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**English**

समय : तीन घण्टे 15 मिनट

पूर्णांक : 100

**Note:** First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read 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:

Man's life is not measured by the number of days, months and years that he has lived, but by the deeds he has done and by the achievements he has made. What is the real significance in life is not the quantity, but the quality of experience. A short life devoted to noble endeavours is far more valuable than a long life of over a hundred years spent in trivial pursuits. We live in deeds and not in years. Noble deeds, splendid ideas and fine sentiments constitute the real glory of character and not the length of time one has lived in the world.

- (a) How does the world measure man's life ? [3]
- (b) Which life is more valuable a short life or a long life ? [3]
- (c) What should one prefer to do in life ? [3]

- (d) What things make character glorious ? [3]
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage means 'importance' ? [1]
- (ii) What is meant by noble endeavours ? [1]
- (iii) What is the difference between 'indeed' and 'in deed' ? [1]

## SECTION - B

### (Writing)

6. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100 - 150 words: [10]
- (a) Making Our Cities Clean
- (b) Importance of Good Health
- (c) The Third World War - A Threat to Mankind
7. Write a letter to the Principal of your college to complain against the shortage of drinking water for students in your college. [10]

**OR**

Write a letter to the Editor of a daily newspaper about frequent breakdown of electricity in your locality.

## SECTION - C

### (Grammar)

8. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:  $5 \times 2 = 10$
- (a) Government run by the representatives of the people, is called
- (i) Bureaucracy
- (ii) Autocracy
- (iii) Democracy
- (iv) Anarchy
- (b) The phrase 'run down' means
- (i) running from the top floor to the ground floor of a building

- (ii) running from a hill-top to the foot of a hill
- (iii) to be unable to run
- (iv) to be in poor health
- (c) The synonym of 'frank' is
  - (i) shameless
  - (ii) wide spoken
  - (iii) candid
  - (iv) foolish
- (d) 'Always speak a truth.' Which word in this sentence is an error ?
  - (i) always
  - (ii) speak
  - (iii) a
  - (iv) truth
- (e) The antonym of 'better' is
  - (i) good
  - (ii) bad
  - (iii) worse
  - (iv) best

9. (a) Change any one of the following in indirect narration: [2]
- (i) He said to me, "What did you study yesterday ?"
  - (ii) She said to her friend, "We cannot be quite happy here at this place."
- (b) Combine any one of the following as directed: [2]
- (i) His brother died. He heard the news. He fainted. (*Into a Simple sentence*)
  - (ii) She is rich. She is not happy. (*Into a Complex sentence*)
- (c) Change any one of the following sentences: [2]
- (i) Your failure has shocked her. (*Into Passive voice*)
  - (ii) Their glory can never fade. (*Into Interrogative sentence*)
- (d) Correct any one of the following sentences: [2]

(i) I am tired in doing this.

(ii) He is senior than you.

(e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear: [2]

(i) Affect – Effect

(ii) Check – Cheque

10. Translate the following passage into English: [5]

प्रातःकाल का सुहावना समय था। ठंडी हवा चल रही थी। राजकुमार सलीम और बीरबल के साथ, अकबर टहलने चल दिया। कुछ देर के बाद वे एक तालाब के किनारे पहुँचे। तालाब का पानी साफ़ था अतः अकबर ने स्नान करने का निश्चय किया। राजकुमार सलीम भी नहाने के लिये तैयार हो गये। उन्होंने अपने कपड़े उतारे और बीरबल को दे दिये जो उस समय स्नान करना नहीं चाहता था। नहाते समय अकबर ने बीरबल से कहा, "तुम्हारे पास एक गधे का बोझ है।" बीरबल ने तुरंत उत्तर दिया, "नहीं, सरकार दो गधों का है।" बीरबल के शब्दों पर अकबर हँस पड़ा परंतु राजकुमार सलीम क्रोधित हो गये।

## SECTION - D

(Literature)

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

(a) Who was the rattrap seller ? How did he make rattraps ?

**OR**

Whom did M. Hamel blame for the ignorance in studies and why ?

(b) What did the children find in garbage ?

**OR**

Why did M. Hamel declare that the lesson which he was going to teach on that fateful day was to be the last lesson ?

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

(a) How did Gandhiji reach Champaran and how did he solve the problems of farmers ?

(b) What did Douglas decide to overcome his fear of water ?

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

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 ? [2]
- (b) What does the poet mean when he says, "It will never pass into nothingness" ? [2]
- (c) Point out some rhyming words in the extract. [2]

14. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems: [4]

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

15. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each:  $4 + 4 = 8$

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

**OR**

Why did the Tiger King decide to marry ?

- (b) What did the astrologer predict about the tiger king's death ?

**OR**

What did the author realize, on reaching Antarctica ?

16. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words: [7]

- (a) What is there on Antarctica ? How is sometimes silence interrupted there ?
- (b) Who was Dr. Sadao ? How did he meet Hana and married her ?