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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:**

Early rising leads to health and happiness. The man who rises late, can have little rest in the course of the day. Anyone, who lies in bed late, is compelled to work till a late hour in the evening. He has to go without the evening exercise which is so necessary for his health. In spite of all his efforts his work will not produce as good result, as that of the early riser. The reason for this is that he cannot take advantage of the refreshing hours of the morning. Some people say that the quiet hour of mid-night is the best time for working. Several great thinkers say that they can write best only when they burn the midnight oil. Yet it is true to say that few men have a clear brain at midnight when the body needs rest and sleep. Those

who work at that time soon ruin their health. Bad health must, in the long run, have a bad effect on the quality of their work.

- (a) Why is early rising better than rising late? 3
- (b) Why do some thinkers burn the midnight oil? 3
- (c) What is the disadvantage of working at midnight? 3
- (d) What are the possible advantages of both morning hours and midnight hours? 3
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage is opposite of 'noisy'? 1
- (ii) What do you mean by burning midnight oil? 1
- (iii) What is the synonym of 'ruin'? 1

SECTION B: (Writing)

- 2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words: 10
 - (a) Importance of Games and Sports at School
 - (b) Online Classes
 - (c) Usefulness of a good library.
- 3. Write a letter to the Editor of a daily newspaper about the situation and problems after flood in your town or village. 10

OR

Write a letter to the Principal of your college for the improvement of several laboratories in your college.

SECTION C: (Grammar)

- 4. Choose the correct option to answer the following question: 5×2=10
 - (a) One who takes the bright side of a thing is called
 - (i) brightener (ii) brighton
 - (iii) optimist (iv) pessimist

- (b) The phrase 'pick holes in' means
 (i) to insult someone (ii) to attack someone
 (iii) to puncture (iv) to find fault with
- (c) The synonym of 'Industrious' is
 (i) industry (ii) industrial
 (iii) hard working (iv) factory
- (d) This college is the best in all colleges. Which word in this sentence is an error?
 (i) This (ii) the
 (iii) all (iv) in
- (e) The antonym of 'success'
 (i) fail (ii) failed
 (iii) failure (iv) pass

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

(i) She said to me, "When shall I help you?"

(ii) I said to her, "Please, help me just now."

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

(i) It must be done. The cost does not count.

(Into Simple sentence)

(ii) He was so tired. He could not run.

(Into Complex sentence)

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

(i) Did you see him yesterday? (into Passive voice)

(ii) Iron is the most useful metal. (Into Comparative degree)

(d) Correct any one of the following sentences:

(i) Poor are honest.

(ii) Do you take pride of your work?

- (e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your sentences to make the difference in their meaning clear: 2

(i) Accept Expect

(ii) Weak – Week

6. Translate the following passage in English: 5

दो व्यक्ति साथ-साथ यात्रा कर रहे थे। रास्ते में उन्हें एक सराय में ठहरने का अवसर मिला। उनमें से एक को सराय के दरवाजे पर रुपयों की एक थैली मिली। दूसरे व्यक्ति ने कहा, "इन रुपयों को बराबर-बराबर बाँट लें।" पहले व्यक्ति ने कहा, "थैली मुझे मिली है, अतः इसमें तुम्हारा कोई हिस्सा नहीं है।" इस पर दोनों झगड़ने लगे। दोनों को झगड़ा करते देखकर पुलिस वहाँ आ गई और थैली वाले व्यक्ति को थाने लिवा ले गई। तब उस व्यक्ति ने अपने साथी से अपने साथ धाने चलने का निवेदन किया। इस पर उसके मित्र ने कहा, "यदि इस थैली में मेरा हिस्सा नहीं है तो मैं थाने क्यों चलूँ?" इतना कहकर वह अपने नगर को चला गया।

SECTION D: (Literature)

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

(a) What did M. Hamel say about the language and its importance?

OR

How did the instructor train Douglas?

(b) How did Gandhiji reach Champaran? What problems did he find there?

OR

Why did the peddler consider the world as a rattrap?

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

(a) Describe Douglas's struggle at the pool? What did he do to save his life?

(b) Describe the life of people working in the glass bangle industry.

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: 3×2=6

Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,

Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.

They do not fear the men beneath the tree

They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

- a. How do Jennifer's tigers behave?
- b. Why do the tigers not fear the men beneath the tree?
- c. How do the tiger's pace?

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

- (a) My Mother at Sixty-six
- (b) Thing of Beauty
- (c) Keeping Quiet.

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

- (a) What wonders did the author realize when he reached Antarctica?

OR

Who was Hana? How did she meet Dr. Sadao?

- (b) How did Dr. Sadao operate the white man?

OR

What was the third level? Where was it situated?

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

- (a) Who was the psychiatrist? What did he say about the third level?
- (b) Why did the king kill the hundredth tiger?