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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 of one mark each that have to be answered on the OMR Answer Sheet.
- (v) For Part-A read the question-wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet only. Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR sheet after answering.
- (vi) Marks of the questions are mentioned against them.
- (vii) Part-B consists of Descriptive Type Questions of 50 marks.
- (viii) All the questions of Part-B are to be attempted.

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:

Robert Bruce was the king of Scotland. He fought hard to free his country from the English, but was badly defeated. He hid himself in the mountains. One day, when hiding in a cave he felt very downhearted. He made up his mind to give up the struggle. Then

he saw a spider trying to swing itself up on a long thread to the roof of the cave. It tried and tried, but always fell short.

Bruce watched the little insect's effort. At the ninth attempt it succeeded. "Bravo !" cried Bruce. "Surely I can go on trying like the spider. I will try again. I will try again." And he did succeed and made his country free.

1. King Bruce had to hide himself [1]
 - (A) in the jungles
 - (B) in schools
 - (C) in the mountains
 - (D) in factories
2. He felt very downhearted. It means he was [1]
 - (A) happy
 - (B) sad and without hope
 - (C) a heart patient
 - (D) strong
3. Which word in the passage is opposite of the word 'failed' ? [1]
 - (A) watched
 - (B) defeated
 - (C) succeeded
 - (D) tried

(Questions No. 4–8): Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

4. Complete the following sentence:
As soon as he called my name, I _____. [1]
 - (A) reached
 - (B) would reach
 - (C) will reach

(D) has reached

5. Complete the following sentence:

___ Gita is a great book.

[1]

(A) The

(B) A

(C) An

(D) None of the above

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

great / we / have / should / parents / our / for / respect

[1]

(A) Respect we should have great our for parents.

(B) Our parents for great respect have we should.

(C) For great respect our parents have we should.

(D) We should have great respect for our parents.

7. Fill in the gap with a suitable preposition:

I am proud ___ my students.

[1]

(A) at

(B) for

(C) of

(D) to

8. Which of the following words is mis-spelled ?

[1]

(A) Maker

(B) Creator

(C) Greater

(D) Inspector

(Questions No. 9–10): Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:

It was nothing less than a letter to God.

"God," he wrote, "If you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year. I need a hundred pesos in order to sow my field again and to live until the crop comes, because the hailstorm..."

9. _____ wrote a letter to God. [1]

(A) The postmaster

(B) A postman

(C) A child

(D) Lencho

10. He needed a hundred pesos in order to: [1]

(A) purchase a new field

(B) water his field

(C) sow his field again and to live until the crop comes

(D) do some business instead of farming

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

11. Nelson Mandela had to spend ____ years in prison. [1]

(A) thirty-three

(B) twenty

(C) thirty

(D) twenty-nine

12. Mahseer is a large fish found in the fresh waters of ____ river. [1]

(A) Ganga

(B) Godavari

(C) Krishna

(D) Kaveri

13. Riding a bus for the first time, Valli was a girl of ____ years. [1]

- (A) seven
- (B) eight
- (C) ten
- (D) eleven

(Questions No. 14–15): Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

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

14. Choose the correct statement: [1]

- (A) Hemlock is a tree with sweet healthy fruits.
- (B) Hemlock is a tree known for furniture making.
- (C) Hemlock is a tree bearing fragrant flowers.
- (D) Hemlock is a poisonous tree.

15. Name the poet of the above lines. [1]

- (A) Robert Klein
- (B) Robert Frost
- (C) William Wordsworth
- (D) Walt Whitman

(Questions No. 16–20): Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

16. During the treatment of the dog, the doctor [1]

- (A) provided the dog many eatables to eat
- (B) operated on the dog
- (C) gave the dog a lot of food, but no water
- (D) kept an eye on the dog, giving him no food, but plenty of water

17. Anil taught Hari Singh to [1]
(A) write only his name
(B) cook and add numbers
(C) cook, write and add numbers
(D) cook and write
18. Ebright's mother gifted him a book titled [1]
(A) The Travels of Butterflies
(B) The History of Monarch Butterflies
(C) The Travels of Monarch X
(D) The Travels of Monarch Butterflies
19. Bholi's father Ramlal had seven children, [1]
(A) four sons and three daughters
(B) two sons and five daughters
(C) five sons and two daughters
(D) three sons and four daughters
20. Which of the following statements is correct ? [1]
(A) Matilda borrowed a necklace of real diamonds and returned a necklace of real diamonds.
(B) Matilda borrowed a necklace of real diamonds but returned a necklace of artificial diamonds.
(C) Matilda borrowed a necklace of artificial diamonds but returned a necklace of real diamonds.
(D) Matilda borrowed a necklace of artificial diamonds and returned a necklace of artificial diamonds.

PART - B

Reading

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

Florence Nightingale was born in Florence in Italy on May 12, 1820. Her parents named her after the name of the city where she was born. Her sole ambition in life was to be a nurse and so she gave up all thoughts of marriage and personal happiness. She spent years visiting hospital after hospital. Day and night she visited every bed in the hospital to see that no patient was neglected and that all were as comfortable as possible. However hard she might have worked all day, every night she would take her lamp and move from bed to bed. "The lady with the lamp," the soldiers called her and that is the name by which the world has remembered her ever since.

- (a) How was Florence Nightingale named by her parents ? [2]
- (b) What was Florence Nightingale's ambition ? [2]
- (c) What did the soldiers call her ? [2]
- (d) Which word in the passage is the opposite of the word 'forgotten' ? [1]

Writing

22. Write a letter to your friend, inviting him/her to attend your elder sister's marriage. [4]

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college, requesting him/her to improve the condition of your college library.

23. Write a report on 'An Election Scene' in about 80–100 words.

(Hints: Time and place, scene outside the polling station, scene inside the polling station, polling method, arrangement by the police and administration) [6]

OR

Write an article in about 80–100 words on 'Uses and Misuses' of Smartphones on the basis of the points given below:

Grammar

24.

- (a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech: [2]
The mother said to her son, "Why are you not paying attention to your books these days?"
- (b) Change the following into passive voice: [2]
You know him well.
- (c) Punctuate the following: [2]
hari said to aman i like your dress
- (d) Translate the following into English: [4]
अशोक एक प्रसिद्ध सम्राट हुआ है। वह अपनी प्रजा से बहुत प्रेम करता था। कलिंग के युद्ध के बाद वह युद्ध से घृणा करने लगा। वह प्रजा की भलाई के काम करने लगा।

Literature

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

- (a) Whom did Lencho call 'a bunch of crooks' and why? [3]
OR
Why did Anne Frank maintain a diary? [3]
- (b) Why did Valli not like to be called a child? [3]
OR
In Mandela's opinion, what is the greatest wealth of a nation? [3]

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

- (a) Why was Kisa Gotami sad? What lesson did she learn in the end?
- (b) How did the bus conductor receive Valli?

27. How is a tiger in the zoo different from a tiger in the jungle ? (40 words)

[3]

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus. (*Do not copy the lines given in this question paper*) **[3]**

28. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems in about 40–50 words: **[3]**

(a) A Tiger in the Zoo

(b) Dust of Snow

(c) The Trees

29. Answer any one of the following in about 30–40 words: **[3]**

(a) How did the doctor cure Tricki ?

(b) Why was Bholi's father worried about her ?

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

(a) What would have happened, if Matilda had not lost the diamond necklace ?

(b) Why did the thief become a friend to Anil ?