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Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

- Note* : (i) This Question Paper has *four* Sections, 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D'.
- (ii) *All* the questions are compulsory including those where internal choice is given.
- (iii) All answers have to be written in the answer script provided.

SECTION-A

(Reading)

(Marks : 15)

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

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1. No one knows exactly how old the pyramids are. A thousand years before Christ, they were already old and mysterious. The Great Pyramid at Giza has been attributed to King Cheops of the fourth dynasty (about 2900 BC).
2. The pyramids are tombs. The ancient Egyptian kings believed that their future lives depended upon the perfect preservation of their bodies. The dead were therefore embalmed and the mummies were hidden below the level of the ground in the interior of these great masses of stone. Even the inner passages are blocked and concealed from possible robbers. Food and other necessities were put in the tombs for the kings to eat in their future lives.
3. The building of such a tremendous structure was a marvellous engineering feat. It is said that it took 100000 men working for twenty years to build the Great Pyramid! Each block of stone is 7 metres high. Some are 5.5 metres wide. Let's see if we can trace the story of the building of this particular pyramid.



4. The blocks of limestone and granite used in building the pyramid were brought by boat from quarries across the Nile and from the South. This could be done for only three months each spring when the Nile was flooded. So it took twenty years and some 500000 trips to bring all the stones needed! Boats unloaded at a landing space connected to the site of the pyramid by a stone road. The blocks, weighing about 2 tonnes each, were then pulled up the road on sledges by gangs of men. Stone blocks pulled up the road were laid out in neat rows and then pulled to the site by the gangs of men. The number of blocks in the Great Pyramid have been established at 2300000.
5. As the pyramid rose, a huge ramp was built to get the materials to higher levels. Gangs of men pulled the blocks up the ramp. Each layer of the pyramid was made of blocks of limestone set side-by-side. Mortar was used to slide the stones, rather than to cement them together. Blocks in the centre were rough, but those on the outside were cut more carefully. The final surface was made of very smooth limestone with almost invisible joints. The pyramid has three inside chambers with connecting passages.

- (a) Fill in the blanks/Answer the following briefly : 5
- (i) The ancient Egyptian kings used to build _____. 1
- (ii) Food and other necessities were put in the tombs in anticipation that they would _____. 1
- (iii) The Great Pyramid at Giza is an example of marvellous engineering feat because _____. 1
- (iv) When were the blocks of limestone and granite used in building the Great Pyramid brought and why? 2
- (b) Find a word in the passage that means the following : 1
- (i) huge (Para 3)
- (ii) a slope joining two levels (Para 5)
- (c) Fill in the blanks with *one* word only : 2
- The pyramids are (i) structures in which the dead bodies of the ancient Egyptian kings were (ii). The Great Pyramid at Giza is an (iii) in itself. It is built of the blocks of (iv) and granite.



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

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1. There are two main problems which bother educationists in our country—the problem of religious and moral instruction in a land which has people of many faiths and the second problem associated with the fact that a large variety of languages are spoken by the people here.
2. Children should be trained to love one another, be kind and helpful to others, be gentle to animals, be observant and think right. It is important to teach them to read and write, to count and calculate. Nevertheless, it is equally important to mould their personality in the right way.
3. In almost all schools, we have boys and girls born in different faiths, belonging to families that live diverse ways of life and follow different forms of worship associated with different religions. Schools should promote an atmosphere of mutual respect, better understanding and helpful cooperation among all. We must help children understand that we should remain united. We should teach them to speak and understand more languages than one, to appreciate and respect the different religions as we are all similar as human beings. Boys and girls can be taught national values by promoting facilities for religious teaching of all communities to help develop a broader outlook.

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :

- (i) State one problem that bothers our educationists. 1
- (ii) As far as studies are concerned, what should the children be taught? 1
- (iii) What kind of atmosphere should be promoted in schools? 1
- (iv) In spite of all the differences, how can we teach children to remain united? 1

(b) Find antonyms of the following words from the passage : 1

- (i) Similar (Para 3)
- (ii) Criticise (Para 3)



- (c) Find synonyms of the following words from the passage : ½×4=2
- (i) Trouble (Para 1)
 - (ii) Encourage (Para 3)
 - (iii) Shape (Para 2)
 - (iv) Collaboration (Para 3)

SECTION-B

(Writing)

(Marks : 25)

3. Your tenant who lives on the top floor has the habit of playing guitar and drums loudly at night, which disturb you especially during examination days. Write a letter to him complaining about it and suggesting some steps to solve the problem. 7
4. In India animals are often transported in cramped spaces in trucks. This leads to tormenting of animals and some of them die on the way. Write an article in about 100 words on ethical treatment of animals. 7
5. You received a call for your elder sister when she was not at home. On the basis of your conversation, write a message in not more than 50 words for her. You are Riddhi : 4
- Vivek : Hello! Is it 245678?
- Riddhi : Yes, may I know who is speaking?
- Vivek : This is Vivek. May I speak to Ms. Siddhi?
- Riddhi : She is not at home. If you have any message, please give it to me for her.
- Vivek : Yes, please note down. The official meeting will be held at Park Plaza Hotel in Lucknow, on September 16, 2023.
- Riddhi : That means she has to go to Lucknow.
- Vivek : Yes, we shall go by Air India, Flight No. AI324. Tell her to reach the Domestic Airport by 3:00 p.m. I shall bring the tickets.
- Riddhi : Okay Sir, I have noted it and I shall convey the same to my sister as soon as she comes home.
- Vivek : Thank you.

6. Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following in about 100 words : 7
- (a) Laughter is the best medicine
 - (b) Conservation of biodiversity
 - (c) Role of youth in nation building

SECTION-C

(Grammar)

(Marks : 30)

7. 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

A model of excellent workmanship, Balasundari Temple is (i) fusion of India, and Persian School (ii) architecture. A large number of pilgrims visit (iii) temple each year making it one of the most visited temple shrines (iv) Himachal Pradesh. One of the many unique aspects of the temple is that its conventional Poojari (Priest) has to be a Vaishya or someone (v) the business community. Considering that the descendents of Ram Das have been main Poojaris (vi) the temple was built.

- Example : (A) on (B) of (C) at (D) for
- (i) (A) a (B) some (C) an (D) of
 - (ii) (A) for (B) from (C) on (D) of
 - (iii) (A) the (B) a (C) it (D) an
 - (iv) (A) on (B) at (C) in (D) under
 - (v) (A) for (B) from (C) between (D) off
 - (vi) (A) since (B) from (C) than (D) it

8. Fill in the blanks with correct adjectives given in the brackets : 1×6=6
- (a) Did you have _____ (enough/few) food?
 - (b) _____ (Who/Whose) is this pen?



- (c) His condition is ____ (more worse/worse) than yours.
- (d) I can't hear you. You must speak ____ (loud/louder).
- (e) He is the ____ (little/least) affected of all.
- (f) It is raining ____ (quite/quintely) hard.

9. Select the correct form of phrasal verb shown in the bracket along each sentence and fill in the blank : 1×6=6

- (a) The bus was full. We couldn't ____ (get on/get up).
- (b) ____ (Look out/Look up), there's a car coming.
- (c) Are you looking ____ (forwarding to/forward to) the party next week?
- (d) It was my first flight. I was nervous as the plane ____ (took of/took off).
- (e) Why did you ____ (run off/run away) from me?
- (f) A woman got into the car and ____ (drove off/drove of).

10. Read the sentences carefully and fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions given in the box : 1×3=3

at, on, in

- (a) They arrived ____ Friday.
- (b) I don't like going out ____ night.
- (c) I learnt to drive ____ four weeks.

11. Make one sentence from two. Use the sentence in bracket. Use wherever needed : 1×3=3

- (a) We often go to visit our uncle in Agra.
(It is only 80 miles away.)
- (b) Shiva is one of my closest friends.
(I have known him for a very long time.)
- (c) Glasgow is the largest city in Scotland.
(My brother lives there.)



12. Read the following sentences carefully and select the correct form of verb shown in bracket along each sentence :

1×6=6

- (a) Every boy and every girl ____ (has/have) to join school.
- (b) She as well as you ____ (is/are) intelligent.
- (c) Bread and butter ____ (was/were) his daily diet.
- (d) The king with all his ministers ____ (were/was) killed.
- (e) Game after game (were/was) ____ played.
- (f) The scholar and the poet ____ (are/is) dead.

SECTION-D

(**Literature**)

(*Marks : 30*)

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

Plastic crap can only be turned into a product of lower quality—a plastic might be cleaned, cut into very very tiny pieces and used to stuff seat cushions, a mixture of plastic waste can be recycled into plastic ‘timber’ and used to make durable fencing. But a lot of plastic waste still has to be thrown away. Metals are different. Any car on the road today will consist, in part, of earlier cars that have been scrapped and recycled into new steel and other metals.

(*New Good Things from Rubbish*)

- (a) How can plastic be reused?
- (b) Why does a lot of plastic have to be thrown away?
- (c) How are metals different from plastic?
- (d) Find a word from the passage which has the same meaning as a word given below :

‘Leftover’



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

This kind of sublime forgiveness was not natural to my father. I had thought that he would be angry, say hard things, and strike his forehead. But he was so wonderfully peaceful, and I believe this was due to my clean confession. A clean confession, combined with a promise never to commit the sin again, is the purest type of repentance. I know that my confession made my father feel absolutely safe about me, and increased his affection for me beyond measure.

(*Stealing and Atonement*)

- (a) What 'sin' is the author talking about? 1
- (b) How did the father react to the author's confession? 1
- (c) According to the narrator, what is the purest type of repentance? 1
- (d) Find a word from the passage which has opposite meaning of the word given below : 1

'Safe'

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

And I have learned too
to laugh with only my teeth
and shake hands without my heart.
I have also learned to say, 'Goodbye',
when I mean 'Good-riddance';
to say, 'Glad to meet you',
without being glad; and to say 'It's been
nice talking to you', after being bored.

- (a) What does the poet mean by the second line "to laugh with only my teeth"? 1
- (b) Why does the poet learn to say things opposite to what he feels like? 1
- (c) Who is the poet? 1
- (d) What does 'good-riddance' mean here? 1

16. Complete the statements given below by choosing the most appropriate options from those that follow : 1×2=2

(a) Who seek shelter in the trees at night?

(*Tall Trees*)

- (A) Tired travellers
- (B) Birds
- (C) Very small monkeys
- (D) Drops of dew

(b) What kind of words are the poet recommending in the poem, *The Truth*?

- (A) Honest and bitter words
- (B) Strong words
- (C) Sweet, soft and pleasant words
- (D) Pacifying words

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

(a) Why and how did the hundred yard race get reduced to a walk?

(*Nine Gold Medals*)

(b) What habits of Valodya showed that he was quite impulsive?

(*My Elder Brother*)

(c) What gift did Kezia prepare for her father?

(*The Little Girl*)

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

(a) How did the Indian people and Government recognize and know Ustad Bismillah Khan?

(*Ustad Bismillah Khan*)

(b) Why wouldn't the parrot talk?

(*The Parrot Who Couldn't Talk*)

(c) Why wouldn't the teachers let the tiger's master enter the Headmaster's room to fetch the tiger?

(*A Tiger Comes to Town—II*)



19. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 100 words : 5

(a) Why did grandfather take Raja to the oldman? Do you think the oldman saved Raja's life? Give reasons for your answer.

(b) How does Mother Teresa help the poor?

(*Caring for Others*)

20. Complete the statements given below by choosing from the options that follow : 1×3=3

(a) Who among the following was not present in Shivaji's court in the chapter, *The Return of Lion*?

- (A) Shivaji
- (B) Ram Das
- (C) Sambhaji
- (D) Pandit Rao

(b) Which country fulfills half of its demand for paper by recycling?

(*New Good Things from Rubbish*)

- (A) US
- (B) Japan
- (C) India
- (D) Germany

(c) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru could not send a gift to his daughter on her 18th birthday because

- (A) he had forgotten her date of birth
- (B) he was unwell
- (C) he did not have money
- (D) he was in a prison

(*A Birthday Letter*)

