ENGLISH
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General Instructions:

1. Candidate must write his/her Roll Number on the first page of the Question Paper.

2. Please check the Question Paper to verify that the total pages and total number of questions contained in the Question Paper are the same as those printed on the top of the first page. Also check to see that the questions are in sequential order.

3. For the objective type of questions, you have to choose any one of the four alternatives given in the question i.e. (A), (B), (C) or (D) and indicate your correct answer in the Answer-Book given to you. In the case of fill in the blanks, the correct/appropriate answers should be written in the answer-book.

4. All the questions including objective type questions are to be answered within the allotted time and no separate time limit is fixed for answering objective type questions.

5. Making any identification mark in the Answer-Book or writing Roll Number anywhere other than the specified places will lead to disqualification of the candidate.

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SET - A

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Time : 3 Hours ] [ Maximum Marks : 100

Note :  
(1) This question paper has four sections : A, B, C and D.
(2) All the questions are compulsory except those where internal choice is given.
(3) All the answers have to be written in the answer script provided.

SECTION - A : Reading

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the best options wherever given.

Mother Teresa was born in 1910 in Skopje, capital of the Republic of Macedonia. At a young age she wanted to be a nun and serve by helping the poor. At the age of 18 she was given permission to join a group of nuns in Ireland. After a few months of training with the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland, she was given permission to travel to India. On her arrival in India, she began by working as a teacher. However, the widespread poverty of Calcutta made a deep impression on her and she started “The Missionaries of Charity”.

In 1948 she left convent to live full time amongst the poorest of Calcutta. She chose to wear a white Indian sari out of respect for the traditional Indian dress. For many years Mother Teresa and a small band of fellow nuns survived on minimal income and food, often having to beg for funds. But slowly her efforts with the poorest were noted and appreciated by the local community and Indian politicians.

In 1952 Mother Teresa opened her first home for the dying which allowed people to die with dignity. She often spent time with those who were dying. In 1979 she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Over the last two decades of her life, Mother Teresa suffered various health problems but nothing could stop her from fulfilling her mission of serving the poor and needy. Mother Teresa was a living saint who offered a great example and inspiration to the world.
On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the following questions. Choose the best options wherever given.

(i) The passage tells us that Mother Teresa wanted to:
   
   (A) have many followers among nuns.
   (B) take up a full time job with poor people.
   (C) spend all her time looking after the poor and dying people.
   (D) be appreciated by the people of Calcutta.

(ii) Mother Teresa was facing health problems but she:
    
   (A) continued working as a teacher.
   (B) continued serving the poor and helpless.
   (C) did not give up working for the politicians.
   (D) did not give up efforts to win the Nobel Prize.

(iii) Pick out words from the passage which mean the opposite of:
     
   (A) Departure
   (B) Ended

(iv) Complete the following statement:
    
   Mother Teresa’s birth place was __________.

(v) Why did Mother Teresa open the home for the dying?

(vi) Why is Mother Teresa considered a living saint?

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the best options wherever given.

   Every morning a shepherd took his flock of sheep out in the fields to graze. He would sit by watching - as the sheep lazily munched on fresh grass. After they had eaten, he would round them up and walk back home. Sometimes while watching his flock, he would curl up in a quiet corner and go off to sleep.

   One day, the shepherd saw a wolf which entered the field with its eyes on his sheep. However, it was some distance away and it made no effort to come nearer. The shepherd at first stood on guard against the wolf, as against an enemy, and kept a strict watch over its movements. But the wolf did not do anything. When the shepherd herded the sheep and headed home with his flock, the wolf quietly followed them at a distance.

   This continued for many days. By and by the shepherd stopped worrying about it. In fact he now began to actually look forward to the wolf’s presence as a guardian of his flock. One day, while grazing his sheep, the shepherd was called back home urgently. Leaving the sheep entirely in charge of the wolf he left.
When he came back he found that the wolf had eaten most of his flock with only a few sheep wandering about. Carcasses of the dead sheep lay around everywhere. The shepherd sat down in shock after witnessing the slaughter. “Serves me right”, he moaned to himself, “after all, I entrusted the welfare of my flock to a wolf”.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the questions that follow. Choose the best options wherever given.

(i) The shepherd kept a close watch on the wolf because:
   (A) he thought the wolf was very clever.
   (B) he was afraid the wolf would harm the sheep.
   (C) his sheep were very lazy and the wolf could make them active.
   (D) he wanted the wolf to help him take care of the sheep.

(ii) The shepherd left the sheep in the care of the wolf because:
   (A) he began trusting the wolf.
   (B) the wolf was very good.
   (C) it was a guardian of his sheep.
   (D) it used to help him look after the sheep.

(iii) Why did the shepherd keep a watch on the wolf?

(iv) How did the wolf manage to eat the sheep?

(v) What lesson did the shepherd learn from the incident?

(vi) Pick out the word which means the same as ‘the body of a dead animal’.

SECTION - B : Writing

3. Read the telephone conversation given below:

Ravina : Hello uncle. Could I talk to Shalini please?
Shalini’s father : Shalini is not at home. May I know who is calling?
Ravina : Uncle I’m Ravina. Can I leave a message for her?
Shalini’s father : Yes.
Ravina : I wanted to inform Shalini that we are going on a class picnic tomorrow. We have decided to take one dish each. Shalini has to bring fried rice.
Shalini’s father : I’ll tell her, Ravina, don’t worry.

You are Shalini’s father. You are leaving for Kanpur tonight and will not be at home to give Shalini the message. Write a brief message that you will leave in Shalini’s room.
4. You are Sanjeev. You live in Meerut. On 10th November you witnessed a scene of 3 boys teasing a school girl. You tried to stop the boys but they did not listen to you. A lady who was passing by started shouting at them to stop troubling the girl. The boys went off speedily on their motorcycle but a passer-by stopped and caught hold of them and took them to the police station.

Write a report of this incident highlighting the way the lady and the boy helped to stop the eve teasers in about 100 words for publication in the local newspaper.

5. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper giving your views about the increasing health problems school children are facing such as obesity, diabetes, asthma and other life style related diseases. Suggest what schools and the health department of your town can do to make children realise they need to have a healthy life style and prevent them from having health problems and suffering from these diseases.

Your letter should cover the following points:

- increasing health problems faced by school children specially in large towns and cities.
- causes of these diseases: pollution, changing life style, adulteration, congestion etc.
- steps schools and health department can take: arrange health checks; call doctors to give talks on prevention; discuss health problems and arrive at solutions etc.; ensure better life style.

6. Given below are three situations. Choose any one situation and write a paragraph on it in about 100 words.

(a) You visited 2 parks - one that was well maintained and the other that was totally neglected. Write a paragraph describing the 2 parks, the time you spent in each and how you felt in the parks.

(b) You are very fond of painting and like to spend a lot of time in painting. Write a paragraph about the enjoyment painting gives you.

(c) You live in a crowded area of a big city where even basic things like water, electricity and fresh air are difficult to get. Write a paragraph describing life in your city and the changes you would like to see in it.
SECTION - C : Grammar

7. (a) Read the following paragraph:

Rewrite the paragraph by filling in the blanks. The first sentence of the report is given for you as an example.

Rohini went to a store to buy a gift for her sister. The store assistant who was helping her asked her what she was looking for. Rohini told her that she was looking for a gift for her sister. The store assistant helped her choose a lovely watch. She also packed the watch in a pretty box and wrote a special message for her sister. Rohini thanked the assistant for her help. Rewrite the paragraph by filling in the blanks. The first sentence is filled in for you as an example.

Rohini went to a store to buy a gift for her sister. She was asked by the assistant who was helping her, what she was looking for. The store assistant (i) _______ that she was looking for a gift for her sister. She was helped to choose a lovely watch. The watch (ii) _______ and special message (iii) _______. Rohini thanked the assistant.

(b) Rewrite the following pairs of sentences by combining each pair to one sentence. Use the appropriate words choosing from the ones given in the box. One has been done as an example for you. (Note: there are more words than you may require. You may have to make some changes in the sentence.)

Example:

(A) You are late today.
(B) You will have to stay back after school to complete your assignment.
As you are late today you will have to stay back after school to complete your assignment.

(i) (A) I couldn’t give the message to Priti yesterday.
(B) My phone was not working.

(ii) (A) You can come for the adventure camp at Nainital.
(B) You must get your parents’ permission.

(iii) (A) I was running.
(B) I did not want to miss the train.
8. Read the following passage. There are some numbered blanks in it. For each blank four options have been provided. Choose the correct ones to fill in the blanks. The first sentence has been done as an example.

Eg: Drinking pure water at body temperature is (C) a great healing agent.
Large quantities of warm water (i) digestion and stimulate bowel movement. Drinking a glass of warm or hot water, (ii) a little lemon juice if desired, immediately on arising, is a very good remedy to flush out the system. No food (iii) be taken for at least 20 minutes after this early morning drink as this drink helps (iv) stimulate circulation, calm the stomach and encourage bowel action. (v) of the best ways of taking water is in the form of herbal teas, which are easy to make and are quite pleasant to the taste. Peppermint tea, for example, (vi) be used to fight chills, dizziness, nausea, stomach related problems and influenza.

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9. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks.

The India International Trade Fair is held at Pragati Maidan in Delhi every year. This year Aarti went to the fair with her friends. They were impressed by the exhibits from different parts of the country. They were particularly happy to see the rural India handicrafts stall. Arati spoke to one of the weavers.

Aarti : Which part of the country are you from?
Weaver : I’m from Kerala.
Aarti : Who (i) _________ such beautiful handicrafts?
Weaver : I learnt it from my grandmother.
Aarti : Really? What (ii) _________?
Weaver : We use things like cane, bamboo, old cloth and sea shells.
Aarti : What (iii) _________ this lovely doll?
Weaver : I have used colourful shells, cloth and beads.
Aarti : How much time does it take you to make one doll?
Weaver : It takes me 2 to 3 hours.
10. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words. The first one has been done as an example.

Manu : Why don’t you stay here tonight. We will go to see the Japanese garden tomorrow.
Rohit : I (i) ________ stay at your house tonight. I have to get back home by evening as I (ii) ________ cast my vote for the State Assembly tomorrow.
Manu : Oh, forget voting. No party is worth voting for.
Rohit : You (iii) ________ say that. It is our duty to cast our votes and see that the right people get elected.

11. You heard the following dialogue between Sumit and his Father. Complete the report by filling in the blanks.

Father : Today is Sunday. What are you going to do today?
Sumit : I’m planning to see a movie with my friends, dad.
Father : Which movie are you going to watch?
Sumit : We have not yet decided.
Father : Your room is in a mess. I want you to clean it up today. You can watch the movie in the evening.
Sumit : I’ll clean my room just now and go for the movie in the evening.

You are Sumit’s friend. You heard the dialogue. Complete and report the dialogue to another friend by filling in the blanks.

Sumit’s father asked him what he was going to do as it was a Sunday. Sumit informed his father (i) ________ friends. When his father asked him (ii) ________ Sumit told him that (iii) ________. (iii) Sumit’s father then told him that (iv) ________ and he should clean it. But he told Sumit that (v) ________. Sumit told his father that (vi) ________ and go for the movie in the evening.

12. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks using the correct form of verbs given in brackets:

It was my birthday and I was all alone in my hostel room. My mother’s birthday gift and message were (i) ________ (lie) on my lap. My tears fell on the paper as I read the powerful words of love (ii) ________ (write) by my mother. She considered me a gift of God and an inspiration. She wrote that she (iii) ________ (is waiting) for me to complete my studies and return home to her. Her message (iv) ________ (touch) my heart and gave me new life. That night, as I (v) ________ (go) to sleep, I was the happiest girl on earth. I cannot describe my feelings as I picked up the phone to thank her for (vi) ________ (be) the best mother.
SECTION - D : Literature

13. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow. 1x4=4

We join with the earth and with each other
To recreate the human community
To promote justice and peace
To remember our children.
(a) Why do the speakers join each other?
(b) Why is there a need ‘to promote justice and peace’?
(c) What does the word ‘recreate’ express?
(d) Why is there a need to remember our children?

14. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each. 2x2=4
(a) What is the difference in the behaviour of people in the past and the present? (Once Upon a Time)
(b) What is the similarity between morning time and the birth of a child? (Indian Weavers)

15. Complete the following statement by choosing the correct option.
(i) Words are called ghosts that haunt us because: (The Truth) 1
   (A) They are invisible.
   (B) They trouble us for a long time.
   (C) We cannot fight them.
   (D) They frighten us.
(ii) In what way do the tall trees behave like kind human beings? (Tall Trees) 1
   (A) They speak to animals.
   (B) They do a lot of work.
   (C) They shine down on the earth.
   (D) They care for all beings on earth.
16. Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Sheer helplessness seemed to have seized the town people. They withdrew into their homes and remained nervous even there. All doors and windows everywhere were shut, bolted and sealed. Some even thought that I was some extraordinary creature who might pass through the walls and lie in wait on the roof or in the basement.

(a) Who is ‘I’ in the fourth sentence?
(b) Why did the people feel helpless?
(c) What does the behaviour of the people tell you about them?
(d) Pick out the word which is close in meaning to ‘not common/different from others’.

17. I have a THIRD VISION. India must stand up to the world. Because I believe that unless India stands up to the world, no one will respect us. Only strength respects strength. We must be strong not only as a military power but also as an economic power. Both must go hand in hand. My good fortune was to have worked with three great minds. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, of the Dept. of Space, Professor Satish Dhawan, who succeeded him and Dr. Brahmp Prakash, father of nuclear material.

(a) Who is ‘I’ in the first line?
(b) Why is it important for India to be a strong country?
(c) What are the 2 things that must happen together?
(d) Find the group of words which means ‘happen together’.

18. Complete the following statements by choosing the most appropriate option given below.

(i) Pandit Nehru was not able to send a birthday gift to Indira because he __________.

(A) was imprisoned in Naini jail.
(B) did not like sending her gifts.
(C) thought that the high walls of prison would make it difficult to send.
(D) thought a letter was good enough for her.

(A Birthday Letter)

(ii) The squirrel got his stripes when __________.

(A) One monkey flung him away.
(B) He was hurt by the stones he was picking up.
(C) Lord Rama put him down.
(D) Lord Rama ran his fingers over his back.

(How the Squirrel Got His Stripes)
(iii) Neema’s father got motivated to become a doctor because _________.

   (The Village Pharmacy)

   (A) there was a pharmacy in his village.
   (B) his grandfather asked him to become a doctor.
   (C) he saw his grandfather preparing medicines from various parts of the neem.
   (D) his father thought he could become a good doctor.

19. Answer any two of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each.

(a) Why did Aunt Ruby start disliking the parakeet?

   (The Parrot Who Wouldn’t Talk)

(b) Why is Ustad Bismillah Khan called a gem of India?

   (Ustad Bismillah Khan)

(c) What reason did the shoeshine give to the author to convince him to get his shoes polished?

   (The Shoeshine)

20. Answer the following question in about 100 words.

What is Anand Bharti? In what way is it a unique school?

   (Caring for Others)

   OR

   Describe in your own words how the headmaster and teachers and the tiger’s Master behaved differently towards the tiger.

   (A Tiger Comes To Town)