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Note: First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.

General 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:

We know it well that language is used for more than one purpose. The man who hits his thumb-nails with a hammer and utters a string of curses uses language to relieve his feeling and needs no audience but himself. But when a philosopher uses language to clarify his ideas on a subject, he uses it as an instrument of thought. When the two women gossip over the fence or two men exchange greetings as they pass in the street, language is used to strengthen the bonds between the members of society. It seems that language is a multipurpose instrument. Language enables us to influence people's behaviour and help develop human co-operation. The human co-operation would be unthinkable without language as it makes human co-operation more thorough, more effective and more wide-ranging.

- (a) How does language help relieve the man hitting his finger-nails with a hammer ? [3]
- (b) How is language used by a philosopher ? [3]
- (c) How can language be said to be a multipurpose instrument ? [3]
- (d) How does language help promote human co-operation ? [3]
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage is opposite of 'weaken' ? [1]
- (ii) Find a word from the passage that means 'listeners'. [1]
- (iii) Write the adjective form of the word 'clarify'. [1]

SECTION - 'B'

(Writing)

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

- (a) Unemployment in India and its reasons.
- (b) Freedom of Speech
- (c) Soaring prices and measures to control it.

3. Write a letter to the Health Officer complaining against insanitary conditions of the locality, you live in. [10]

OR

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your elder brother's marriage.

SECTION - 'C'

(Grammar)

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

- (a) Government by the officials is called:

- (A) plutocracy
- (B) democracy
- (C) autocracy
- (D) bureaucracy

(b) The phrase 'null and void' means:

- (A) ineffective
- (B) effective
- (C) inforce
- (D) forceful

(c) The synonym for 'bold' is:

- (A) courageous
- (B) obedient
- (C) impertinent
- (D) cruel

(d) Deepu studies since 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. daily. Which word is an error in the sentence ?

- (A) for
- (B) from
- (C) since
- (D) to

(e) The antonym of 'cruel' is:

- (A) merciless
- (B) brutal
- (C) unkind
- (D) kind

5.

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

[2]

(i) Ram said to me, "God is everywhere."

(ii) Rita said, "She can do this work."

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

(i) This mango is sweet. That mango is sweet. Only one mango of them is sweet. (*Compound Sentence*)

(ii) Some teachers command respect. They are good. (*Complex Sentence*)

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

(i) He has done his work. (*Passive Voice*)

(ii) Renu is the most beautiful girl of this locality. (*Comparative Degree*)

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

(i) Mohan's father's purse has been stolen

(ii) Ram Pal is junior than me

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

(i) Birth – Berth

(ii) Career – Carrier

6. Translate the following passage into English: [8]

हमें पालतू और मूक पशुओं की तरह किसी के पीछे नहीं चल देना चाहिये। जीवन के संघर्षों एवम् आने वाले खतरों का साहस एवम् निर्भीकता से सामना करना चाहिये। हमारा भविष्य कितना भी उज्ज्वल एवम् लुभावना क्यों न हो, उस पर भरोसा नहीं करना चाहिये। हमें बीती हुई बातों को बार-बार नहीं सोचना चाहिये। वर्तमान में रहकर, हमें अपने कर्तव्य का पालन करना चाहिये।

SECTION - 'D'

(Literature)

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

- (a) Who are the inhabitants of Seemapuri ? What do they do for their livelihood ?

OR

What did Rajkumar Shukla do to bring Gandhiji to Champaran ?

- (b) What changes did the order from Berlin cause in school that day ?

OR

What did Hamel say about the language and its importance ?

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

- (a) What did Gandhiji do to change the plight of the peasants of Champaran ?

- (b) What did Douglas decide to overcome his fear of water ?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

[3 × 2 = 6]

A thing of beauty is a joy for ever
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.

- (a) What are the feelings of the poet about a thing of beauty ? **[2]**

- (b) Why does the poet say, "It will never pass into nothingness" ? **[2]**

- (c) What do you understand by 'bower' ? **[2]**

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

- (a) Keeping Quiet

- (b) My Mother at Sixty-Six

- (c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

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

(a) Who was Hana ? How did she meet Sadao ?

OR

What will Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill ?

(b) What is that draws Derry towards Lamb inspite of himself ?

OR

What was the third level ? Where was it situated ?

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

(a) Who was Dr. Sadao ? How did he meet and marry Hana ?

(b) What does the third level refer to ?