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2026
English

817 (FH)

Time : 3 Hours, 15 Minutes

Maximum Marks : 70

General Instructions :

- (i) First **15** minutes are allotted for examinees to read this question paper.
- (ii) All questions are **compulsory**.
- (iii) This question paper is divided into 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 the OMR Answer Sheet.
- (v) For Part – A, read the question-wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet only. Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR 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.

Part – A
(Multiple Choice Questions)

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

I (A. P. J. Abdul Kalam) was born into a middle-class Tamil family in the island town of Rameswaram in the erstwhile Madras State. My father, Jainulabdeen, had neither much formal education nor wealth; despite these disadvantages, he possessed great innate wisdom and a true generosity of spirit. My mother, Ashiamma, came from a more distinguished family, one of whose forebears had been bestowed the title of 'Bahadur' by the British. I do not recall the exact number of people she fed every day, but I am quite certain that far more outsiders ate with us than all the members of our own family put together. I was one of many children, a short boy with rather undistinguished looks, born to tall and handsome parents.

- 1) What was the profession of Dr. Kalam's father ? (1)
 - A) Farmer
 - B) Businessman
 - C) He had no formal profession but was wise and generous
 - D) Teacher
- 2) Who, in Dr. Kalam's family, had the title of 'Bahadur' ? (1)
 - A) His father
 - B) His mother
 - C) One of his ancestors
 - D) His uncle
- 3) Which word means 'remember' in the following ? (1)
 - A) disadvantages
 - B) recall
 - C) undistinguished
 - D) forebears

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

- 4) He walked the end of the street. (1)
 A) to B) on C) of D) for
- 5) Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence : (1)
 Crow / a / story / heard / have / thirsty / of / the / you.
 A) You heard story a thirsty the crow have of ?
 B) The story of a crow thirsty heard you have ?
 C) Have you heard the story of a thirsty crow ?
 D) You have heard a thirsty of crow the story ?
- 6) He threw the stone, it missed the dog. (1)
 A) but B) yet C) or D) so
- 7) Which of the following words is misspelt ? (1)
 A) Committee B) Knoledge C) Environment D) Tomorrow
- 8) His father is a known cobbler. (Identify the word 'cobbler') (1)
 A) Verb B) Noun C) Adverb D) Interjection

(Q. Nos. 9 – 10) Read the passage given below. Choose the correct answer of the questions that follow :

Poor Kisa Gotami now went from house to house, and the people pitied her and said, "Here is mustard seed; take it !" But when she asked, "Did a son or daughter, a father or mother, die in your family ?" They answered her, "Alas ! the living are few, but the dead are many. Do not remind us of our deepest grief." And there was no house but some beloved one had died in it.

- 9) What was the people's common reply to Kisa Gotami ? (1)
 A) "No one has ever died here". B) "Only rich people die".
 C) "The livings are few, but the dead are many". D) "We do not know".
- 10) What is the meaning of "deepest grief" in the passage ? (1)
 A) Greatest sorrow B) Great joy C) Greatest strength D) Deep sleep

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

- 11) What did Mijbil do during the second night ? (1)
 A) Came on to Maxwell's bed soon after midnight.
 B) Run away from Maxwell's house.
 C) Slip away from Maxwell's hand.
 D) None of the above
- 12) At what age did Gautama leave home for enlightenment ? (1)
 A) Twenty five B) Twenty six C) Twenty seven D) Twenty four
- 13) Who gave the young seagull a piece of fish ? (1)
 A) Brother seagull B) Father seagull C) Mother seagull D) None of these

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

He should be snarling around houses / At the jungle's edge,
 Baring his white fangs, his claws, / Terrorising the village !
 But he's locked in a concrete cell, / His strength behind bars,
 Stalking the length of his cage, / Ignoring visitors.

- 14) The poet is talking about which animal ? (1)
 A) Panther B) Leopard C) Cat D) Tiger
- 15) How is the tiger described when kept in the cage ? (1)
 A) Happy and playful B) Calm and relaxed
 C) Restless, stalking the length of his cage D) Sleeping peacefully

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

- 16) What was Griffin by profession ? (1)
 A) Doctor B) Scientist C) Professor D) Chemist
- 17) Why was Mrs. Pumphrey worried about Tricki ? (1)
 A) He refused to eat. B) He was running away.
 C) He had become too fat. D) He was sick with fever.
- 18) What was Horace Danby's hobby ? (1)
 A) Painting B) Photography C) Gardening D) Collecting books
- 19) What was Anil's profession in "The Thief's Story" ? (1)
 A) A cook B) A struggling writer C) A Teacher D) A Farmer
- 20) What physical problem did Bholi suffer from as a child ? (1)

Part – B
(Reading)

- 1) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

The Himalayas, the highest mountain range in the world, stretch across five countries including India, Nepal and Bhutan. They are not only a natural wonder but also an important resource for millions of people. The rivers originating from the Himalayas provide water for drinking, irrigation and electricity. The forests and wildlife here are rich in biodiversity. Culturally, the Himalayas have been home to sages and saints, making them spiritually important as well. However rapid deforestation, climate change and human activities are threatening this ecosystem.

Questions :

- A) Why are the Himalayas considered important for India ? (2)
 B) How do rivers from the Himalayas help people ? (2)
 C) What is the cultural importance of the Himalayas ? (2)
 D) Which word means 'fast' in the passage ? (1)

(Writing)

- 2) Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to provide suitable toilet facilities to the students. (4)

OR

Write a letter to your father requesting him to send you two thousand rupees for purchasing the books.

- 3) Write a report on the "Celebration of Annual Function" in your school/college in 80–100 words on the basis of the hints given below : (6)
(Hints : Date of celebration, Preparation, Games and Sports, Chief Guest, Cultural Programme, Conclusion).

OR

Write a short paragraph (essay) on **any one** of the following :

- i) Importance of Trees ii) A Cricket Match iii) Any Indian Festival

(Grammar)

- 4) A) Change the following sentence into indirect speech :
 He said to me, "What are you doing ?" (2)
 B) Change the following sentence into passive voice :
 Some boys were helping the wounded man. (2)
 C) Punctuate the following sentence :
 england france and italy formed an alliance. (2)
 D) Translate the following into English : (4)
 कल मैं बाजार जा रहा था। रास्ते में मुझे एक बूढ़ी औरत मिली। वह धीरे-धीरे चल रही थी। उसे देखकर मुझे दया आ गयी और मैंने उसकी सहायता की।

(Literature)

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

A) What does Anne Frank tell about her family in her diary ? (3)

OR

What do the words “Pader” and “Kabai” stand for in the lesson, “A Baker from Goa ?”

B) Why does the conductor call Valli ‘madam’ ? (3)

OR

Why was the young seagull afraid to fly ?

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

A) What were the problems faced by Nelson Mandela in achieving freedom ?

OR

B) Why did Kisa Gotami come to Gautama Buddha ? What did he advise her to do ?

7) What are the things the speaker asks Amanda to do ? (3)

OR

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

8) Write the central idea of any one of the following poems : (3)

A) Fire and Ice

B) A Tiger in the Zoo

C) For Anne Gregory

9) Answer any one of the following in about 30–40 words : (3)

A) Why did the thief not run away with Anil’s money ?

B) What qualities made Richard Ebright a successful scientist ?

10) Answer any one of the following in about 60 words : (4)

A) How did Madame Loisel’s life change after losing the necklace ?

B) Why did Bholi refuse to marry Bishamber ?