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Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

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- Note :** (i) This question paper consists of **four** sections : **A, B, C** and **D**.
- (ii) **All** the questions are **compulsory** except where internal choice is given.
- (iii) All the answers have to be written in the answer script provided.
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SECTION – A

(Reading)

(Marks : 15)

1. Based on your understanding of the passage given below, answer the questions that follow.
Choose the best options wherever given. 8

Let's Create Happiness Around Us

- (1) One day I was travelling on a local bus. A lady who seemed to be from a remote village got on the bus with three young children and lots of luggage. Sure enough she was new to the city. She looked confused and worried. She did not know where exactly her bus stop was. She was so anxious that at every stop she got up to check whether that was her bus stop. The bus conductor at every stop told her, "I'll tell you when your stop arrives. Don't worry."
- (2) The bus kept running. People were getting on and off the bus. The lady was not comfortable with the words of the conductor, so she desperately tried to look out of the crowded bus to check if her station had arrived.
- (3) Finally, the bus reached her bus stop. The conductor called her respectfully and helped her get off the bus by lifting her children and luggage one by one. The lady started shouting at her children, "Don't go to the road."



- (4) The bus moved on and so did I. I was really moved by the attitude of the conductor. As I was close to the main door, I called the conductor and said, “you are a really good conductor.” He looked confused and said, “Brother, will you please repeat your words.” When I repeated tears started flowing down his checks. He folded his hands and said, “I have been doing like this for the past thirty years. Nobody has complimented me till now. Oh ! how happy I am today.” Tears welled up in my eyes too because I did not expect this. The conductor’s behaviour opened my eyes. I realized how a simple compliment of mine created so much joy in him.
- (5) From that day I started complimenting people whenever a job is done with a lot of love and compassion. We don’t require to do a big service to create happiness around us. It is sufficient to follow the path of love in our day-to-day life. Now-a-days, I always say ‘please’ and ‘thank you’. I also never forget to compliment anyone who does a job well.

Answer the following questions :

- (i) How did the conductor help the lady get off the bus ? 2
- (ii) Why did tears start flowing down the conductor’s checks ? 1
- (iii) Why was the lady confused and worried ? 1
- (A) She was not able to take care of her luggage.
- (B) Her children were constantly troubling her.
- (C) She did not know where exactly her bus stop was.
- (D) The conductor was very curt and rude.
- (iv) Why did the lady try to look out of the crowded bus ? 1
- (A) To check if her station had arrived.
- (B) She wanted to see the beautiful scenery outside.
- (C) She was trying to count the cars which were passing.
- (D) She wanted to breathe some fresh air as the bus was over-crowded.
- (v) Complete the statements : 2
- (A) We don’t require to do a big service to _____.
- (B) A simple compliment can give so _____ to the receiver.
- (vi) Find words in the passage that mean the same as : 1
- (A) Praised somebody (para 4)
- (B) Far away / distant (para 1)



2. Based on your understanding of the passage given below, answer the questions that follow. Choose the best options wherever given. Each question carries **one** mark. $1 \times 7 = 7$

- (1) Wolfgang's elder sister Marian was very talented and learnt to play the piano at a very young age.
- (2) One day, as the father finished a piano lesson with Marian, young Wolfgang walked over to the piano and began to play back the lessons that had just been taught to his elder sister. He was only three years old then.
- (3) This not only surprised the father, but also made him realize that there was another budding talent at home. From that moment Wolfgang's music lessons began. His father showed keen interest in instructing and teaching Wolfgang and within a year, he was already an accomplished pianist.
- (4) By the age of five, he began to compose beautiful pieces of music on the piano. His father carefully wrote down the notes as he played them. Eventually, Wolfgang learnt to write music notation and his notations flourished. One day, he told his father that he was writing a concerto. After looking at the manuscript, his father remarked, "It's a pity that it cannot be made use of. It's so difficult that no one could have played it."
- (5) Wolfgang replied, "It's a concerto and must be studied till it can be played properly." Wolfgang then walked to the piano and played it.

Answer the following questions :

- (i) What did Wolfgang's elder sister Marian learn at a very young age ? 1
 - (A) To play golf
 - (B) To play the piano
 - (C) To be a ballet dancer
 - (D) To play chess
- (ii) What was Wolfgang's achievement at the age of five ? 1
 - (A) He began to compose beautiful pieces of music.
 - (B) He was a wonder child at sports.
 - (C) He could speak ten languages fluently.
 - (D) He could solve complex mathematical problems.
- (iii) Wolfgang's father realized that there was another budding talent at home when he heard _____. 1
- (iv) At the age of five Wolfgang started composing _____. 1
- (v) How did Wolfgang's father react when he saw the concerto written by Wolfgang ? 1
- (vi) What did Wolfgang do in reply to his father's observation about the concerto ? 1
- (vii) Which word in the text mean the same as 1
 - (A) Gifted (para 1)



SECTION – B

(Writing)

(Marks : 25)

3. Loudspeakers are played everyday in your locality on some pretext or the other. Write a letter to the Police Inspector of your locality complaining against the nuisance of loudspeakers. 7
4. An NGO, 'Health for All' organized a health check-up camp in your area. You are Deepak / Deepika, and you visited the camp as a journalist. You also got your health check-up at the camp. Write a report in about **100** words for your newspaper. Report on how the proper treatment of the people of your area and nearby areas was done, what remedial measures were provided, including medicines which were given free of cost. You may include the various tests like blood pressure and blood sugar tests which were conducted free of cost. 7
5. Given below are three situations. Choose **one** of them and write a paragraph on it in about **100** words.
- (i) One sees children working as help, in shops and in industries. The rights of the child are abused especially in developing countries. Child labour cannot be abolished unless there is free and compulsory education. Write what you feel about child labour in a paragraph.
- (ii) It is a common sight to see people wasting water. Drinking water is becoming more and more a rare commodity. A day will soon come when our thirst may not get quenched. Give your opinion in a paragraph on how to save water.
- (iii) Due to Covid-19 rage, the world has lost a large number of its people. The economy of nearly all countries had a set back and education suffered the most with schools and colleges remaining closed. As no medicine is there for the disease, people have to follow the norms set by the doctors and the government. Write down the importance of these norms in order to control the disease. 7
6. Read the conversation given below :
- Ajith : Hello. May I speak to Dev ? I'm his friend, Ajith.
- Kalyani : My brother is not at home. I am his sister, Kalyani.
- Ajith : Could you please, give him a message ?
- Kalyani : Of course.
- Ajith : Tell him that the Old Students School Reunion is taking place on Friday the 25th of this month at 5 p.m. at the Taj Hotel. He has to come to the reunion.
- Kalyani : I will certainly give him your message.
- Ajith : Thank you.
- Kalyani is leaving for Delhi in the evening, so she leaves a message for her brother, Dev. Write the message as Kalyani. 4



SECTION – C

(Grammar)

(Marks : 30)

7. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows using indirect speech by filling in the blanks appropriately. **1 × 6 = 6**

Madhav : Please give me a postal stamp for this letter. I want to send it to the next village.

Postal Clerk : Here you are sir, that will be Rs. 5.

Madhav : You charged me Rs. 5 yesterday for a letter to Chennai and this is only a short distance away.

Postal Clerk : It is a rule, sir. Every envelope should have a stamp worth Rs. 5.

Madhav : I don't believe you. I will go to another post office.

Madhav went to a post office and requested the postal clerk to (i). She gave him one and said (ii). Madhav protested (iii) for a letter to Chennai and the next village was only a short distance away. The clerk politely explained (iv). Madhav replied (v) and added (vi).

8. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks. For each blank there are four options. Choose the most appropriate option for each blank. The first one has been done for you. **1 × 6 = 6**

Global warming is an increase in the average temperature of (i) earth's atmosphere. It is caused by the (ii) in carbon dioxide levels (iii) the atmosphere, which leads (iv) an increase in temperature on the earth. Global warming has accelerated due to massive deforestation (v) man. It is happening not because of a single cause (vi) due to several causes.

- (i) (A) an (B) the (C) in (D) a
(ii) (A) rising (B) rise (C) rose (D) rises
(iii) (A) on (B) at (C) in (D) by
(iv) (A) on (B) at (C) to (D) for
(v) (A) besides (B) by (C) for (D) with
(vi) (A) and (B) either (C) but (D) or



9. Rewrite each of the following pairs of sentences as one sentence, using the appropriate linkers from the box. There are more words than you need. **1 × 3 = 3**

if, but, because, though, and

- (i) The baby is crying.
She is hungry.
- (ii) You must drive fast.
You want to reach in time.
- (iii) Sita cut the onions.
Gita peeled the potatoes.



10. Rewrite the sentences given below by filling in the blank spaces with the passive form of the verbs : **1 × 3 = 3**

- (i) A strange sense of fear plagued him.
He _____ by a strange sense of fear.
- (ii) The sound of a creaking door nearby startled him.
He _____ by the sound of a creaking door nearby.
- (iii) Everybody had warned him not to spend the night there.
He _____ by everyone not to spend the night there.

11. Complete the following conversation by filling in the blanks with the correct Wh-Question words : **1 × 6 = 6**

- Hotel Manager : (i) is your name ?
Niraav : My name is Niraav.
- Hotel Manager : (ii) is your hometown ?
Niraav : I belong to Mumbai itself.
- Hotel Manager : (iii) dishes can you cook ?
Niraav : I can cook Italian, Indian, Chinese and Mexican dishes.
- Hotel Manager : (iv) can you join the hotel ?
Niraav : In a week's time.
- Hotel Manager : (v) will vouch for you ?
Niraav : Mr. Mehta, my previous employer.
- Hotel Manager : (vi) did you leave his employment ?
Niraav : He is shifting to Delhi.



12. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the suitable form of verbs given in the brackets : 1 × 6 = 6

All baby birds are (i) (bear) from eggs. While it is in the egg, the embryo (i.e. the baby bird) (ii) (get) all the food it (iii) (need) from the yolk in the egg. Besides food, the baby bird needs to be hatched also. So the mother bird (iv) (crouch) over the eggs to keep them warm. Sometimes the father bird (v) (do) this and the parents (vi) (take) turns.

SECTION – D

(Literature)

(Marks : 30)

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1 × 4 = 4

Sticks and stones may break my bones

But words can also hurt me.

Stones and sticks break only skin

While words are ghosts that haunt me.

(The Truth)

- (i) Name the objects that can physically cause harm to us.
- (ii) How do objects cause physical harm ?
- (iii) What type of words are compared to ghosts ?
- (iv) How can words hurt a person ?

14. Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentence(s) each : 2 × 2 = 4

- (i) What type of human beings is the poet talking about when he compares them to the tall trees ? (Tall Trees)
- (ii) How did the spectators react when all the nine contestants holding hands reached the finishing line ? (Nine Gold Medals)



15. Complete the statements given below by choosing from the options that follow : $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) The robes of a new-born child that the weavers were weaving were of _____.

(Indian Weavers)

(A) a bright red colour of the rose

(B) a blue colour like the wings of a halcyon wild

(C) a lovely green colour like the grass growing in the meadow

(D) a pure white colour that captures one's heart



(ii) In the poem 'My Only Cry' the child pleads with the adults to speak about _____.

(My Only Cry)

(A) growing more trees

(B) giving the children a good education

(C) peace, love and friendship

(D) entertaining the children

16. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

$1 \times 4 = 4$

I have three visions for India. In 3000 years of our history people from all over the world have come and invaded us, captured our lands, conquered our minds. From Alexander onwards the Greeks, the Turks, The Moguls, the Portuguese, the British, the French, the Dutch, all of them came and looted us, took over what was ours. Yet, we have not done this to any other nation. We have not conquered anyone. We have not grabbed their land, their culture and their history and tried to enforce our way of life on them. Why ? Because we respect the freedom of others. That is why my first vision is that of Freedom. I believe that India got its first vision of this in 1857, when we started the war of Independence.

(My Vision For India)

(i) What did the invaders do to the people of India ?

(ii) Mention any two invaders who came to India and took over what was ours.

(iii) Why has India not conquered anyone ?

(iv) When did India first get its vision of freedom ?



17. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1 × 4 = 4

One day, when she was kept indoors with a cold, the grandmother told her that father's birthday was next week, and suggested she should make him a pin-cushion for a gift out of a beautiful piece of yellow silk.

Laboriously with double cotton, the little girl stitched three sides. But what to fill it with ? That was the question. The grandmother was out in the garden, and she wandered into mother's bedroom to look for 'scraps'.

(The Little Girl)

- (i) One day, she was not allowed to go outside. Why ? 1
- (ii) What did the grandmother advise the little girl ? 1
- (iii) What did the little girl do with double cotton ? 1
- (iv) What problem did she face ? 1

18. Complete the statements given below by choosing the most appropriate options from those that follow : 1 × 3 = 3

- (i) The parrot backed away from Aunt Ruby because _____.
- (A) too many people had crowded round its cage with Aunt Ruby
- (B) Aunt Ruby had poked it with her fingers
- (C) it did not want to be kissed by Aunt Ruby
- (D) Aunt Ruby was teasing it along with the author

(The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk)

- (ii) Jijabai did not believe the letter to be genuine because _____.
- (A) Mantriji told her it was so
- (B) she did not trust Aurangzeb
- (C) Ram Das and Pandit Rao had brought it
- (D) the letter did not mention how Shivaji died

(The Return of the Lion)



- (iii) Gandhiji and his relative started smoking by _____.
- (A) buying cigarettes from the market
 - (B) collecting stubs of cigarettes thrown away by his uncle
 - (C) stealing his uncle's cigarettes
 - (D) borrowing bidis from the servants of the house



(Stealing and Atonement)

19. Answer any **two** of the following questions in **30 to 40** words each : **2 × 2 = 4**

- (i) How did the old man treat Raja for the snake bite ? (Snake Bite)
- (ii) What prompted the Union of Shoeshines to allow the author to join them ?
(The Shoeshine)
- (iii) What qualities of a soldier did Jawaharlal Nehru want his daughter to have ?
(A Birthday Letter)

20. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **100** words : **5 × 1 = 5**

- (i) What did Neema learn about the Neem tree from her grandfather ?
(The Village Pharmacy)
 - (ii) How did Kondiba's life change from a beggar to a small businessman ?
(Kondiba – A Hero)
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