

SECTION A

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ENGLISH

Time : Three hours 15 minutes] [Max. Marks : 100

**Instruction :**

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This paper is divided into Section A and Section B. Both the sections are **compulsory**.
- (iii) Question no. 11 has three parts : I, II and III. Attempt only one part of question no. 11.
- (iv) All other questions are compulsory.

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1. Explain with reference to the context any **one** of the following passages :

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- (a) I suppose, you don't know anything about your journey. I am not sure that I know much about mine. We are really, when you come to think of it, a good deal alike — just apparitions that are and then are not, coming out of the night into the lighted carriage, fluttering about the lamp for a while and going out into the night again.
- (b) Let them try to go at my pace and they would turn to jelly in minutes. No muscles in the body are as strong as I am — except those of a woman's uterus as she gives birth. But uterine muscles don't keep at it day and night for 70 years, as I am expected to do.

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2. Answer any **one** of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 4

- (a) "I was trying to get a feel of the pulse of the nation." What does this statement suggest ?
- (b) Why was Phatik furious with his brother Makhan ?
- (c) What did Gandhi and his followers of the Indian National Congress give to Hindu culture ?

3. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the most suitable words given within the brackets 1×4=4

- (a) I, an American, was doubtless the most \_\_\_\_\_ market they had seen.  
(valuable; precious; important; promising)
- (b) Passion is like a \_\_\_\_\_ storm which beats fiercely and wildly upon the embattled rock.  
(wild; dangerous; favourable; furious)
- (c) I am John's \_\_\_\_\_ slave.  
(clever; dedicated; obedient; obsequious)
- (d) Gandhi believed in the \_\_\_\_\_ of ancient culture.  
(fundamentals; basics; roots; origins)

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 75 words : 8

- (a) How does Shakespeare portray Shylock's character ?
- (b) What conditions had Portia's father imposed on her in respect of her marriage ?

5. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 30 words : 4+4=8

- (a) "Sanku stood like a pillar, petrified." What does this statement suggest ?
- (b) How did the man try to soothe the child in the story 'The Lost Child' ?
- (c) How can you say that Gyan Babu was a man of principles ?

6. Explain with reference to the context any **one** of the following extracts : 8

- (a) Who hath his life from rumours freed;  
Whose conscience is his strong retreat;  
Whose state can neither flatterers feed,  
Nor ruin make oppressors great;

- (b) The old order changeth, yielding place  
to new,  
And God fulfils Himself in many ways,  
Lest one good custom should corrupt the  
world.  
Comfort thyself : What comfort is in me ?

7. Give the central idea of any **one** of the following poems : 6
- (a) From "An Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"  
(b) My Heaven  
(c) The Song of the Free
8. Define any **one** of the following figures of speech and give two examples : 2+2=4
- (a) Simile  
(b) Hyperbole  
(c) Onomatopoeia

### SECTION B

9. (a) Change any **one** of the following sentences into indirect form of speech : 2
- (i) The boy said to his mother, "Please give me some pencils."  
(ii) The hermit said, "May you all go to hell !"

- (b) Combine any **one** of the following as directed within the brackets : 2
- (i) I met my friend in the train. The meeting was unexpected.  
(Simple sentence)
- (ii) I live in an airy house. It is double-storeyed.  
(Complex sentence)
- (c) Transform any **one** of the following sentences as directed within the brackets : 2
- (i) She is too weak to go to the hospital for medicine. (Remove 'too')
- (ii) Do not tell a lie.  
(Affirmative sentence)
- (d) Correct any **two** of the following sentences : 2
- (i) Cattles are grazing in the field.  
(ii) Either of the roads lead to station.  
(iii) Sharad is inferior than Rahul.  
(iv) I have received your letter yesterday.

10. (a) Use any **three** of the following idioms/phrases in your own sentences so as to bring out their meanings clearly :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (i) without rhyme or reason
- (ii) to bury the hatchet
- (iii) to pocket an insult
- (iv) bring about
- (v) set aside

(b) Write antonyms of the following words :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (i) Expedite
- (ii) Initiate
- (iii) Plenty

(c) Write synonyms of the following words :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (i) Ascent
- (ii) Derogatory
- (iii) Proficient

(d) Substitute one word for the following expressions :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (i) Incapable of being defeated
- (ii) A list of books
- (iii) Which cannot be reached

(e) Use the following words in sentences of your own so as to bring out the differences in their meanings clearly :  $1+1=2$

- (i) Descent
- (ii) Dissent

11.

### PART I

Translate the following into English :

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प्रत्येक व्यक्ति गुरु नानक के नाम से अच्छी तरह परिचित है । बचपन में पढ़ने, लिखने तथा खेलने में उनकी रुचि नहीं थी । एक दिन उनके पिता ने उन्हें दस रुपये दिए और बाज़ार से कुछ आवश्यक चीज़ें लाने के लिए कहा । बाज़ार जाते समय मार्ग में उन्हें कुछ साधु मिले जो बहुत भूखे थे । उन्होंने सारे पैसे साधुओं को भोजन खिलाने पर खर्च कर दिए और बिना कोई वस्तु खरीदे घर वापस आ गए । जब उनके पिता को इसके बारे में पता चला तो उन्होंने गुरु नानक से कुछ भी नहीं कहा । किन्तु उन्होंने विचार किया कि भविष्य में उनका पुत्र ऐसा महान बनेगा जिसका सम्मान सब करेंगे ।

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12. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics in about 200 words :

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- (a) The best way to use your spare time
- (b) Preparations made by your college to celebrate 'Independence Day'
- (c) People and the Environment
- (d) Steps taken by the Government for Rural Development
- (e) Concern for the Safety of Women

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

So wise men of all nations have to see if they can find a way of getting rid of wars altogether. If nations can learn to work together as friends, they will soon find a way of getting their disputes settled in a friendly way. Instead of being jealous of each other and suspicious and proud of their rights, they must learn to be friendly, reasonable and anxious to help each

other. And the second thing is the rule of law. Just as the citizens of a country have laws and agree to obey those laws, all nations must agree to obey the laws and feel bound to support them. If all nations work together for the common good of mankind and agree to obey laws, they will never fight each other and there will be no wars.

- (a) Why should all nations learn to work together as friends ? 2
- (b) What will be the result if all nations work together for the common good of mankind ? 2
- (c) (i) Explain the underlined portion in the passage. 1
- (ii) Give a suitable title to the above passage. 1