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B
English
Class 12

Time : 3.15 Hrs.

[M.M. : 100]

Section 'A' (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

The old Turkish and other races, who inhabited Afghanistan and parts of Central Asia before the advent of Islam, were largely Buddhists and earlier still, during the period of the Epics, Hindu. The frontier area was one of the principal centres of old Indian culture and it abounds still with ruins of monuments and monasteries and, specially of the great university of Taxila, which was at the height of its fame two thousand years ago, attracting students from all over India as well as different parts of Asia. Changes of religion made difference but could not change entirely the mental backgrounds which the people of those areas had developed.

- (i) What religious groups inhabited Afghanistan before advent of Islam? **3**
- (ii) What is meant by the phrase 'the period of the Epics'? **3**
- (iii) What was Taxila famous for? **3**
- (iv) What has been common to the people of Afghanistan and parts of central Asia despite their different religious? **3**
- (v) (a) Which word in the passage means 'arrival' or 'coming'? **1**

(b) What are meant by 'monuments' and 'monasteries'?

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(c) Give the synonym of 'entirely'.

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Section-'B' (Writing)

2. Write an article on anyone of the following topics in about 100-150 words :

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- (i) Price rise in our country
- (ii) Health is wealth
- (iii) Your plan for future

3. Write a letter to the News editor of news paper about frequent breakdown of electricity in your locality.

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OR

Write a letter to the librarian of your college requesting him to bring some more magazines meant for competitive examinations.

Section-'C' (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

$5 \times 2 = 10$

(A) The country rules by a king-

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| (i) democracy | (iii) matriarchy |
| (ii) monarchy | (iv) oligarchy |

(B) The phrase 'At a stretch' means :

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| (i) should | (iii) vary fast |
| (ii) continuously | (iv) rapidly |

(C) **The synonym of 'Laudable' is :**

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| (i) praiseworthy | (iii) disable |
| (ii) able | (iv) liable |

(D) **One should not abuse his father :**

Which word in this sentence is an error?

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| (i) should | (iii) not |
| (ii) his | (iv) one |

(E) **The antonym of 'stale' is :**

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| (i) flash | (iii) fake |
| (ii) flush | (iv) fresh |

5. (A) Change any one of the following in indirect speech : **2**

- (i) Mohan said to Reeta, "Why did you stop here?"
- (ii) The teacher said to children, "Do not quarrel with your sisters".

(B) Combine any one of the following as directed: **2**

- (i) The thief was punished. The thief was fined.
(into compound sentence)
- (ii) It must be done, The cost does not count.
(into simple sentence)

(C) Transform any one of the following as directed : 2

- (i) You can solve it. (into passive voice)
- (ii) Their glory can never fade. (into interrogative sentence)

(D) Correct any one of the following sentences : 2

- (i) I am tired in doing this.
- (ii) Death is preferable than dishonour.

(E) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your sentences to make the difference in their meaning clear: 2

- (a) umpire-empire
- (b) honorary-honourable

6. Translate the following passage into English : 5

मुंशी प्रेमचन्द एक महान साहित्यकार थे। उनका जन्म एक साधारण परिवार में और एक छोटे गाँव में हुआ था। फिर भी वे पूरे विश्व में प्रसिद्ध हुए। हिन्दी तथा उर्दू दोनों भाषाओं पर उनका समान अधिकार था। उपन्यास तथा कहानियां लिखने में वे कुशल थे। उनके उपन्यासों में भारतीय समाज का सजीव चित्रण मिलता है। उनकी पुस्तक का संसार की अधिकांश भाषाओं में अनुवाद हुआ है। उन्हें उपन्यास सम्राट कहा जाता है।

Section-‘D’ (Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each : 4+4=8

- (a) Who was the rattrap seller? How did he make them?

OR

Which terror Douglas had in his heart?

- (b) What do the inhabitants of seemapuri do for their survival?

OR

What did Frani think about the pigeons and why?

8. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words each: **7**

- (a) What was the scene inside the class when Frani reached the school?
- (b) How did Douglas struggle at the pool? What strategy did he adopt to save his life?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: **3+2=6**

A thing of beauty is a joy forever
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.

- (i) What is joy forever?
- (ii) What will happen with a thing of beauty?
- (iii) What will a thing of beauty provide us.

10. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems : **4**

- (a) A thing of beauty
- (b) Keeping quiet
- (c) My mother at sixty six

11. Answer any one of the following questions in about 40 words each: **4+4=8**

- (a) Who was Yumi and what did she say?

OR

Describe the environment of Antarctica?

(b) Why did the king decide to marry?

OR

How can one buy old money as described by Charley?

12. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words: 7

(a) Who was the psychiatrist? What did he say about the third level?

(b) How does Maharaja prepare himself for the killing of the hundredth tiger?

