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ENGLISH (Core)

[For all Groups I, II, III]

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(Only for Fresh/Re-appear/Improvement/Additional Candidates)

*Time allowed : **3** hours]*   *[Maximum Marks : **80***

- *Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are **16** in number and it contains **14** questions.*

- *The **Code No.** and **Set** on the right side of the question paper should be written by the candidate on the front page of the answer-book.*

- *Before beginning to answer a question, its Serial Number must be written.*

- *Don't leave blank page/ pages in your answer-book.*

- *Except answer-book, no extra sheet will be given. Write to the point and do not strike the written answer.*

- *Candidates must write their Roll No. on the question paper. Except Roll No. do not write anything on question paper and don't make any mark on answers of objective type questions.*

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• *Before answering the questions, ensure that you have been supplied the correct and complete question paper,* **no claim in this regard, will be entertained after examination.**

General Instructions :

(i) *This question paper is divided into* **four** *Sections :* **A, B, C** *and* **D***.*

(ii) **All the sections are compulsory***.*

(iii) *Attempt all the parts of a question together.*

(iv) *Stick to the word-limit wherever prescribed.*

SECTION – A

(Reading Skills) [M. M. : 09

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

How does a seed grow ? If we try to know the physiology of the growth of a seed, we shall come to know the miraculous fact of its growth into a big tree. Can we imagine a small seed growing into a huge tree such as banyan, neem, peepal, arjun, sal tree etc ? And that too with the help of air and water only. It is the nature that helps them grow uninterruptedly. On the other hand, a farmer grows crops. He has to do a lot of labour. He has to toil for getting a bumper crop. He has to tilt the field, use good quality seed, use manure, tractor, fencing, lot of water and what not. Then there is fear of its being spoil, damage or

destroy. Though nature plays its role here also but in case of the above mentioned trees, there is no one to take care of them. They also start their journey from a small seed and stay for years and years and reach their maturity to give birth to seeds again. So the process reciprocates itself; seeds give birth to trees and trees give birth to the seeds again.

Questions :   1 × 4 = 4

(i)   What miraculous facts of a seed we come to know about ?

    (a)   growth

    (b)   death

    (c)   progress

    (d)   All of the above

(ii)   How does a tree grow according to the passage ?

    (a)   with the help of human beings

    (b)   with the help of farmers

    (c)   with the help of air and water

    (d)   none of the above

(iii)   When a farmer grows crops, he has to :

    (a)   toil

    (b)   do a lot of labour

    (c)   tilt the field

    (d)   all of the above

(iv) According to the passage which of the following are the 'above mentioned trees' ?

    (a) Neem, peepal, mango, banyan

    (b) Banyan, neem, peepal, apple

    (c) Arjun, neem, peepal, banyan

    (d) Arjun, banyan, gulmohar, peepal

OR

On the lines of foreign countries, a strange trend has started in our country also. A trend of keeping pets in houses has been old enough. But the strange trend is the trend of keeping dogs and cats.

In some countries, many people keep a cat at their house but in our country, most of the people have started keeping a dog at their house. Rearing of animals has been an age old tradition in our country but keeping a dog or a cat seems to be a new trend and a part of the western culture. Dogs were kept to take care of the house or a field or other animals such as cows, sheep, camel, goats etc. Now a days it has become a fashion to keep a fancy dog or a toy dog at home. German shephered, Labrador, Retriever, Beagle, Boxer, Tibetan Mastiff, Pug, Rottweiler, Doberman, Pomeranian are some of the popular breeds of dogs kept as pets in houses. Some of them live a better life than human beings. Dogs or cats, before keeping as a pet we must think of their utility.

Questions :   1 × 4 = 4

(i)   What strange trend has started in our country ?

(a)   Keeping a cat

(b)   Keeping a dog

(c)   Both of them

(d)   None of them

(ii)   What is kept as pet in most of the countries ?

(a)   dog

(b)   cat

(c)   camel

(d)   goat

(iii) What has become a fashion now a days ?

(a)   to keep a cat

(b)   to keep a dog

(c)   to keep a fancy cat

(d)   to keep a fancy dog

(iv) Who lives better life than human beings ?

    (a) cats

    (b) dogs

    (c) goats

    (d) camels

2. Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Supply an appropriate title also :   4 + 1 = 5

Birthday celebrations start with the birth of a child. At first stage from 1st to 5th

birthday a child celebrates birthday completely depending upon the family. They obediently accept the ways in which it is celebrated. They are happy with whatever is given to them. From 6 to 10 years, they start demanding this or that. Sometimes, they get annoyed if they don't get the product of their choice. From 11 to 15, they like to celebrate their birthday with their friends. They start giving more importance to their friends than their family. Family members also start celebrating their birthday in a hotel or restaurant. From 16 to 20 the children start celebrating their birthday outside the home with friends only. From 20 to 25 even the family members do not know, where the birthday of their child is being celebrated ?

Then birthday celebrations stop and come back after fifty years or so when the children celebrate the birth of their father or grandchildren celebrate it with same pomp and show as in their childhood family members celebrated their birthday.

SECTION – B

(Grammar/Writing Skills)   [M. M. : 26

3. Attempt any **two** from each sub-part :

(a) Fill in the blank with the *correct form of verbs* given in the brackets :

$1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) If we .... (complete) the exam in time, we shall get bonus marks.

(ii) When the teacher entered the class, children .... (play) with each other.

(iii) We .... (suffer) from throat problem for two years.

(b) *Change the narration* of the following sentences : $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) I said to my mother, "Do you know the history of India ?"

(ii) Neel said, "Mother, I am going to temple today."

(iii) He said to the teacher, "You are my role-model."

(c) *Change the voice* of the following sentences :　　　　　　　　$1 \times 2 = 2$

    (i)   Sheela slapped him.

    (ii)   Did he tell you about his new house ?

    (iii) My Mother at Sixty Six was written by Kamala Das.

(d) *Supply suitable articles* wherever necessary :　　　　　　　$1 \times 2 = 2$

    (i)   Playing cards is .... bad habit.

    (ii)   I shall write .... autobiography.

    (iii) .... milk is sold by liter.

(e) Fill in the blanks with *suitable modal auxiliary* given in the brackets :

                                                      $1 \times 2 = 2$

    (i)   .... you help me please ?　　　　　(Would, Should, Could)

    (ii)   Every student .... answer all the questions.　　(must, might, may)

    (iii) We .... to serve our parents as well as grandparents.

                                                   (used to, ought, should)

4. Attempt any **two** of the following :　　　　　　　　　　$3 \times 2 = 6$

(a) Your school is planning an educational tour to Rajasthan during summer vacation. Write a notice for the same developing necessary details.

(b)   You have constructed a 3 room set in a posh colony. Draft a suitable advertisement for the 'To Let' column of a local newspaper giving all information about facilities.

(c)   Design a poster on 'Cleanliness Campaign'.

5. Attempt any *one* of the following :   5

(a)   Write a report on 'Vaccination Camp' held in your school during Covid-19 outburst.

(b)   Write a paragraph in about **100** words on "Our New School Building".

6. You are a student of 10th class. You got a few books issued from Book Bank of your school. Because of certain reason you forgot to return books in time and you were fined heavily. Write a letter to the chief librarian requesting him to remit your fine giving a solid reason. Write yourself as Sumit/Sumita.   5

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SECTION – C

(A) Main Reader [Prose]   [M. M. : 20

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7. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Now I understood why the old men of the village were sitting there in the back of the room. It was because they were sorry, too, that they had not gone to school more. It was their way of thanking our master for his forty years of faithful service and of showing their respect for the country that was theirs no more.

Questions :　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　1 × 5 = 5

(i)　Who is 'I' in the above lines ?

(ii)　What did he understand ?

(iii)　Why were the old men of the village sitting there in the back of the room ?

(iv)　What were the old men of the village sorry about ?

(v)　Name the author of the chapter from which these lines have been taken.

OR

When I first visited Gandhiji in 1942 at his ashram in Sevagram, in Central India, he said, "I will tell you how it happened that I decided to urge the departure of the British. It was in 1917."

He had gone to the December, 1916 annual convention of the Indian National Congress party in Lucknow. There were 2,301 delegates and many visitors.

Questions :   1 × 5 = 5

(i)   Who is 'I' in the first line ?

(ii)   Who is 'he' in the above passage ?

(iii)   Where had the delegates and many visitors come ?

(iv)   'I will tell you' – who will tell whom ?

(v)   Name the author of the chapter from which these lines have been taken.

8. Answer the following in about **80-100** words :   5

What socio-economic background did Sophie belong to ? What are the indicators of her family's financial status ?

OR

What is the 'Misadventure' that William Douglas speaks about ? Describe.

9. Answer any ***five*** of the following in ***a sentence*** or ***two*** :   2 × 5 = 10

(i)   Why do most celebrity writers despise being interviewed ?

(ii)   What made the lawyer stand out from the others at Gemini studios ?

(iii)   What did Saheb sometimes find in a heap of garbage ? What was the impact of this finding ?

(iv) Why was Edla happy to see the gift left by the peddler ?

(v) Describe the make-up room in 'Poet and Pancakes'.

(vi) What makes the city of Firozabad famous ?

(vii) Did Sophie really meet Danny Casey ?

SECTION – C

(B) Main Reader [Poetry]　　　　　　　　[M. M. : 11

10. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow :

What I want should not be

Confused

With total inactivity.

Life is what it is about;

I want no truck with death.

Questions :　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　　$1 \times 5 = 5$

(i) Name the poet and the poem.

(ii) What does the poet want ?

(iii) According to poet what is life ?

(iv) With what does the poet want no connection ?

(v) The poet advocates total inactivity. *(True/False)*

OR

When aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie

Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.

The tigers in the panel that she made

Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

Questions : 1 × 5 = 5

(i) Name the poet and the poem.

(ii) Where were the tigers ?

(iii) Who is the aunt in the stanza ?

(iv) By whom was the mastered by ?

(v) What will the tigers keep on doing ?

11. Answer any **two** of the following briefly : $3 \times 2 = 6$

(i) What does the poet want for the children of the slums ? How can their life be made to change ?

(ii) What does the poet say about the polished traffic ?

(iii) Write the central idea of the poem.   (*A Thing of Beauty*)

SECTION – D

(Supplementary Reader)   [M. M. : 14

12. Answer any **one** of the following in about **80-100** words :   5

What does the third level refer to ? Do you think that it was a medium of escape for Charley ? Why ?

OR

What kind of a person was Evans ? How was he able to escape from the jail ?

13. Answer any **three** of the following briefly : $2 \times 3 = 6$

(i) Who is the tiger king ? How did he get that name ?

(ii) How is Antarctica the perfect place to study how little changes in the environment can have big repercussions ?

(iii) Why was Dr. Sadao not arrested on the charge of harbouring an enemy ?

(iv) Why and how did Bama take thirty minutes to one hour to reach home instead of ten minutes ?

14. Write the **correct** answers of the following questions in your answer-sheet :   3

(i) What is the complete name of Jo ?

   (a)   Jone

   (b)   Jonne

   (c)   Joanne

   (d)   Joan

(ii) The gate of Mr. Lamb's house is always :

   (a)   closed

   (b)   shut

   (c)   broken

   (d)   open

(iii) Short hair, in author's tribe, was kept/worn only by :

    (a) mourners

    (b) old aged people

    (c) young guys

    (d) all the women