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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 cut, erase 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 choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

The Ganga especially is river of India, beloved of her people, round which are intertwined her racial memories, her hopes and fear, her songs of triumph, her victories and her defeats. She has been a symbol of India's age-long culture and civilization, ever-changing, ever-flowing and yet ever the same Ganga.

She reminds me of the snow-covered peaks and the deep valleys of the Himalayas, which I have loved so much and of the rich and vast plains below, where my life and work have been cast.

1. The Ganga is a symbol of

- (A) India's rich green growth
- (B) India's rich minerals
- (C) India's age-long culture and civilization
- (D) India's bright future

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2. What are the things loved by the author mentioned in the given passage ?

- (A) The snow-covered peaks and the deep valleys of the Himalayas
- (B) The rich fields and forests
- (C) The flowing river and streams
- (D) The snow peaks and the deep valleys of the Himalayas as well as the rich and vast plains below

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3. Which word means 'tops' in the passage ?

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| (A) peaks | (C) plains |
| (B) triumph | (D) victory |

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

4. The bell before they reached.

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| (A) rings | (C) had rung |
| (B) rang | (D) will ring |

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5. He slept a green tree.

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| (A) under | (C) about |
| (B) in | (D) within |

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6. Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence and choose the right arrangement :

loves / my / to / share / toys / brother / his

- (A) My toys loves to share his brother.
(B) Brother loves his toys to my share.
(C) My brother loves to share his toys.
(D) To share my brother his toys loves.

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7. Which of the following words is mis-spelt ?

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| (A) Accept | (C) Except |
| (B) Aspect | (D) Expact |

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8. People who watch and listen to speech are called audience. (Identify the word 'listen')

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| (A) Noun | (C) Adjective |
| (B) Conjunction | (D) Verb |

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

This way Valli 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. What was the distance of the town from Valli's village ?

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| (A) Ten miles | (C) Five miles |
| (B) Six miles | (D) Very near |

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10. What was the one way fare of the bus ?

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| (A) Thirty paise | (C) Fifty paise |
| (B) Twenty paise | (D) Forty paise |

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

11. Democratic elections were held in South Africa in and Mandela became the first Black President of a new nation.

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

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12. Lencho wrote a letter to God asking for a pesos.

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| (A) thousand | (C) hundred |
| (B) fifty | (D) sixty |

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13. Baking was indeed a profitable in the old days.

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| (A) service | (C) job |
| (B) business | (D) profession |

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

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.

14. Who is the poet of the poem 'Fire and Ice' ?

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| (A) Leslie Norris | (C) Robert Frost |
| (B) Carolyn Wells | (D) Robin Klein |

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15. What does the poet compare 'fire' with ?

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| (A) Hatred | (C) Desire |
| (B) Hot | (D) Both (A) and (C) |

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

16. What was Tricki's only fault ?

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| (A) Barking | (C) Attacking |
| (B) Biting | (D) Greed |

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17. What was the real name of Bholi ?

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| (A) Radha | (C) Mangla |
| (B) Sulekha | (D) Ekta |

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18. What did Ebright start collecting in childhood ?

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| (A) Rocks | (C) Butterflies |
| (B) Coins | (D) All of these |

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19. What did Hari Singh want from Anil ?

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| (A) Work | (C) Money |
| (B) Eatables | (D) Home |

20. Mrs. Pumphrey was a

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

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About five hundred years ago, a town called Hamelin, in North Germany was overrun with rats. The rats were so big that they used to fight the dogs and kill cats and bite the babies in the cradles. At last, all the people came to the town to see the Mayor who was the chairman of the town. They begged him to do something to rid them of the rats. The next day, the Mayor held a meeting. A man in queer long coat from heel to head entered the hall. He went up to the table and said, "I can rid your town of rats, if you pay me one thousand pieces of gold." We shall be glad to give you much more than that, to be rid of the rats, said Mayor.

- a) Where is the town called Hamelin ? 2
b) What did the people of Hamelin do to get rid of the rats ? 2
c) What was the tall man wearing when he entered the hall ? What did he ask the people to pay him ? 2
d) Which word means 'strange' in the passage ? 1

(Writing)

- 2. Write a letter to your friend inviting him / her to attend your sister's marriage.** 4

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college to grant you leave for three days due to illness.

- 3. Write a report on Importance of Forests in about 80 – 100 words.** 6

(Hints : Useful for living beings ; provide food and shelter for animals ; keep environment clean ; prevent soil erosion ; protect forests)

OR

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

(Hints : When you visited it ; what you saw there ; different types of birds and animals ; how you enjoyed it)

(Grammar)

4. a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech : 2

The master said to the servant, "What are you doing in the kitchen ?"

b) Change the following sentence into passive voice : 2

You have not completed your home-work.

c) Punctuate the following : 2

ramesh said to me i will not help you

d) Translate the following into English : 4

प्रयागराज एक प्राचीन ऐतिहासिक नगर है । इसका एक गौरवशाली इतिहास है । यहाँ गंगा और यमुना का संगम है । यहाँ उत्तर प्रदेश का उच्च न्यायालय है ।

(Literature)

5. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each :

a) How was Lencho helped ? 3

OR

What is the greatest wealth of a nation in Mandela's opinion ?

b) What prompted Anne Frank to keep a diary ? What name did she give to it ? 3

OR

What made Valli sad on her return journey ?

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

a) Bring out Lencho's immense faith in God.

b) Who was Nelson Mandela ? What ideals did he set out for the future of South Africa in his inauguration speech ?

7. How has the poet observed nature 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)

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- 8. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems (in about 40 – 50 words) :** **3**
- a) Fire and Ice
 - b) Dust of Snow
 - c) How To Tell Wild Animals
- 9. Answer any one of the following in about 30 – 40 words :** **3**
- a) What does Hari Singh get from Anil in return, for his work ?
 - b) Why was the Twentieth century called the "Era of the books" ?
- 10. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words :** **4**
- a) Write a character sketch of Hari Singh.
 - b) How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life ?

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