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**English**

समय : तीन घण्टे 15 मिनट

पूर्णांक : 100

**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:

Vidyasagar was a very generous and charitable man. From his earliest years, he helped the poor and the needy to the utmost of his power. As a boy at school, he often gave some of the little food, he had to eat, to another boy who had none. If one of his school fellows fell ill, Ishwar would go to his house, sit by his bed and nurse him. When he grew rich, hundreds of poor widows and orphans were supported by him. His name became a household word in Bengal. Rich or poor, high or low, all loved him alike. No beggar ever asked him for relief in vain. He would never have a porter at his gate lest some poor man who wished to see him should be turned away.

(a) What sort of man was Vidyasagar ?

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- (b) How did he help the poor students at school ? [3]
- (c) What did he do for widows and orphans when he became rich ? [3]
- (d) Why would he never like to have a porter at his gate ? [3]
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage has the meaning 'noble minded' ? [1]
- (ii) Which word in the passage means 'helpful to the poor' ? [1]
- (iii) Which word in the passage means the opposite of 'seldom' ? [1]

## SECTION - B

(Writing)

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

- (a) India's performance in the para-Olympic games.
- (b) The growing depression in the teenagers: Causes and Cures.
- (c) The role of civic bodies.

3. Write a letter to the Editor of a daily regarding poor sanitation in your locality. [10]

**OR**

Write a letter to the Principal of your college asking for a testimonial.

## SECTION - C

(Grammar)

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

- (a) A remedy for all diseases is
- (i) amnesia
- (ii) dementia
- (iii) panacea
- (iv) magnesia

(b) The phrase 'fall out' means

- (i) to have a fall
- (ii) fall outside
- (iii) quarrel
- (iv) to be injured

(c) The synonym of 'timid' is

- (i) daring
- (ii) coward
- (iii) bold
- (iv) grave

(d) Which of the following sentences is / are correct ?

- A. He is a family man.
- B. One must do one's duty.
- C. Please write with ink.
- D. You have a chance of winning.

- (i) Only (B)
- (ii) Only (B) and (C)
- (iii) Only (B) and (D)
- (iv) Only (C) and (D)

(e) The antonym of 'endear' is

- (i) cheap
- (ii) alienate
- (iii) conciliate
- (iv) help

**5.**

(a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech:

**[2]**

- (i) I said, "The old man died last night."
- (ii) The king said to the saint, "How should one learn to be content ?"

(b) Combine any one of the following as directed: [2]

(i) I waited for my friend. I waited till his arrival. (*Into Complex sentence*)

(ii) He is very fat. He cannot run. (*Into Simple sentence*)

(c) Transform any one of the following as directed: [2]

(i) He loves me. (*Into Passive voice*)

(ii) We reached the station and then purchased the ticket. (*Into Simple sentence*)

(d) Correct any one of the following sentences: [2]

(i) My hairs are black.

(ii) He gave a speech.

(e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear: [2]

(i) Fool – Full

(ii) Root – Route

6. Translate the following passage into English: [5]

हम लोग एक घने जंगल से होकर गुजर रहे थे। दोपहर का समय था। किंतु हम कठिनाई से अपना मार्ग देख सकते थे। पक्षी वृक्ष की ऊँची डालों पर चुपचाप बैठे थे। सिंह का गर्जन कभी-कभी उस चुप्पी में सुनाई पड़ता था। हम बहुत प्यासे थे।

## SECTION - D

(Literature)

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

(a) What were the predictions by astrologers in 'Tiger King' ?

**OR**

What explanations does the author of 'Lost Spring' offer for the children not wearing footwear ?

(b) What did Mr. Hamel teach the boys at school ?

**OR**

Why is Rajkumar Shukla in 'Indigo' described as being resolute ?

**8.** Answer any one of the following in about 80 words: [7]

- (a) Describe in detail how Douglas makes clear the sense of panic that seized him as he almost drowned.
- (b) In what way, in the story 'The Rattrap', does the character of the iron-master differ from that of his daughter ?

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

Sometimes I feel myself I can hardly bear  
The thought of so much childish longing long in vain,  
The sadness that lurks near the open window there,  
That waits all day in almost open prayer.

- (a) What is the 'childish longing' that the poet refers to ?
- (b) Why is this childish longing 'in vain' ?
- (c) Name the poet and the poem from which this extract has been taken.

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

- (a) Keeping Quiet
- (b) A Roadside Stand
- (c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

**11.** Answer the following questions in about 40 words each: [4 + 4 = 8]

- (a) Would Charley ever go back to ticket counter on the third-level to buy tickets to Galesburg for himself and his wife in the lesson 'The Third Level' ?

**OR**

How did the Maharaja in 'The Tiger King' prepare himself for the hunting of the hundredth tiger ?

(b) Who was Dr. Sadao ? Where was his house ?

**OR**

Who is Mr. Lamb ? How does Derry get into his garden ?

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

- (a) Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand the earth's present, past and future ?
- (b) Describe Zitkala-Sa's experiences as registered in 'Memories of Childhood'.