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ENGLISH

Time : Three hours 15 minutes]

[Max. Marks : 100

**Instructions :**

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into **four** sections - A, B, C, and D.
- (iii) **All** questions from all the sections are **compulsory**.
- (iv) Marks are indicated against each question.

**SECTION A****(Reading)**

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

The persons who worked in the mines were mainly criminals or prisoners of war, but with these, there were many Romans of good family, who were the innocent victims of the Emperor's wrath. All alive were forced to labour, without distinction of sex or birth. The labourers were under the eye of a merciless overseer, who showered blows upon them at the slightest provocation. In order to keep down the expenses, no clothes were provided for the prisoners, and often they possessed not a rag to hide their nakedness. In good or bad health they were forced to work, and neither the weakness of age nor the fever or sickness was regarded as proper cause for the idleness even of an hour. Nor was there any chance to escape, for sentries were posted on every hilltop, and the soldiers were ready to give chase, should a man elude the watchman. So great were the sufferings of life, that death was hailed with joy and it was the dying man who possessed a single thought of happiness.

- (a) Who were the victims of the Emperor's wrath ?

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- (b) "All alive were forced to labour, without distinction of sex or birth." What do you mean by this statement? 3
- (c) Why were clothes not provided for the prisoners? 3
- (d) Why was death hailed with joy? 3
- (e) (i) Find the word from the passage that means 'anger'. 1
- (ii) Explain 'showered blows' as used in the passage. 1
- (iii) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'sadness'? 1

**SECTION B**  
(Writing)

2. Write an article on any **one** of the following topics in about 100 – 150 words : 10
- (a) The City Life
- (b) Need of Technical Education to provide Employment
- (c) A Journey to a Historical Place

3. Suppose you are Shiva. Write a letter to the News Editor of 'The Times of India' complaining against the poor supply of water in your locality. 10

**OR**

- Write a letter to the Librarian of your college requesting him to bring some more magazines meant for competitive examinations. 10

**SECTION C**  
(Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions : 5×2=10
- (a) A state where all religions are respected and practised is called :
- (i) undemocratic (ii) democratic
- (iii) theocracy (iv) secular
- (b) The phrase 'fall flat' means :
- (i) to succeed in one's effort
- (ii) to get what one wants
- (iii) to fail to produce the effect that somebody wants
- (iv) to fail to climb up
- (c) The synonym of illustrious is :
- (i) failure (ii) renowned
- (iii) enduring (iv) Both (i) and (iii)

- (d) Which of the following sentences is/are correct ?
- A. I know the boy whom you teach.  
 B. I bought a book but which I did not like.  
 C. Each of them got their pay.  
 D. Much books should not be read.
- (i) Only A (ii) Only C and D  
 (iii) Only B (iv) Only C

- (e) The antonym of expedite is :
- (i) begin (ii) start  
 (iii) flow (iv) delay

5. (a) Change any **one** of the following into indirect speech : 2
- (i) The boys said, "Hurrah! We have won the match."  
 (ii) The doctor said to the patient, "Why did you not come to me earlier?"
- (b) Combine any **one** of the following as directed : 2
- (i) Mrs. Geeta sold her big house. She got twenty lakhs for it. (Simple sentence)  
 (ii) Do not be a borrower. Do not be a lender. (Compound sentence)
- (c) Transform any **one** of the following as directed : 2
- (i) Kabaddi is one of the most popular games in India. (Positive degree)  
 (ii) This is a lame excuse. (Exclamatory sentence)
- (d) Correct any **one** of the following sentences : 2
- (i) This man is bent in doing mischiefs.  
 (ii) Each day and each hour bring their duty.
- (e) Use any **one** of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear : 2
- (i) rage - raze  
 (ii) sight - cite

6. Translate the following passage into English : 5
- एक दिन अब्दुल रहीम खान-खाना एक नगर से दूसरे नगर जा रहे थे । रास्ते में वह अपने साथियों के साथ एक सड़क के किनारे ठहरे । एक आदमी उधर से गुजरा । उसके पास एक शीशी थी । उसमें बहुत थोड़ा सा पानी था । उसने शीशी को झुकाया और सीधा कर लिया । खान-खाना समझ गए थे कि वह एक सम्मानजनक व्यक्ति है और निर्धन हो गया है । उन्होंने उसे अपने पास बुलाया और उसे अपना मित्र बना लिया ।

**SECTION D**  
**(Literature)**

4+4=8

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :

(a) What did the make-up room look like ?

**OR**

What did Sophie's brother Geoff do when he was out of school ?

(b) What did M. Hamel write on the blackboard with a piece of chalk ?

**OR**

What did the young girl find in the package when she opened it, in the lesson 'The Rattrap' ?

8. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 80 words :

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(a) Why did Gandhiji not like Charles Freer Andrews to stay in Champaran ?

(b) Why does Douglas as an adult recount a childhood experience of terror and his conquering of it ?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

3 × 2 = 6

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.

(a) Why are Aunt Jennifer's hands called terrified ?

(b) Where did Aunt Jennifer make tigers ?

(c) Name the poem and the poet of the above lines.

10. Write the central idea of any *one* of the following poems :

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(a) A Thing of Beauty

(b) My Mother at Sixty-six

(c) A Roadside Stand

11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :

4+4=8

(a) How can one buy old money, as described by Charley ?

**OR**

Where was the author Zitkala-Sa placed while marching into the dining room ?

(b) What is the old saying that the Maharaja knew ?

**OR**

What had the author Bama, not heard when she was studying in the third class ?

12. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 80 words :

(a) Why was the third level a medium of escape for Charley ?

(b) What did Sadao do to get rid of the man in the lesson 'The Enemy' ?