Newspaper
- (iii) Environment Pollution : A Global Problem
- (iv) Importance of Games and Sports

[SECTION-C]

[Literature Textbook]

(Flamingo)

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

One winter morning I see Saheb standing by the fenced gate of the neighbourhood club, watching two young men dressed in white, playing tennis, "I like the game," he hums, content to watch it standing behind the fence. "I go inside when no one is around," he admits, "The gatekeeper lets me use the swing."

Saheb too is wearing tennis shoes that look strange over his discoloured shirt and shorts. "Someone gave them to me," he says in the manner of an explanation. The fact that they are discarded shoes of some rich boy, who perhaps refused to wear them because of a hole in one of them, does not bother him. For one who has walked barefoot, even shoes with a hole is a dream come true. But the game he is watching so intently is out of his reach.

This morning, Saheb is on his way to the milk booth. In his hand is a steel canister. "I now work in a tea stall down the road," he says, pointing in the distance. "I am paid 800 rupees and all my meals." Does he like the job? I ask. His face, I see, has lost the care-free look. The steel canister seems heavier than the plastic bag he would carry so lightly over his shoulder. The bag was his. The canister belongs to the man. Who owns the tea shop. Saheb is no longer his own master!

Questions :

Choose the correct answer :

[1×4=4]

- Q.19** Saheb seen two young men playing _____ .
 (a) cricket (b) football
 (c) tennis (d) hockey
- Q.20** Saheb was a _____ .
 (a) student (b) ragpickar
 (c) officer (d) old man
- Q.21** How much did Saheb earn from tea stall?
 (a) 500 rupees (b) 800 rupees
 (c) 1000 rupees (d) 700 rupees
- Q.22** What was there in his shoulders?
 (a) a canister (b) a bag
 (c) a box (d) a steel canister and a bag

Note : Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below :

Now we will count to twelve
 and we will all keep still.
 For once on the face of the Earth
 let's not speak in any language,
 let's stop for one second,
 and not move our arms so much.
 It would be an exotic moment
 without rush, without engines,
 we would all be together
 in a sudden strangeness.
 Fishermen in the cold sea
 would not harm whales
 and the man gathering salt
 would look at his hurt hands.
 Those who prepare green wars,
 wars with gas, wars with fire,
 victory with no survivors,
 would put on clean clothes
 and walk about with their brothers
 in the shade, doing nothing.

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Questions :

[1×4=4]

Choose the correct answer :

- Q.23** The poet ask us to count twelve because _____.
- (a) There are only twelve hour signs
 (b) These are only eight hour signs
 (c) These are only eleven hour signs
 (d) These are only twelve hour signs
- Q.24** The people of the world need excuses to fight _____.
- (a) among himself (b) among themselves
 (c) among yourself (d) among itself
- Q.25** The word motionless means in this passage _____.
- (a) stop (b) still (c) earth (d) hour
- Q.26** The fisherman catch _____ in the cold sea.
- (a) whale (b) frog (c) crocodile (d) fish

Note : Answer the following questions in about 2 sentences each :

[2×3=6]

Q.27 What makes the city of Firozabad famous?**Q.28** Why were the villagers sitting at the back of the class?**Q.29** Who was the peddler? What did he sell and how did he make them?**Note :** Answer the question in about 80 words :

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Q.30 Compare and contrast the character of the ironmaster with that of his daughter.**OR**

Give a character sketch of Mr. Hamel.

(Vistas)**Note :** Answer the following questions in about 2 sentences each :

[2×2=4]

Q.31 How is the Grand Central station a symbol of escape?**Q.32** What danger did the Tiger King face during his tiger hunting?**Note :** Answer the question in about 80 words :

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Q.33 "The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress."
What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them?**OR**

Draw a character sketch of the Tiger King in your own words.