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Instructions:

- i) First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read the question paper.
- ii) All questions are compulsory.
- iii) This question paper has 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 OMR Answer Sheet by darkening completely the correct circle with blue or black ballpoint pen.
- v) 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.
- 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 all at a time.
- ix) 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

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

The last half of my life was spent at one of those painful epochs of human history, during which the world seemed to be getting worse; where past victories which had seemed to be definitive have turned out to be only temporary. When I was young Victorian, optimism was taken for granted. It was thought that freedom and prosperity would spread gradually throughout the world through an orderly process, and it was hoped that cruelty, tyranny, and injustice would continually diminish.

1. The author felt sad about the latter part of his life because [1]
 - (A) He was nostalgic about his childhood
 - (B) The world had not become prosperous
 - (C) The author had not won any further victories
 - (D) The world was painfully disturbed during that period of time
2. The victories of the past [1]
 - (A) Brought permanent peace and prosperity
 - (B) Ended cruelty, tyranny and injustice
 - (C) Proved to be temporary events
 - (D) Filled men with a sense of pessimism
3. The word 'definitive' used in the passage means [1]
 - (A) Defined
 - (B) Final
 - (C) Temporary
 - (D) Incomplete

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

4. I am proud ____ my son. [1]
 - (A) to
 - (B) with
 - (C) of

(D) from

5. Rearrange the following words cluster to make a meaningful sentence and choose the correct arrangement: [1]

crow / clever / is / a very / the / bird

- (A) The very clever bird is a crow
- (B) The crow is a very clever bird
- (C) The bird crow very clever is a
- (D) A bird very clever is the crow

6. Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct option:
No sooner had he entered the room ____ he went out. [1]

- (A) but
- (B) than
- (C) if
- (D) and

7. Which of the following words is mis-spelled ? [1]

- (A) Believe
- (B) Acheive
- (C) Deceive
- (D) Receive

8. Choose correct option to answer the following:
One who cannot speak [1]

- (A) deaf
- (B) dumb
- (C) visionless
- (D) lame

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

Over many days and months Valli listened carefully to conversations between her neighbours and people who regularly used the bus, and she also asked a few secret questions here and there. This way she picked up various small details about the bus journey. The town was six miles from her village. The fare was thirty paise one way "which is almost nothing at all," she heard one well-dressed man say, but to Valli, who scarcely saw that much money from one month to the next, it seemed a fortune.

9. Complete the sentence by choosing the most suitable option:

The town was _____ from Valli's village. [1]

- (A) ten miles
- (B) five miles
- (C) six miles
- (D) very near

10. The fare of the bus was _____ one way. [1]

- (A) thirty paise
- (B) fifty paise
- (C) twenty paise
- (D) forty paise

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

11. Democracy elections were held in South Africa in ____ and Mandela became the first black President of a new nation. [1]

- (A) 1990
- (B) 1950
- (C) 1994
- (D) 1984

12. Lencho wrote a letter to God asking for a ____ pesos. [1]

- (A) thousand

- (B) hundred
- (C) fifty
- (D) sixty

13. Valli was ____-year old girl. [1]

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

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

He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,
On pads of velvet quiet
In his quiet rage.

14. Who is the poet of the poem from which the above stanza has been extracted ? [1]

- (A) Walt Whitman
- (B) Leslie Norris
- (C) Robert Frost
- (D) Robin Klein

15. What is the title of the poem ? [1]

- (A) Animals
- (B) Fire and Ice
- (C) A Tiger in the Zoo
- (D) The Trees

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

16. The writer of the lesson 'The Making of a Scientist' is [1]

- (A) Robert W. Peterson
- (B) Richard Ebright
- (C) Sinclair Lewis
- (D) Ruskin Bond

17. Ramlal's eldest daughter was [1]

- (A) Radha
- (B) Rekha
- (C) Sulekha
- (D) Kamala

18. Bholi was the daughter of [1]

- (A) Collector Ramlal
- (B) Tahsildar Ramlal
- (C) Inspector Ramlal
- (D) Numberdar Ramlal

19. Tricky's actual problem was [1]

- (A) Malaria
- (B) Malnutrition
- (C) Fever
- (D) Vomiting because of excess of food

20. Mrs. Pumphrey was a [1]

- (A) poor lady
- (B) selfish lady
- (C) rich lady
- (D) gentle lady

PART - B

(Reading)

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

A poor woman once came to Buddha to ask him whether he could give her any medicine to restore her dead child to life. The holy man touched by the great sorrow of the woman, told her that there was only one medicine which could revive her son. He bade her bring him a handful of mustard seed from a house where death had never entered. The sorrowing mother went from door to door seeking the mustard seed, but every door she met with sad replies. One said, "I have lost my husband," another said, "Our youngest child died last year". She returned with a heavy heart to the teacher who told her tenderly that she must not think much of her own grief, since sorrow and death are common to all.

- a) Why did the poor woman go to Buddha ? [2]
- b) What did the holy man tell her ? [2]
- c) What were the sad replies that people gave her ? [2]
- d) Which word in the passage means 'softly' ? [1]

(Writing)

2. Write a letter to your friend asking him to spend his summer vacation with you. [4]

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school to arrange a cricket match between IX & X class teams.

3. Write a report on the 'Republic Day' celebration in your school in about 60–80 words on the basis of the hints given below:

(School decoration, flag hoisting ceremony, cultural programme, speech by the Principal and others, distribution of sweets) [6]

OR

Write an article on the 'A Visit to a Zoo' in about 80–100 words:

- i) What is a zoo ii) Place where the zoo is iii) Animals, birds, reptiles
- iv) Conclusion. [6]

(Grammar)

4.

- a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech: [2]
Ram said to his friend, "Where are you going ?"
- b) Change the following into passive voice: [2]
He did not help me.
- c) Punctuate the following: [2]
the teacher said to the students do not pluck the flowers
- d) Translate the following into English: [4]
कल मैं बाजार जा रहा था। रास्ते में एक बूढ़ा व्यक्ति मिला। वह धीरे-धीरे चल रहा था। उसे देखकर मुझे दया आ गयी और मैंने उसकी सहायता की।

(Literature)

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

- a) What made Lencho angry ? [3]

OR

Who, according to Mandela, is not free ? [3]

- b) What does Anne Frank say about her father and grandmother in her diary ? [3]

OR

What did Valli do after she got into the bus ? [3]

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 Anne need to give a brief sketch about her family ? Does she treat 'Kitty' as an insider or an outsider ?

7. Describe the contrasts between the tiger in the zoo and the tiger in its natural habitat (in about 40 words). [3]

OR

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

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

- a) Dust of Snow
- b) A Tiger in the Zoo
- c) Animals

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

- a) What was the real disease that Tricki was suffering from ?
- b) Why was Bholi's father worried about her ?

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

- a) What would have happened to Matilda had she confessed to her friend that she had lost her necklace ?
- b) What are the qualities that go into the making of a scientist ?