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English

Time: Three 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:

The first thing that a scholar should bear in mind is that a book ought not to be read for mere amusement. Half-educated persons read for amusement, and are not to be blamed for it; they are incapable of appreciating the deeper qualities that belong to a really great literature. But a young man who has passed through a course of university training should discipline himself at an early day never to read for mere amusement. And once the habit of this discipline has been formed, he will find it impossible to read for mere amusement. He will then impatiently throw down any book from which he cannot obtain intellectual food, any book that does not make an appeal to the higher emotions and to his intellect. But on the other hand, the habit of reading for amusement becomes with thousands of people exactly the same kind of habit as wine-drinking or opium-smoking; it is like a narcotic; something that helps to pass the time,

something that keeps up a perpetual condition of dreaming, something that eventually results in destroying all capacity for thought, giving exercise only to the surface parts of the mind, and leaving the deeper springs of feeling and the higher faculties of perception unemployed.

- (a) What sort of people read for amusement ? [3]
- (b) What does the truly educated person read ? [3]
- (c) What are the ill effects of reading for mere amusement ? [3]
- (d) When should one train oneself for reading the right kind of books ? [3]
- (e) (i) Explain the phrase 'intellectual food'. [1]
(ii) Write the opposite word of 'discipline'. [1]
(iii) Which word in the passage is nearest in meaning to 'entertainment' ? [1]

SECTION - B

(Writing)

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

- (a) Women in New India.
- (b) My hero in History.
- (c) Problem of Corruption.

3. Write an application to the principal of your college requesting him to grant you full concession in fee. [10]

OR

Write a letter to your younger brother warning him against some of his undesirable companions.

SECTION - C

(Grammar)

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

(a) He always gave me a valuable advice. (*Identify the correct version/error*)

- (i) He always give me a valuable advice.
- (ii) He always give me a valuable advice.
- (iii) He always give me valuable advice.
- (iv) He always give me valuable advice.

(b) No one besides your brother know the fact.

- (i) No one besides your brother have known the fact.
- (ii) No one besides your brother have knowing the fact.
- (iii) No one besides your brother known the fact.
- (iv) No one besides your brother knows the fact.

(c) 'I prefer a pen than a pencil.' Which word in this sentence is an error ?

- (i) Prefer
- (ii) Pen
- (iii) than
- (iv) Pencil

(d) "The poem has many obscure illusions" Which word in this sentence is an error ?

- (i) has
- (ii) many
- (iii) obscure
- (iv) illusions

(e) What is the time in your watch ? Which word in this sentence is an error ?

- (i) What
- (ii) time
- (iii) in

(iv) watch

5.

(a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech: [2]

(i) He said, "This is my book."

(ii) Sarala said to Vimala, "Will you call on me in the evening?" Vimala said, "Yes"

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

(i) The sun rises in the east. This is fact. (*Into Complex sentence*)

(ii) Everything decays. Books survive. (*Into Compound sentence*)

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

(i) Bangalore is the cleanest of Indian towns. (*Into Positive degree*)

(ii) I am certain that he is honest. (*Into Simple Sentence*)

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

(i) I am confident to win.

(ii) USA is the richest country of the world.

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

(i) Apposite – Opposite

(ii) Aught – Ought

6. Translate the following passage into English: [5]

हैदराबाद की जलवायु बहुत अच्छी है। न यहाँ अधिक गर्मी पड़ती है और न ही अधिक जाड़ा। यहाँ वर्षा खूब होती है लेकिन सड़कों पर कीचड़ नहीं दिखाई देता। पठारी इलाका होने की वजह से यहाँ पानी बह जाता है और कहीं सड़कों पर इकट्ठा नहीं होता। अब तो जनसंख्या बढ़ जाने से कुछ अधिक गर्मी पड़ने लगी है। बसन्त के आने पर प्रकृति की शोभा यहाँ बढ़ जाती है। रास्तों पर वृक्षों की ठंडी छाया रहती है। वाटिकाओं से फूलों की सुगन्ध आती रहती है। दूर-दूर तक हरियाली दिखाई पड़ती है। देखकर मन आनन्दित होता है।

SECTION - D

(Literature)

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

- (a) (i) What did M. Hamel speak first in the class that day about the last lesson ?

OR

- (ii) Why did Gandhiji chide the lawyers ?

- (b) (i) What was pancake ? How was it related to Gemini Studios ?

OR

- (ii) What christmas present did Edla receive from the peddler ? Why did she give a little cry of joy ?

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

- (a) How did the announcement of the last lesson affect Franz ?
- (b) Describe Douglas's struggle at the pool ? What strategy did he make to save his life ?

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

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still.
for once on the face of the Earth
let's not speak in any language,
let's stop for one second,
and not move our arms so much.

- (a) What does the poet say in first two lines ?
- (b) What does the poet want once on the face of the Earth ?
- (c) What does the poet wait for one second ?

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) Keeping Quiet

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

(a) What was the third level ? Where was it situated ?

OR

Who was Geoff Green ? What did he offer to the students ?

(b) What did the astrologers tell when the tiger king was born ?

OR

Why was Sadao sent to America and why was later kept in Japan ?

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

(a) Describe the third level as per Charley. What did he do to make sure that he was in 1894 ? Why did he want to buy tickets ?

(b) Assess the human impact on Antarctica.