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ENGLISH

Time : Three Hours 15 Minutes

Max. Marks : 70

General Instructions:

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the 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

(Questions No. 1–3): Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

In the olden days in England, the laws were very cruel. A man could be hanged for a very small offence. The Sheriffs who were the keepers of the law, were ignorant men and would hang a man on little or no evidence. Often when a man feared some punishment

from the Sheriff, he would run away to the forest. In the forest he would join the company of other men who had come there like him. Such men were called 'outlaws'. They made their living by hunting deer or by robbing travellers on the highways.

1. What was the punishment for a small offence in England during the olden days ? [1]

- (A) Imprisonment
- (B) Fine
- (C) Exile
- (D) Hanging

2. Who were the keepers of the law in England during the olden days ? [1]

- (A) Judges
- (B) Sheriffs
- (C) Lawyers
- (D) Politicians

3. Why did a man run away to the forest during the olden days in England ? [1]

- (A) To join the army
- (B) To hunt deer
- (C) To rob travellers
- (D) To escape punishment from the Sheriff

(Questions No. 4–8): Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

4. I met ____ old friend in the temple. [1]

- (A) a
- (B) the
- (C) an
- (D) None of the above

5. Unless he begs my pardon, I ____ not excuse him. [1]
- (A) must
(B) could
(C) will
(D) might
6. Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence:
behaviour / got / I / his / at / angry [1]
- (A) I got angry at his behaviour.
(B) I angry got his at behaviour.
(C) Angry got I his behaviour at.
(D) His behaviour angry got I at.
7. He prevented me ____ going to the city. [1]
- (A) of
(B) for
(C) from
(D) on
8. Which of the following words is misspelt ? [1]
- (A) Humour
(B) Share
(C) Briefly
(D) Language

(Questions No. 9–10): Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

Coorg or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen rainforests cover thirty percent of this district. During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till March.

9. In which state of India is Coorg situated ? [1]
- (A) Karnataka
 - (B) Goa
 - (C) Kerala
 - (D) Rajasthan

10. The best season to visit Coorg is [1]
- (A) April to June
 - (B) July to August
 - (C) September to March
 - (D) None of the above

(Questions No. 11–13): Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

11. What did Lencho hope for ? [1]
- (A) A good shower of rain
 - (B) Bright sunshine
 - (C) A good crop
 - (D) Cloudy weather

12. Who was the first black President of South Africa ? [1]
- (A) Oliver Tambo
 - (B) Yusuf Dadoo
 - (C) Nelson Mandela
 - (D) Walter Sisulu

13. The bakers of Goa used to wear: [1]
- (A) Kabai
 - (B) Bol
 - (C) A long cloak
 - (D) All of the above

(Questions No. 14–15): Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

Now
He senses first responsibility
In a world of possessions. People will take
Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.

14. Who is the poet of the poem, 'The Ball Poem' ? [1]

- (A) Robert Frost
- (B) W.B. Yeats
- (C) Sylvia Plath
- (D) John Berryman

15. What does 'In a world of possessions' mean ? [1]

- (A) Love
- (B) Material things
- (C) Lust
- (D) None of the above

(Questions No. 16–20): Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

16. Who was Mr. Herriot ? [1]

- (A) A compounder
- (B) A doctor
- (C) A neighbour of Mrs. Pumphrey
- (D) A trainer of dogs

17. Who does 'I' refer to in the story, "The Thief's Story" ? [1]

- (A) Hari Singh
- (B) Anil
- (C) The writer of the story

(D) The previous employer of the thief

18. Who came to meet Ausable in the story, 'The Midnight Visitor' ? [1]

(A) Fowler

(B) A Policeman

(C) Ausable's father

(D) Max

19. How many burglars are there in the story 'A Question of Trust' ? [1]

(A) Two

(B) Five

(C) Three

(D) Four

20. Who comforted Bholi in the classroom ? [1]

(A) Her friend

(B) Her teacher

(C) Her Principal

(D) The monitor of the class

PART - B

Reading

21. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

The modern world is a world of gross materialism. Money is the pivot on which the present world seems to turn. The Western world, more than the Eastern world, is completely in the clutches of these money-making tendencies. The money thus made is put to a variety of uses good, bad and indifferent. Even a casual observation of the working of the world reveals the fact that the abuse of money is the rule, and the right use of money, the exception.

Human nature is fundamentally selfish. As such, it is no wonder that money earned is in the majority of cases wrongly used. The right use of money consists in spending it for universal good, for the greatest good of the greatest number, in addition to meeting one's personal and family requirements.

- (a) What place does money occupy in the modern world, according to the writer ? [2]
- (b) How is money generally used by people everywhere ? [2]
- (c) What is the right use of money, according to the writer ? [2]
- (d) Which word in the passage means 'needs' ? [1]

Writing

22. Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to give you full fee concession on grounds of poverty and merit. [4]

OR

Write a letter to your friend telling him how your village or city has changed during the past few years.

23. Write a paragraph on the reception of a bride attended by you in about 80–100 words, on the basis of the points given below: [6]

(a) *Date and time*; (b) *Decoration of pandal*; (c) *Snacks and tea*; (d) *Coming of the bride on the stage*; (e) *Photography and blessings showered on the newly-weds*; (f) *Dinner*

OR

Write an article in about 80–100 words on the importance of good manners and courteous behaviour in life, on the basis of the points given below:

(a) *A few examples of good manners*; (b) *How does courtesy affect our day-to-day life?*

Grammar

24.

- (a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing it into Indirect Speech: [2]
 "Is this the way to the new Parliament Building ?" a motorist asked the policeman.
- (b) Change the following sentence into Passive Voice: [2]
 I know him well.
- (c) Punctuate the following using capital letters also wherever necessary: [2]
 he said will you help me or shall i ask someone else
- (d) Translate the following into English: [4]
 मुझे मेरा गाँव बहुत पसन्द है। यहाँ के लोगों में बड़ा अपनापन है। मेरे गाँव में कारखाने नहीं हैं इसलिए यहाँ प्रदूषण भी नहीं है। मुझे अपने गाँव का मन्दिर, फलों के बगीचे एवं हरे-भरे खेत बहुत याद आते हैं।

Literature

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

- (a) What quality of Lencho impressed the postmaster ? How did he decide to help him ? [3]

OR

What did Rajvir see during his car journey to Dhekiabari ? [3]

- (b) What is a seagull ? What is the lesson 'His First Flight' about ? [3]

OR

What prompted Anne Frank to keep a diary ? What name did she give to it ? [3]

26. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words: [4]

- (a) Describe Nelson Mandela.

- (b) What is the point of controversy between Natalya and Lomov ?

27. What kind of a girl is Amanda ? What kind of life does she want to live ? [3]

OR

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

28. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems in about 40 words: [3]

- (a) Fire and Ice
- (b) The Ball Poem
- (c) The Tale of Custard the Dragon

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

- (a) Why did Hari Singh return to Anil ?
- (b) Why did Bholi refuse to marry Bishamber ?

30. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words: [4]

- (a) How is Horace Danby cheated by the lady in the story 'A Question of Trust' ?
- (b) Describe the life of Matilda Loisel before and after she lost the necklace.