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English

(Only Question Paper)

मुद्रित पृष्ठों की संख्या : 7

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समय : तीन घण्टे 15 मिनट

पूर्णांक : 70

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

General Instructions:

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into two parts: Part-A and Part-B.
- (iii) Part-A consists of 20 Multiple Choice Questions of 1 mark each that have to be answered on the OMR Answer Sheet.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) Marks of questions are mentioned against them.
- (vi) Part-B consists of Descriptive Type Questions of 50 marks.
- (vii) All the questions of Part-B are to be attempted.

PART - 'A'

Multiple Choice Questions

(Q.1–3): Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

Bansilal's train was late and it reached Bombay a little after midnight. It was his first visit to the city, and he didn't know where to go. He thought he would go to a Choultry where he would not have to pay rent, but he did not know how to find one at that hour. He asked a porter to get him a cheap room. The porter asked him for three rupees to take him to one. But Bansilal waved him away and walked out of the station. He wandered through the streets and asked a number of people, but could not find a room cheap enough for him.

He sat down on a park bench to think of what he should do next. He was very tired and fell asleep on the bench. He woke up the next morning, stiff in every limb; but he smiled when he realised that it was the cheapest night's lodging that he had ever had.

1. Bansilal could not get any accommodation for the night as
 - (A) All the hotels in the city were closed
 - (B) All the hotel rooms were booked
 - (C) The hotels were too expensive for him to afford
 - (D) He wanted to spend the night in the open
2. What does the word 'Choultry' mean in the passage ?
 - (A) An expensive hotel
 - (B) A highway hotel
 - (C) A roadside eatery
 - (D) A free resting place
3. The porter refused to help Bansilal because
 - (A) He was rude to the porter
 - (B) He had no previous acquaintance with the porter
 - (C) He spoke a language which the porter could not understand
 - (D) He refused to pay the porter any tip

(Q.4–8): Choose the correct option to answer the following:

4. The boys _____ before he entered the class.
- (A) goes
 - (B) went
 - (C) had gone
 - (D) will be going
5. Choose the correct option to answer the following:
You are proud _____ your son.
- (A) to
 - (B) with
 - (C) from
 - (D) of
6. He spent a lot of money. (Identify the word 'money')
- (A) Noun
 - (B) Pronoun
 - (C) Adjective
 - (D) Verb
7. Which of the following words is misspelt ?
- (A) Mischief
 - (B) Believe
 - (C) Decieve
 - (D) Achieve
8. Rearrange the following word cluster to make a meaningful sentence:
last not raining it been / night / has / since
- (A) It not been since night has raining.
 - (B) Night last not been raining it since has.
 - (C) Been not raining last night since it has.
 - (D) It has not been raining since last night.

(Q.9–10): Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:

When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said, "God: of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much."

9. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox, who went to open it ?

- (A) The postman
- (B) The postmaster
- (C) The clerk
- (D) None of the above

10. How much money did Lencho get ?

- (A) Forty pesos
- (B) Fifty pesos
- (C) Seventy pesos
- (D) Eighty pesos

(Q.11–13): Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

11. What did Lencho think of the post office employees ?

- (A) Bunch of crooks
- (B) Rude
- (C) Unhelpful
- (D) Proud

12. According to Mandela what is the greatest wealth of a nation ?

- (A) Minerals
- (B) Gems
- (C) Diamonds

(D) People

13. Who is the author of 'His First Flight' ?

(A) Liam O'Flaherty

(B) Fredrick Forsyth

(C) Roald Dahl

(D) Paulo Coelho

(Q.14–15): Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.

14. What was the effect of the fall of the dust of snow on the poet ?

(A) Changed his mood

(B) Changed his luck

(C) Changed his job

(D) Changed his colour

15. What was saved for the poet ?

(A) Crow

(B) Tree

(C) Snow

(D) Some part of the day

(Q.16–20): Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

16. Mrs. Pumphrey was a :

(A) poor lady

(B) selfish lady

(C) rich lady

(D) gentle lady

17. Who was thief in the story ?

(A) Hari Singh

(B) Anil

(C) Mangal Pandey

(D) Suresh

18. Who was the midnight visitor of the story 'The Midnight Visitor' ?

(A) Ausable

(B) Fowler

(C) Max

(D) Robert

19. Where was Ebright born in ?

(A) Liverpool

(B) London

(C) Reading

(D) Oxford

20. Matilda always remained:

(A) unhappy

(B) happy

(C) delighted

(D) contended

PART - 'B'

Reading

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

It is our duty to obey our parents. It means that we should do always what they tell us to do. All that we have is given to us by our parents. They tend us when we are too young to do anything for ourselves. They keep a watch over us in time of sickness, provide for amusements, teach us religion and guard us from evil influences. Obedience is very simple way of showing gratitude for these benefits. It is the way that is well within the reach of the young infant as well as the full grown son.

- (a) Why should we obey our parents ? [2]
(b) What do our parents do for us ? [2]
(c) What is the way of showing our gratitude for all these benefits ? [2]
(d) Which word in the passage means 'Pleasure' ? [1]

Writing

2. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your brother's marriage. [4]

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college, requesting him/her to grant you leave of absence for a week as you are ill.

3. Write a report on the celebration of Annual function in your school in about 80–100 words. [6]

(Hints: (i) when it was celebrated, (ii) preparation, (iii) games and sports, (iv) cultural programme, (v) arrival of chief guest reading of annual report and prize distribution, (vi) speech by the chief guest and thanks giving speech by the principal, (vii) conclusion)

OR

Write an article on the importance of a school library in about 80–100 words on the basis of the hints given below:

- (i) Introduction | (ii) Building and arrangement for keeping books
(iii) Books on various subjects | (iv) Useful for studies | (v)

Conclusion

Grammar

4.

- (a) Change the following sentence into indirect speech: [2]
He said to me, "I shall go to school tomorrow."
- (b) Change the following into passive voice: [2]
She is writing a letter.
- (c) Punctuate the following: [2]
the teacher said to me have you done your work
- (d) Translate the following into English: [4]
वर्षा ऋतु बहुत महत्त्वपूर्ण होती है। देश के कुछ भागों में बहुत अधिक वर्षा हो रही है। कुछ भागों में वर्षा बिल्कुल नहीं हो रही है। ये दोनों समस्यायें देश के लिए अभिशाप हैं।

Literature

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

- (a) Why was Lencho angry when he received the letter ?

OR

What according to Mandela is true freedom ?

- (b) What risk did the writer take while flying and why ?

OR

Why does Anne think that paper has more patience than people ?

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

- (a) What did Buddha say about the mortals of the world ?
- (b) What were the difficulties faced by Nelson Mandela in achieving freedom for his people ?

7. What do you learn from the poem 'Dust of Snow' ? [3]

OR

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

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

- (a) Fire and Ice
- (b) The Trees
- (c) How to Tell Wild Animals

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

- (a) What was the only way to save Tricki ?
- (b) Who was Griffin ? What had he discovered ?

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

- (a) Give a character-sketch of Bholi.
- (b) What is the role of Madam Forestier in the story 'The Necklace' ?