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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 erase, cut 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 fears, her songs of triumph, her victories and her defeats. She has been a symbol of India's age-long culture and civilization, everchanging, every-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 [1]
 - (A) India's rich green growth
 - (B) India's rich minerals
 - (C) India's age-long culture and civilization
 - (D) India's bright future
2. What are the things loved by the author mentioned in the given passage ? [1]
 - (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 snowy peaks and the deep valleys of the Himalayas as well as the rich and vast plains below.
3. Which word in the passage is opposite of 'victory' ? [1]
 - (A) defeat
 - (B) triumph
 - (C) overcome
 - (D) ruin

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

4. The bell _____ before they reached. [1]
 - (A) rings

- (B) had rung
- (C) rang
- (D) will ring

5. He slept ____ a green tree. [1]

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

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

loves / my / to / share / toys / brother / his [1]

- (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

7. Which of the following words is mis-spelled ? [1]

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

8. Fill in the gap with a suitable preposition:

We are proud ____ our culture. [1]

- (A) in
- (B) of
- (C) from
- (D) to

(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. Complete the sentence by choosing the most suitable option :

The town was _____ from Valli's village. [1]

- (A) ten miles
- (B) five miles
- (C) six miles
- (D) very near

10. The fare of the bus was _____ one way. [1]

- (A) thirty paise
- (B) fifty paise
- (C) twenty paise
- (D) forty paise

(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. [1]

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

12. Lencho wrote a letter to God asking for a ____ pesos. [1]

- (A) thousand
- (B) hundred
- (C) fifty

(D) sixty

13. Valli was ____ year old girl.

[1]

(A) ten

(B) seven

(C) eight

(D) twenty

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

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" ?

[1]

(A) Leslie

(B) Robert Frost

(C) Carolyn

(D) Robin Klein

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

[1]

(A) Hatred

(B) Desire

(C) Hot

(D) Both (A) and (C)

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

16. Mrs. Pumphrey was a

[1]

(A) poor lady

(B) selfish lady

- (C) rich lady
- (D) gentle lady

17. What did Hari Singh want from Anil ? [1]

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

18. What type of man was Griffin ? [1]

- (A) Lawless person
- (B) Brilliant scientist
- (C) Both (A) and (B)
- (D) None of these

19. What did Ebright start collecting in childhood ? [1]

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

20. What was Bholi's real name ? [1]

- (A) Priya
- (B) Geeta
- (C) Sulekha
- (D) Sita

PART - B

(Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

To try is the first step of the ladder of success. If you do not try, you cannot be successful. All the great men of the world led very diligent lives. They did not waste even a minute. Hence they could perform such glorious deeds. One who works is bound to reap the rewards of one's efforts. Idleness is the way to ruin oneself. Therefore, one should give up idleness and having girded up one's loin should try to ascend up the hill to success.

- a) What should we do to get success in life ? [2]
- b) What type of life did the great men of the world lead ? [2]
- c) Who is bound to reap the reward of his efforts ? [2]
- d) Find out a word in the passage which means 'destroy'. [1]

(Writing)

2. Write a letter to your father demanding money to purchase your books. [4]

OR

Write an application to your Principal to grant you five-days leave to attend your sister's marriage.

3. Write a report on 'Independence Day' celebration in your school in 80–100 words.

(Hints: Decoration of school building, flag hoisting, singing of National Anthem, cultural programmes, Principal's speech, distribution of sweets) [6]

OR

Write an article on the importance of taking regular exercises in about 80–100 words on the basis of the hints given below:

(i) Introduction; (ii) Keeps our body active; (iii) Tension free and happy all day long; (iv) Better concentration on studies; (v) Conclusion.

(Grammar)

4.

- a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech: [2]
My brother said to me, "Where are you going?"
- b) Change the following into passive voice: [2]
He always helps the poor.
- c) Punctuate the following: [2]
how does this machine work asked the boy
- d) Translate the following into English: [4]
प्रयागराज एक प्रसिद्ध नगर है। इसका एक महत्वपूर्ण स्थान है। यहाँ गंगा और यमुना का संगम है। यहाँ उत्तर प्रदेश का उच्च न्यायालय है। यह एक स्वच्छ और सुन्दर नगर है।

(Literature)

5. Answer the following questions in about 30–40 words each : $3 + 3 = 6$

- a) Why was Lencho angry when he received the letter ? [3]

OR

What is the greatest wealth of a nation in Mandela's opinion ? [3]

- b) Describe Anne's feelings about having a diary. [3]

OR

Was Lencho surprised to find a letter for him with money in it ? [3]

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. Who has composed the poem 'Dust of Snow' ? What does the poet teach us through this poem ? [3]

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus. (*Do not copy the lines given in the question paper*). [3]

8. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems (in about 40–50 words): [3]

- a) The Trees
- b) Fog
- c) Fire and Ice

9. Answer any one of the following in about 30–40 words : **[3]**

- a) Who was responsible for poor condition of the dog named Tricki ?
- b) Why it was not an easy task to rob Anil for an experienced thief like Hari Singh ?

10. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words : **[4]**

- a) Write a character sketch of Hari Singh.
- b) Describe the most important character of the chapter 'A Triumph of Surgery' - Tricki, in detail.