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English

(Only Question Paper)

मुद्रित पृष्ठों की संख्या : 8

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समय : तीन घण्टे 15 मिनट

पूर्णांक : 70

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

General Instructions:

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) This question paper has two Parts - Part-A and Part-B.
- (iii) 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.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) Marks of the questions are mentioned against them.
- (vi) Part-B consists of descriptive type questions of 50 marks.
- (vii) All the questions of Part-B are to be attempted all at a time.
- (viii) 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'

Multiple Choice Questions

(Q. Nos. 1–3): Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

There is a great affinity between trees and men. We grow at much the same pace, if we are not hurt or starved or cut down. In our youth we are resplendent creatures, in our declining years we stoop a little, we remember, we stretch our brittle limbs in the sun, and then with a sigh, we shed our last leaves. Mehmood was like the banyan, his hands gnarled and twisted like the roots of the ancient tree. Ali was like the young mimosa planted at the end of the courtyard. In two years, both he and the tree would acquire the strength and confidence of their early youth.

1. According to the passage men are in a great affinity with [1]
(A) Animals
(B) Trees
(C) Trains
(D) Birds
2. Who is compared with the banyan tree ? [1]
(A) Ali
(B) Mimosa
(C) Mehmood
(D) None of these
3. What is the meaning of 'resplendent' ? [1]
(A) Bright
(B) Dull
(C) Black
(D) Lazy

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

4. We _____ in the park in the evenings. [1]

- (A) played
- (B) play
- (C) had played
- (D) All are correct

5. Savitri travels on foot. She is a [1]

- (A) Traveller
- (B) Stickler
- (C) Disciplinarian
- (D) Pedestrian

6. Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence:
mother / children / her / loves / every [1]

- (A) Children her loves every mother
- (B) Mother every her loves children
- (C) Every mother loves her children
- (D) Children loves mother her every

7. Which of the following words is misspelt ? [1]

- (A) Definition
- (B) Demonstration
- (C) Deficiency
- (D) Diligence

8. Fill in the gap with a suitable preposition:
My sister's birthday is _____ 20th December. [1]

- (A) in
- (B) into
- (C) on
- (D) onto

(Q. Nos. 9–10): Read the passage given below and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:

Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the bol, just as a party or a feast loses its charm without bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village. The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. Cakes and bolinhas are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals.

9. A sweet bread is known as [1]

- (A) mol
- (B) bol
- (C) bread
- (D) has

10. Sandwiches must be prepared for the occasion of [1]

- (A) Daughter's birthday
- (B) Daughter's engagement
- (C) Grandmother's birthday
- (D) Father's birthday

(Q. Nos. 11–13): Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

11. Who is Anne's long awaited friend ? [1]

- (A) Her pen
- (B) Her cat
- (C) Her diary
- (D) Her dog

12. What did Mandela learn about courage ? [1]

- (A) It is absence of fear
- (B) It is the triumph over fear
- (C) Both (A) and (B)
- (D) None of these

13. Where did Gautam Buddha vow to stay until his enlightenment ? [1]

- (A) His palace
- (B) Under a peepal tree
- (C) Under a banyan tree
- (D) On a mountain

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

I sit inside, doors open to the veranda,
Writing long letters
In which I scarcely mention the departure
Of the forest from the house.

14. Who is the poet of the poem 'The Trees' ? [1]

- (A) Robert Frost
- (B) Walt Whitman
- (C) Carl Sandburg
- (D) Adrienne Rich

15. The poet mentions about the departure of [1]

- (A) Animals
- (B) Mountains
- (C) Birds
- (D) Forest

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

16. Who is Tricki ? [1]

- (A) A cat
- (B) A dog
- (C) A monkey

(D) A rabbit

17. Max entered Ausable's room through the [1]

(A) balcony

(B) roof

(C) back door

(D) main door

18. Where did Griffin stay at Iping ? [1]

(A) In an inn

(B) In a hut

(C) In a temple

(D) In a forest

19. Who is Laxmi ? [1]

(A) Bholi's cow

(B) Bholi's teacher

(C) Bholi's classmate

(D) Bholi's mother

20. What was the name of the shop in which Anil lived in a room ? [1]

(A) Ruman Sweet shop

(B) Brizwasi Sweet shop

(C) Jumna Sweet shop

(D) Krishna Sweet shop

PART - 'B'

Reading

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

The status of women depicts the social, economic and mental condition in a nation. Women have been regarded as a symbol of spirituality in many great books. Yet, they have been treated badly and unequally to men. Social evils such as dowry, sati-system, child marriage and female infanticide were widely prevalent in the early ages. The spread of education and self-consciousness among women has led to their progress over the period. Women of today are empowered. The female liberty is only achievable when people shift their restrictive attitudes and mindsets regarding women.

- (a) What do you understand by the words 'the status of women' ? [2]
- (b) What are the social evils that women face ? [2]
- (c) How can women liberate themselves ? [2]
- (d) Which word in the passage means 'intentional killing of infants or babies' ? [1]

Writing

2. Write an application to the District Magistrate regarding the problem of inadequate and contaminated water supply in your area. [4]

OR

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to spend the summer vacation at your place.

3. Write an article on 'The Importance of Internet' in about 80–100 words. [6]

(Hints: Communication, Social Media, Business, Entertainment, Safety etc.)

OR

Write a report on 'Blood Donation Camp' in about 80–100 words, keeping in mind the following points:

(i) Who organised the camp; (ii) Date, Time and place, how many people donated the blood, what message did you get from such welfare event)

Grammar

4.

- (a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech: [2]
The principal said to me, "Why are you not taking your leave ?"
- (b) Change the following into passive voice: [2]
The students did not read the book.
- (c) Punctuate the following: [2]
what is the colour of your dress
- (d) Translate the following into English: [4]
आज सोमवार है। मेरे पिताजी ने आज के दिन मुझे नये वस्त्र दिलाने का वादा किया है। हम सभी शाम को बाजार जायेंगे। वहाँ मैं अपनी अन्य प्रिय वस्तुओं को भी खरीदूँगा।

Literature

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

- (a) Who helps Lencho and in what manner is he helped ? [3]
OR

How does the thief think Anil will react to the theft ? [3]

- (b) How did Buddha teach Kisa Gotami the truth of life ? [3]
OR

What made Valli sad on her return journey ? [3]

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

- (a) How did Anne finally stop Mr. Keesing from punishing her ?

- (b) Give a character sketch of Lencho.

7. How will 'Ice' be as great and suffice for causing the end of this world ?
Do you agree with the poet ? [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) The Ball Poem
- (c) The Tale of Custard the Dragon

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

- (a) Why does Mrs. Pumphrey wring her hands ?
- (b) Why did Sulekha start stammering ?

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

- (a) Describe the whole treatment of Tricki in detail.
- (b) Why do Bholi's parents accept Bishamber's marriage proposal ?