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**ENGLISH**

**Time: Three Hours 15 Minutes**

**Max. Marks: 100**

**Note:** First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.

**Instructions:**

(i) This question paper is divided into four Sections A, B, C and D.

(ii) All questions from all the sections are compulsory.

(iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

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

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

It is only under adverse circumstances that, the real man is discovered. A man of character, of noble intentions, of strong and sturdy physique and virtues of selfless service to others, proves his worth even in times of adversity. He faces the adversity with his strong will and determination. If he has a will to do a thing, nothing can stand in his way. He can conquer all obstacles to achieve his mission, since his objective is noble and worthy. In the days of prosperity and pleasure, we sleep and enjoy and know not what we are. But in adversity, the inner man wakes up and we come to know our real strength and weakness.

- (a) When is the real man discovered? 3
- (b) What kind of a man proves his worth even in adversity? 3
- (c) Who can conquer his mission? 3
- (d) Explain in your own words the underlined portion in the passage. 3
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'Selfish'? 3 x 1=3
- (ii) Which word in the passage means 'misery'?
- (iii) What does the word 'obstacle' mean in the passage?



**SECTION-B**

(Writing)

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words:
- (a) My Hero In History 10  
(b) Women in new India  
(c) The book that inspire you mos
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 an application to the administrator of the Nagar Nigam of your city to improve the sanitary conditions in the part you live in.

**SECTION-C**

(Grammar)

4. Choose a correct option to answer the following questions: 5 x 2 = 10
- (a) Government by the rich is called-
- (i) aristocracy  
(ii) plutocracy  
(iii) bureaucracy  
(iv) autocracy
- (b) The phrase 'On the Wane' means :
- (i) increasing  
(ii) developing  
(iii) decreasing  
(iv) striking
- (c) The synonym 'destiny' is-
- (i) defeat  
(ii) fortune  
(iii) victory  
(iv) confidence
- (d) Which of the following sentences is/are correct.
- (i) You he and I are good friends.  
(ii) Except he all were present.  
(iii) I, who is your teacher, will teach you.  
(iv) Waters are necessary for human beings.
- (a) only i (b) both ii and iv

(c) only ii

(d) only iii

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(e) The antonym of 'Ancient' is- [2 of 5]

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(i) old

(ii) ascent

(iii) descent

(iv) modern

5. (a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech: 2

(i) You said to him, "Are you fool?"

(ii) The teacher said to me, "Go away at once."

(b) Combine any one of the following as directed: 2

(i) We eat to live. (Complex sentence)

(ii) The thief was punished. The thief was fined. (Compound sentence)

(c) Transform any one of the following as directed: 2

(i) They close the shops at 8 p.m. (into Passive voice)

(ii) He is as clever as a fox. (into Comparative degree)

(d) Correct any one of the following sentences: 2

(i) The wounded were taken to the hospital.

(ii) No body likes such men who are dishonest

(e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your sentences to make their

meanings clear:

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(i) Difference - Deference

(ii) Access - Excess

6. Translate the following passage into English: 5

हमें पालतू और मूक पशुओं की तरह किसी के पीछे नहीं चलना चाहिए। जीवन के संघर्षों एवं आने वाले खतरों का निर्भीकता एवं साहस के साथ सामना करना चाहिए। भविष्य चाहे कितना भी उज्वल एवं लुभावना क्यों न हो, हमें उस पर भरोसा नहीं करना चाहिए। हमें बीती हुई बातों को बार-बार सोचना नहीं चाहिए। बस अपने कर्तव्यों के प्रति सचेत रहना चाहिए।

**SECTION - D**

(Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each: 4 + 4 = 8  
(a) What happened when church-clock struck twelve?

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OR

What didi Douglas do inside the water to save his life?

- (b) What does the bangles symboliz? What is the role of bangle makers of Firozabad?

OR

Who gave him shelter for the night and why?

8. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words: 7

- (a) What was the scene inside the class when Franz reached the school?  
(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:

3x2=6

A thing of beauty is a joy for ever  
Its loveliness increases, it will never  
Pass into nothingness; but will keep  
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep  
Full of sweet dreams, and health,  
and quiet breathing.

- (a) What does the poet feel about a thing of beauty?  
(b) What does the poet mean when he says, "it will never pass into nothingness"?  
(c) Point out the figure of speech in the statement-

10. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems: 4

- a) My Mother at Sixty-six
- b) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers
- c) Keeping Quiet

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11. Answer the following questions in about **40** words: 4+4=8

(a) What prediction was made by the astrologer about the Tiger King?

OR

What circumstances forced Dr. Sadao's father to end him to America?

(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:

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(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'?

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