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English

(Only Question Paper)

मुद्रित पृष्ठों की संख्या : 8

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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 has two Parts - Part-A and Part-B.
- (iii) Part-A consists of 20 multiple choice questions of one mark each that have to be answered on OMR Answer Sheet by darkening completely the correct circle with blue or black ballpoint pen.
- (iv) For Part-A read the question-wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR Answer Sheet only. Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR Answer Sheet after answering.
- (v) Marks of the 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 all at a time.
- (viii) Start from the first question and go up to the last question. Do not waste your time on the question you cannot solve.

PART - 'A'

Multiple Choice Questions

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

A few days later, Prem Chand resigned his job of Inspector of Schools after having worked in the department for twenty years. He was a free man after all. Now he could write novels and stories about his country and its people. In his books, he dealt with the lives of the peasants and workers. He revealed the greed and meanness of the moneylenders, landlords and priests. He attacked the social evils like dowry and early marriage. He held society responsible for the sins of women.

1. About whom could Prem Chand write after his retirement ? [1]
 - (A) About novels only
 - (B) About nation only
 - (C) About people only
 - (D) About country and its people
2. Whom did he hold responsible for the sins of women ? [1]
 - (A) Government
 - (B) Country
 - (C) Society
 - (D) Parents
3. Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'Hid' ? [1]
 - (A) Attacked
 - (B) Revealed
 - (C) Resigned
 - (D) Held

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

4. The train had left the station before he _____ [1]
 - (A) arrived

- (B) had arrived
- (C) has arrived
- (D) arrives

5. If you want food, you are [1]

- (A) hungry
- (B) pressurised
- (C) demanding
- (D) justified

6. Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence:
going / we / are / taught / to be lesson / good / a / him / by ? [1]

- (A) Are we to be going taught a good lesson by him ?
- (B) Are we going to be taught a good lesson by him ?
- (C) Are to be going we taught a good lesson by him ?
- (D) We are taught by him to be going a good lesson ?

7. Which of the following words is misspelt ? [1]

- (A) Acclaim
- (B) Classical
- (C) Ascertain
- (D) Socialist

8. Monkeys were jumping _____ one branch to another. [1]

- (A) with
- (B) by
- (C) into
- (D) from

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

He felt certain that his wings would never support him so he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole under the ledge where he slept at night. Even when each of his brothers and his little sister, whose wings were far shorter than his own, ran to the brink, flapped their wings and flew away, he failed to muster up courage to take that plunge which appeared to him so desperate.

9. 'The seagull felt certain that his wings would never support him,' suggests that [1]

- (A) he would come down if he flies
- (B) he would not be able to fly ever
- (C) he would go far away
- (D) he would be able to fly

10. 'Failed to muster up courage' means [1]

- (A) Became courageous
- (B) Became brave
- (C) Became dissatisfied
- (D) Became disheartened

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

11. Never in his _____ as a postman had he known that address. [1]

- (A) life
- (B) time
- (C) career
- (D) office

12. During our childhood in Goa, the baker used to be our friend, companion and [1]

- (A) guardian
- (B) guide

- (C) supporter
- (D) fellow-traveller

13. Suddenly Valli _____ her hands with glee. [1]

- (A) moved
- (B) waved
- (C) hinted
- (D) clapped

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

I sit inside, doors open to the veranda
Writing long letters
In which I scarcely mention the departure
Of the forest from the house.
The night is fresh, the whole moon shines
In a sky still open
The smell of leaves and lichen
Still reaches like a voice into the rooms.

14. What does the poet scarcely mention while writing letters ? [1]

- (A) The beginning of the summer
- (B) The end of the winter
- (C) The fragrance of air
- (D) The departure of the forest from the house

15. How does the smell of leaves and lichen reach into the poet's rooms ? [1]

- (A) Like a bird
- (B) Like a noise
- (C) Like a flower
- (D) Like a voice

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

16. Where did Tricki keep his coats and raincoats ? **[1]**
- (A) On his bed
 - (B) In his sleeping room
 - (C) On the chair
 - (D) In wardrobe
17. What did Ausable bring to Paris from Boston ? **[1]**
- (A) A wonderful plant
 - (B) A beautiful chair
 - (C) American accent
 - (D) Some strange things
18. What time did Griffin choose to wander about London ? **[1]**
- (A) A bad time
 - (B) A good time
 - (C) A suitable time
 - (D) An unsuitable time
19. Who uttered a cry of astonishment ? **[1]**
- (A) Mme Loisel
 - (B) Mme Forestier
 - (C) Loisel's husband
 - (D) Forestier's husband
20. Why was Ramlal worried about Bholi ? **[1]**
- (A) Bholi was bad-tempered
 - (B) Bholi was very shy
 - (C) Bholi had neither good look nor intelligence
 - (D) Bholi was totally illiterate

PART - 'B'

Reading

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

Man is made up of many qualities, both good and bad, and among the latter is anger. The nature of every human being is such that anything that gives offence to his sentiments or goes against his principles, excites his anger. The evils which result from anger are many. Under its influence a man loses his power of reasoning and judgement. Not being able to retain control over himself when angry, he does not know what he is doing or saying. Under its influence a man is so much put off his balance that he forgets his duty towards his superiors and may even go to the extent of saying things which are extremely insulting to them. When anger gets the better of man, he is capable of committing the worst crimes and there is nothing to be surprised at if under its evil influence, he commit murder.

- (a) What quality does excite man's anger ? [2]
- (b) What does a man lose under the influence of anger ? [2]
- (c) What is the worst crime that a man commits when he is beyond the control of anger ? [2]
- (d) Which word, in the passage, is the opposite of 'Irrationality' ? [1]

Writing

2. Write a letter to your mother giving her your impression what you like and what you do not like in your college. [4]

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him / her to issue a transfer certificate as your father has been transferred.

3. Write a report on 'A Visit to a Hospital' in about 80–100 words. [6]
(Hints: Introduction; an age of hospitals and nursing homes; number of hospitals in the area you visited; building and management; your impression)

OR

Write an article on 'Co-education' in about 80–100 words based on the following points:

(Its uses, Its misuses, Conclusion, Importance of education, Its impact on both girls and boys)

Grammar

4.

- (a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech: [2]
The Principal said to the teacher, "What did you teach your students in the morning?"
- (b) Change the following into passive voice: [2]
Never play a dirty game.
- (c) Punctuate the following: [2]
priya the director of an english school in dehradun said to the teachers do not come late
- (d) Translate the following into English: [4]
आजकल यात्रा बहुत असुरक्षित हो गयी है। हम रात में bus में यात्रा नहीं कर सकते। कुछ बदमाश और लुटेरे बस में सवार हो जाते हैं। बिना किसी सुरक्षा के बसें सुनसान रास्ते से रात में गुजरती हैं।

Literature

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

- (a) Whose freedom was curtailed as narrated by Mandela in the lesson "Long Walk to Freedom"?

OR

What was the distance of the town from Valli's village and its fare for one side?

- (b) When and where did the writer's mother emigrate?

OR

For what purpose were the writer and his friend going to Basra?

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

- (a) How did Mandela's 'hunger for freedom' change his life ?
- (b) Why does Valli refuse to look out of window on her way back ?

7. How has the poet's mood changed as described in the poem 'Dust of Snow' ? [3]

OR

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

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

- (a) A Tiger in the Zoo
- (b) How to Tell Wild Animals
- (c) The Trees

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

- (a) Why was the thief, Hari Singh, grateful to Anil ?
- (b) What should one do to quieten dogs as experienced by Horace Danby ?

10. Answer the following in about 60 words: [4]

- (a) "Are people like Anil and Hari Singh found only in fiction or in real life also ?" Give your opinion on the basis of the lesson "The Thief's Story".
- (b) What are the qualities that go into the making of a scientist ?