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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 :**

A few years ago, a well-to-do man appointed an officer to look after the prisoners who worked in his fields. The officer was a man of good sense and sympathetic nature. He tried his best to manage the men by better means than fear. He gave them better food and paid them more for extra work. When a prisoner stole something, the officer called all the prisoners together and said, "There is a thief amongst you. Find him out yourselves and punish him as you like. I do not wish to punish him myself." The prisoners realized that the officer was so good to them, he wanted that they should reform themselves. So they found out the thief and punished him. In this way, the prisoners gave up their evil habits and they became good citizens.

- a) What kind of officer did the well-to-do man appoint ? 3
- b) How did the officer treat the prisoners ? 3
- c) What did he do when one of the prisoners had stolen something ? 3
- d) How did his goodness influence the prisoners ? 3
- e)
 - i) Which word in the passage means 'rich' ? 1
 - ii) Which word in the passage is opposite to 'worse' ? 1
 - iii) Rewrite the underlined segment after replacing the word 'reform' with another similar meaning word. 1

SECTION – B
[Writing]

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100 – 150 words : 10

- a) Measures to eradicate dowry system.
- b) Free woman's education in all Government and non-Government institutions.
- c) Strict measures to ensure free and fair elections.

3. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily, complaining against raging contagious diseases in your locality. 10

OR

Write an application to your Principal requesting him to grant you full fee concession, on the basis of poverty.

SECTION – C
[Grammar]

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- a) Which of the following underlined words is a synonym of 'obscene' ?
 - i) Rahim is a decent man.
 - ii) He is a man of high moral.
 - iii) Many people avoid doing immoral deeds.
 - iv) Shyam abstains himself from doing illegal activities.
- b) Which of the following is a pair of antonyms ?
 - i) Security – Safety
 - ii) Summit – Top
 - iii) Ability – Inability
 - iv) Enough – Sufficient
- c) The phrase 'come across' means
 - i) to meet by chance
 - (ii) to meet daily
 - (iii) to meet frequently
 - (iv) to meet weekly
- d) 'What cannot be heard' is
 - i) unspeakable
 - (ii) irritable
 - (iii) inaudible
 - (iv) unsuitable
- e) Which of the following sentences is correct ?
 - i) The board have decided to elect two new members.
 - ii) The poor is unhappy.
 - iii) More than one men were rewarded.
 - iv) You are junior to me.

5. a) Change any one of the following into indirect narration

- i) "Shall I ever see my brother-in-law again ?" Ramu wondered.
- ii) My father said to me, "Do not wash your hands here."

b) Combine any one of the following as directed

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- i) Sheela is very weak in Physics. She cannot pass the examination. (Into Simple sentence)

- ii) Govind is too terrified to speak.

[Into Complex sentence]

c) Transform any one of the following as directed

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- i) Do not do this work

[Into Passive voice]

- ii) Her glamour can never fade.

[Into Interrogative sentence]

d) Correct any one of the following sentences

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- i) Ramesh is senior than me in service.
- ii) Dinu died from cholera.

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

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- i) Berth – Birth

- ii) Cheque – Check

6. Translate the following passage into English :

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रात अंधेरी थी। घड़ी में बारह बज रहे थे। कुत्ते भी नहीं भौंक रहे थे। रामराज गहरी नींद में सो रहा था। मैं शोर-गुल सुनकर, अकस्मात जग उठा। रामराज को भी आवाज लगाई। हम दोनों ने देखा कि कुछ लोग एक ही दिशा में भाग रहे थे। कुछ देर में ज्ञात हुआ कि पड़ोस के मकान में आग लग गयी थी।

SECTION – D

[Literature]

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each

4 + 4 = 8

- a) What did the peasants pay the British landlords as rent and why ?

OR

What had been put up on the bulletin board ?

- b) What was the content of the letter written by the peddler to Edla ?

OR

What was the childhood incident that made Douglas afraid of water ?

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

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- a) What are the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry ?
- b) Why was Kothamangalam Subbu was considered No - 2 in Gemini Studios ?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow $3 \times 2 = 6$

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 ?
- b) Why a thing of beauty will never pass into nothingness ?
- c) Name the poet and the poem from which the above extract has been taken

10. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems

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

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

- a) Why did the Chief General overlook the matter of the enemy soldier ?

OR

What did the Maharaja do to realise his ambition of killing hundred tigers ?

- b) What qualities of Mr. Lamb attracted Derry to him ?

OR

Why is Antarctica a place to visit to understand the earth's present, past and future ?

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

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- a) How did Bama experience caste-based discrimination in her childhood ? What did her elder brother Annan advise her to do to get rid of such discriminations ?
 - b) How does Charley react when he realises, he cannot find the third level ?
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