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ENGLISH

Time: 3 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:**

Why are examinations such a terror? Perhaps because chance plays such a great part in them. The examination paper is like a lottery uncertain, undependable. The element of uncertainty and surprise is bound to shake the most confident examinee. Sometimes our nervousness is so great that we seem to forget our best prepared lessons. Before the examination, we feel sure of doing well, but once the question paper is before us, our mind becomes perfectly blank. We fail to recall our most memorised lessons. Some candidates even faint in the examination hall. The question paper springs a complete surprise. None of the 'sure hints', over which we have

spent days and nights appear in the examination. On the contrary, just those very topics, which we left out as unimportant and unexpected, stare us in the face. In Geography, we prepared the map of Europe but we are required to draw a free-hand map of Asia and the question is compulsory. Surely the fates and their friend, the examiner have played a cruel joke upon us.

- (a) Why are examinations considered to be a terror? 3
- (b) How does the chance play an important role in the examinations? 3
- (c) How do the fates and the examiner play a cruel joke upon the students? 3
- (d) Why do some students get nervous in the examinations? 3
- (e) (i) Find a word from the passage that means empty 1
- (ii) Find out the synonym of totally from the passage 1
- (iii) Which word in the above passage is the antonym of optional? 1

SECTION B: (Writing)

2. Write an article (essay) on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words: 10
- (a) The pollution spread by the vehicular traffic
- (b) How can music effect harmony and bonhomie in the society?
- (c) How does diet decide whether one is healthy or not?

3. Write a letter to the bookseller who has sent you try post a book other than the one ordered by you. 10

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily to register your grievance against the callousness of the local police station regarding a robbery in the neighbourhood.

SECTION C: (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following question: 5×2=10
- (a) Allowance due to a wife from her husband on separation is
- (i) matrimony (ii) patrimony (iii) alimony (iv) calumny
- (b) "At the drop of a hat means
- (i) late (ii) immediately (iii) lazily (iv) angrily
- (c) The synonym of 'allow is
- (i) admit (ii) permit (iii) submit (iv) commit
- (d) Which of the following sentences is/are correct?
- A. My father died since last Thursday
- B. My father has been dead since last Thursday
- C. He ordered for my dismissal.
- D. He does not obey to my words.

(i) (A) and (B) (ii) Only (B) (iii) (A) and (B) (iv) Only (D)

(e) The antonym of 'gather

(i) together (ii) other (iii) scatter (iv) bother

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

(i) He said, "We cannot be happy in this life".

(ii) He said, "I will come here".

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

(i) He gave them his advice. He helped them liberally.

(Into Simple sentence)

(ii) I am certain of giving you satisfaction.

(Into Complex sentence)

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

(i) Summon the fire brigade (into Passive voice)

(ii) Mope but the brave deserve the fair. (Into an Affirmative sentence)

(d) Correct any one of the following sentences:

(i) Knowledge is even mare preferable than reaches

(ii) Two years passed since my father has died.

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

the difference in their meaning clear: 2

(i) Coarse- Course

(ii) Difference Deference

6. Translate the following passage in English:

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जानवरों की दुनिया अजीब है। वहाँ कुछ जानथा हमारे दोस्त हैं वहाँ कुछ दुश्मन भी। बाघ, शेर, चीता, भेड़िया और लकड़बग्घा भयानक जीव हैं। साही (porcupine) भी खतरनाक जानवर है। पर कुते, बिल्ली, गाय, बैल, भेड़, बकरी और घोड़े पालतु जानवर हैं।

SECTION D: (Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

4+4=8

(a) What was Frans expected to be prepared with for school on that fateful day when Germany invaded France?

OR

What explanations does the author of Lost Spring offer for children not wearing footwear?

(b) Why did the ironmaster speak kindly to the peddler and invite him home?

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

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(a) What made the peddler finally change his ways?

(b) How did Gandhi change the plight of the peasants of Champaran?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

3×2=6

And such too is the grandeur of the dooms

We have imagined for the mighty dead:

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All lovely tales that we have heard or read:

An endless fountain of immortal drink,

Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

- a. What is the grandeur of the dooms?
- b. Why is grandeur associated with the 'mighty dead'?
- c. A Joy of beauty is for a short time forever. Discuss?

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

(a) My Mother at Sixty-six

(b) A Roadside Stand

(c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

11. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words: 4+4=8

(a) What did the chief astrologer say to the Tiger King?

OR

How do geological phenomena help us to know about the history of mankind?

(b) Who is the enemy of whom in The Enemy? Why?

OR

What is it that draws Derry towards Mr. Lamb in spite of himself?

[Turn over

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

(a) How does Maharaja prepare himself for the killing of the hundredth tiger?

(b) Describe in brief Zitkala's experiences while getting a haircut.

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