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ENGLISH**

Time : Three Hours 15 Minutes]

[Max. Marks : 70

General Instructions:

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.*
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.*
- (iii) This question paper is divided into two parts : Part-A and Part-B*
- (iv) Part-A consists of 20 multiple choice questions carrying 1 mark each.*
- (v) Read the question-wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet.
Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR sheet.*
- (vi) Part-B consists of descriptive type questions.*
- (vii) Marks are indicated against each question.*

PART-A

Multiple Choice Questions

(Questions No. 1-3) Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

Subhash Chandra Bose was a great leader of India. His countrymen called him 'Netaji' because he led them on the right path. He was imprisoned many times. But he soon found out that more efforts should be made to make India free. The British power was getting weaker in the Second World War. He thought of shaking it from all sides.

One day, he escaped from Calcutta in the guise of a Pathan and went to Germany via Peshawar. From Germany, he went to Japan. He organised the Indian National Army that fought many battles against the British forces. He said to his countrymen, "Give me blood and I will give you freedom".

1. Who was Subhash Chandra Bose ? 1
- (A) A great scientist
 - (B) A great artist
 - (C) A great leader
 - (D) None of these
2. "Give me blood and I will give you freedom." Whose statement is this? 1
- (A) Chandra Shekhar Azad
 - (B) Subhash Chandra Bose
 - (C) Mahatma Gandhi
 - (D) Shaheed Bhagat Singh
3. Indian National Army was organised by: 1
- (A) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
 - (B) Sardar Patel
 - (C) Subhash Chandra Bose
 - (D) General Cariappa

(Q. Nos. 4-8): Choose the correct option of answer the following:

4. She to the market with her cousins. 1
- (A) had gone
 - (B) went
 - (C) will go
 - (D) all are correct
5. If a student wants to know every new thing, he is 1
- (A) intelligent
 - (B) cautious
 - (C) careful
 - (D) curious

6. Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence and choose the right arrangement: 1

- (A) Elders we great should for have respect our
- (B) Respect we should great have our for elders
- (C) Our great elders for we have respect should
- (D) We should have great respect for our elders

7. Which of the following words is mis-spelled ? 1

- (A) Receive
- (B) Deceive
- (C) Conceive
- (D) Percieve

8. Fill in the gap with a suitable preposition: He has no desire fame. 1

- (A) of
- (B) for
- (C) to
- (D) at

(Questions No. 9-10) Read the passage given below and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:

But then I slowly saw that not only I was not free but my brothers and sisters were not free. I saw that it was not just my freedom that was curtailed, but the freedom of everyone who looked like I did. That is when I joined the African National Congress and that is when the hunger for my own freedom 'became the greater hunger for the freedom of my people to live their lives with dignity and self-respect that animated my life, that transformed a frightened young man into a bold one.

9. The freedom of the black people of his country was 1

- (A) sanctioned
- (B) supported
- (C) curtailed
- (D) opposed

10. The author felt the greater hunger for 1
(A) the freedom of his parents
(B) the freedom of his people
(C) the freedom of his friends
(D) the freedom of his neighbours

(Questions No. 11-13) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

11. The postmaster was a amiable fellow. 1
(A) rude
(B) friendly
(C) lazy
(D) fat

12. Anne Frank wants to keep a diary because 1
(A) She is fond of keeping a diary
(B) She has no friend to talk and share her feelings
(C) She wants to keep a record in it
(D) Mr. Keesing, her teacher, had asked her to do so

13. The main crop of Coorg is 1
(A) rice
(B) coffee
(C) tea
(D) spices

(Q. Nos. 14-15): Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the questions following it:

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

14. Who was sitting in the tree? 1
(A) A cuckoo
(C) A pigeon
(B) A sparrow
(D) A crow

15. Where was the poet standing? 1
- (A) Under a hemlock tree
 - (B) Under a banyan tree
 - (C) Under a peepal tree
 - (D) Under a neem tree

(Q. Nos. 16-20): Choose the correct option following questions: to

16. At the clinic the doctor gave Tricky 1
- (A) fruits and vegetables
 - (B) chocolates
 - (C) no food for two days
 - (D) injections and medicine

17. Who is the narrator of the story "The Thief's Story" ? 1
- (A) Ruskin Bond
 - (B) Anil
 - (C) Hari Singh
 - (D) Anil's friend

18. Where did Griffin stay at Iping? 1
- (A) In an inn
 - (B) In a church
 - (C) In a hotel
 - (D) In a temple

19. What did Ebright start collecting in childhood? 1
- (A) Butterflies
 - (B) Coins
 - (C) Stamps
 - (D) All of these

20. Mrs. Loisel went to Mme Forestier to borrow 1
- (A) A beautiful dress.
 - (B) A necklace
 - (C) A bracelet
 - (D) All of these

PART-B

Reading

21. The good uses to which wealth can be put are manifold. Riches can be profitably spent in removing the wants to the poor and needy by providing them with food and clothing, by the establishment of hospitals for the sick, by starting of orphanages for helpless children, by the opening of alms-houses for the disabled and infirm or rescue homes for fallen women and widows. Besides these humanitarian works, other works of public utility such as foundation of educational institutions, promoting the growth of science and agriculture by financing research institutions, may be carried out. But just as wealth can be turned to good account, it can also be put to many bad uses. Rich men, who literally roll in wealth, are easily tempted to waste their money on luxuries and on gratification of physical pleasures deficient in moral or spiritual interests.

- a) How can wealthy people help the sick and helpless children? 2
- b) What works of public utility can be carried out by rich men ? 2
- c) How do many rich people waste their money ? 2
- d) Which word in the passage means several ? 1

Writing

22. Write a letter to your friend from the place you are visiting during holidays. 4

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college to allow you a week's leave of absence as you are ill.

23. Write a report on Diwali celebration in your village or city in about 80-100 words. (Hints: Preparation, lighting, worship of Goddess Luxmi and Ganesh, firework and crackers, silence at 11 P.M. Roads and parks looked dirty in the morning.) 6

OR

Write an article on "Girls' Education".

(Hints: Need of the hour, education is the root of all progress, general education to increase their knowledge and sharpen mind. Technical and professional education, develop confidence and self-respect, make them financially safe.)

Grammar

a) Change the following sentence into indirect speech : 2

He said, "I shall do my best tomorrow."

b) Change the following into passive voice: Three men are loading the cart. 2

c) Punctuate the following using capital letters wherever necessary: 2

he said what is your name

d) Translate the following into English: 4

हमने 27 दिसम्बर को अपनी दादी का 75 वाँ जन्मदिन मनाया। जाड़े की छुट्टियाँ होने के कारण हमारे सब भाई बहन इकट्ठे हुए। सुबह हमने पूजा आयोजित की और दादी को लम्बी उम्र देने के लिए ईश्वर को धन्यवाद दिया। हमने उनके स्वस्थ एवं खुशहाल भविष्य के लिए भी ईश्वर से प्रार्थना की।

(Literature)

25. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each: 3 + 3 = 6

a) Why did the postman laugh heartily ?

OR

What are the main preparations of the bakers of Goa ?

b) Who was Nelson Mandela? Why did he fight with the white rulers of his country?

OR

What does the writer say about the "Tea from Assam"?

26. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words: 4

a) What does the writer say about Coorg and its people?

b) How did Gautam Buddha convince Kisa Gautami that death unavoidable?

27. Who has composed the poem 'Dust of Snow'? What does the poet teach us through this poem? 3

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

(Do not copy the lines given in the question paper)

28. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems: 3

a) Fire and Ice

b) A Tiger in the Zoo

c) The Trees.

29. Answer any one of the following in about 30-40 words: 3

- a) How was Mrs. Pumphrey responsible for the poor condition of Tricki ?
- b) How did Bholi console her father in the end ?

30. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words: 4

- a) Why did Griffin decide to slip into a big London store? What did he do inside the store ?
- b) Why was Mrs. Loisel dissatisfied with her life?

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