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English

Time: 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Max. Marks: 100

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

Early rising leads to health and happiness. The man who rises late, can have little rest in the course of the day. Anyone, who lies in bed late, is compelled to work till a late hour in the evening. He has to do without the evening exercise which is so necessary for his health. In spite of efforts his work will not produce as good result, as that of the early riser. The reason for this is that he cannot take advantage of the refreshing hours of the morning. Some people say that the quiet hour of midnight is the best time for working. Several great thinkers say that they can write best only when they burn midnight oil. Yet it is true to say that few men have a clear brain at midnight when the body needs rest and sleep. Those who work at that time soon ruin their health. Bad health must, in the long run, have a bad effect on the quality of their work.

- (a) Why is early rising better than rising late ? [3]
- (b) Why do some thinkers burn the midnight oil ? [3]
- (c) What is the disadvantage of working at midnight ? [3]
- (d) What are the possible advantages of both morning hours and midnight hours ? [3]
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage is opposite of 'noisy' ? [1]
- (ii) What do you mean by 'burning midnight oil' ? [1]
- (iii) What is the synonym of 'ruin' ? [1]

SECTION - B

(Writing)

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

- (a) Your Aim in Life
- (b) The Pollution Problem in India
- (c) Rising Prices

3. Write a letter to the principal of your college to complain against the shortage of books in your college library. [10]

OR

Write a letter to the editor of a daily newspaper about the situation and problems after flood in your town or village.

SECTION - C

(Grammar)

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

- (a) The country ruled by a king:
- (i) Democracy

(ii) Monarchy

(iii) Matriarchy

(iv) Oligarchy

(b) One who abandons his religious faith is an:

(i) atheist

(ii) apostate

(iii) infidel

(iv) optimist

(c) One who takes the bright side of a thing is called:

(i) highton

(ii) brighton

(iii) optimist

(iv) pessimist

(d) That which cannot be corrected is called:

(i) incorrectable

(ii) incorrectible

(iii) incorreced

(iv) incorrigible

(e) Dislike of or aversion to marriage is:

(i) monogamy

(ii) misogamy

(iii) polygamy

(iv) bigamy

5.

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

[2]

(i) He said, "I shall take you to the police station, you ruffian."

(ii) My friend said to me, "I came today and I will leave for Agra tomorrow."

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

(i) Her husband died. She heard the news. She fainted. (*Into simple sentence*)

(ii) He was fined. He was imprisoned. (*Compound sentence*)

(c) Change any one of the following: [2]

(i) It is too hard to break. (*Remove too*)

(ii) Switch off the Fan. (*Passive voice*)

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

(i) He has received a letter yesterday.

(ii) India is confident to beating Pakistan in Cricket.

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

(i) Birth – Berth

(ii) Canvas – Canvass

6. Translate the following into English: [5]

खुशहाल जीवन के लिए मानसिक रूप से स्वस्थ होना बहुत जरूरी है और इसी से होता है एक अच्छे और सफल व्यक्तित्व का निर्माण। बदलते दौर में नशे की लत, गैजेट्स (gadgets) का अधिक प्रयोग और जीवनशैली का प्रभाव, युवाओं का मानसिक स्वास्थ्य खराब कर रहा है। इसके कारण फसाद, हताशा और आत्महत्या के मामले तेजी से बढ़ रहे हैं।

SECTION - D

(Literature)

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

(a) Who was Mukesh ? Where did he belong and what was his ambition ?

OR

What did M. Hamel say about the French language ?

(b) What did the instructor do to train Douglas ?

OR

Why did the peddler consider the world as a rattrap ?

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

(a) Who was the psychiatrist ? What did he say about the third level ?

(b) How did Dr. Sadao save the life of the American war prisoner ? How did his wife Hana help him in that act and what was the reaction of the servants and why ? Explain.

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

A thing of beauty is a joy forever
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 is a joy forever ?

(b) What will happen with a thing of beauty ?

(c) What will a thing of beauty provide us ?

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

(a) My Mother at Sixty-six

(b) A Thing of Beauty

(c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

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

(a) What did Sam write in his letter to Charley ?

OR

What prediction was made at the Tiger King's birth ?

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

OR

Why did Dr. Sadao's father send him to America ?

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