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समय : तीन घण्टे 15 मिनट

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

"Out of debt, out of danger" is, like many other proverbs, full of wisdom; but the word 'danger' does not sufficiently express all that the warning demands. To one that is not insensible, a state of debt is a state of positive misery; the sufferer is as one haunted by an evil spirit, and his heart can know neither rest nor peace till it is cast out. But as example is at all times more instructive than mere words of mouth, a living writer shall describe his own feelings when beset with creditors, and perhaps he may prove a beacon to the thoughtless ones who are likely to fall into the same gulf.

- (a) What does debt mean to a sensible person ? [3]
- (b) Is mere words of mouth enough instructive to express the full implication of the word 'danger' ? [3]

- (c) What is the state of mind of a person who is in debt ? [3]
- (d) How can a living writer be more instructive to understand the feelings of a man in debt ? [3]
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage means 'frequented by ghosts' ? [1]
- (ii) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'thoughtful' ? [1]
- (iii) Which word in the above passage means 'signal for guidance' ? [1]

SECTION - B

(Writing)

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

- (a) The dangers of indiscriminate use of social media.
- (b) Why trees are important for environment.
- (c) The growing atrocities on women.

3. Write a letter to the Editor of a daily regarding inadequate management of the Sewage System. [10]

OR

Write a letter to your friend consoling him on the sad demise of his mother.

SECTION - C

(Grammar)

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

- (a) The practice of being married to one at a time is called
- (i) bigamy
- (ii) monogamy
- (iii) misogamy
- (iv) polygamy

(b) The phrase 'break out' means

- (i) stop
- (ii) destroy
- (iii) begin
- (iv) separate

(c) The synonym of 'forbid' is

- (i) forward
- (ii) prohibit
- (iii) allow
- (iv) order

(d) Which of the following sentences is / are correct ?

- A. Mr. Bhatia is our English teacher.
- B. He is very miser.
- C. There is no other alternative.
- D. He made a blunder.

- (i) Only (A) and (B)
- (ii) Only (D)
- (iii) Only (B) and (C)
- (iv) Only (A) and (C)

(e) The antonym of 'create' is

- (i) produce
- (ii) destroy
- (iii) bear
- (iv) build

5.

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

[2]

- (i) The girl said to her mother, "My plate is empty".
- (ii) He says, "I am going to Delhi."

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

(i) The examination will begin next week. It will be held in the examination hall. (*Into a Simple sentence*)

(ii) The train ran down the line. The train attained great speed. (*Into a Simple sentence*)

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

(i) Veena is more intelligent than Kiran. (*Into a Negative sentence*)

(ii) Did he not tell you ? (*Into Passive voice*)

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

(i) Madhu is a proudy girl.

(ii) He died from cancer.

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

(i) Flour – Floor

(ii) Peace – Piece

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

जीवन में शांति लानी है तो तीन प्रकार के विष से हमें मुक्त होना पड़ेगा। ये तीन विष क्या हैं ? हमारे जीवन में आनेवाली विषम परिस्थितियाँ विष हैं। ये जीवन में आएँगी ही। मुक्त भाव से इन्हें स्वीकार करना है।

SECTION - D

(Literature)

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

(a) What did Robert Clive do during his brief stay at Madras ?

OR

What were the states of affairs in France during the period, as described in 'The Last Lesson' ?

(b) From where did the peddler get the idea of world being a rattrap ?

OR

Name the studio described in 'Poets and Pancakes' and a famous star who used its make-up room.

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

(a) What gift did the peddler give to Edla and why did he sign himself as Captain von Stahle ?

(b) How did Gandhi change the plight of the peasants of Champaran ?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

[3 × 2 = 6]

If we were not so single-minded
about keeping our lives moving,
and for once could do nothing,
perhaps a huge silence
might interrupt this sadness
of never understanding ourselves

(a) Write the name of the poet and the title of the poem from which the extract has been taken.

(b) What is the 'sadness' the poet alluding to ?

(c) In what sense do the lines reflect the challenges of the modern lifestyle ?

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

(a) My Mother at Sixty-six

(b) A Roadside Stand

(c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

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

(a) Who is the Tiger King ? Why does he get that name ?

OR

Who are the mutual enemies in the story 'The Enemy' ? Why and how was the American soldier hurt in the story 'The Enemy' ?

(b) What did Mr. Hamel say when Franz entered the classroom ?

OR

Why is Rajkumar Shukla in 'Indigo' described as being resolute ?

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

(a) Discuss the story 'Tiger King' as a satire on the conceit of those in power.

(b) Bama's experience is that of a victim of caste system. What kind of discrimination does Zitkala-Sa experience ? Describe their respective responses.