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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 :

Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was a man of exemplary character. Though a great scholar, he was not at all proud. On the contrary, he was very modest. He was an extremely dutiful son and cherished great reverence for his parents. On one occasion, while he was a teacher of the college of Fort William, his mother wrote to him to come home to attend his brother's wedding. He applied to his superior officer for leave, but was refused. He thereupon immediately tendered his resignation, saying that his mother's command was much more important than his service. The officer was impressed by his boldness and granted him leave.

1. What did Vidyasagar cherish for his parents ? [1]
 - (A) Plenty of money
 - (B) Money, honour and respect
 - (C) Great disrespect
 - (D) Great reverence
2. What did he do when he was refused leave ? [1]
 - (A) Obligated his superior
 - (B) Attended the wedding
 - (C) Tendered his resignation
 - (D) Left for his home
3. Which word, in the passage, is the opposite of 'Disappointed' ? [1]
 - (A) Discouraged
 - (B) Impressed
 - (C) Granted
 - (D) Applied

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

4. The Principal will have left the college before the teachers _____ [1]

- (A) reach
- (B) have reached
- (C) will be reaching
- (D) will have reached

5. One who remains absent without permission from duty, is called [1]

- (A) Truant
- (B) Runner
- (C) Thief
- (D) Undisciplined

6. Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence:
where / people / are / going / on / the / road / in / a / row ? [1]

- (A) Where people are going on the road in a row ?
- (B) Where are people going in a row on the road ?
- (C) Where in a row people are going on the road ?
- (D) Where on the road people are going in a row ?

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

- (A) System
- (B) Agreeable
- (C) Assimulate
- (D) Successor

8. Fill in the gap with a suitable preposition:
Shashank is known _____ me. [1]

- (A) by
- (B) from
- (C) about
- (D) to

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

Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes; the compass was turning round and round and round. It was dead. It would not work ! The other instruments were suddenly dead, too. I tried the radio.

9. The narrator couldn't see anything outside the aeroplane because [1]

- (A) people were coming in front of the aeroplane
- (B) everything was suddenly black
- (C) there were black spots in the sky
- (D) the pilot didn't like to see

10. Along with the compass, other instruments were also [1]

- (A) good
- (B) working
- (C) dead
- (D) managed

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

11. On that lovely autumn day I was _____ by my daughter Zenani. [1]

- (A) accompanied
- (B) surrounded
- (C) haunted
- (D) encircled

12. Otters are found in large numbers in the _____ near Basra, a town in Iraq. [1]

- (A) Rivers
- (B) Sea
- (C) Lakes

(D) Marshes

13. The life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and _____ with pain. [1]

(A) attached

(B) combined

(C) detached

(D) filled

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

He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars.

14. Whose noise is heard at night ? [1]

(A) Of the thieves

(B) Of the rifles

(C) Of the hunters

(D) Of the patrolling cars

15. How does he stare at the brilliant stars ? [1]

(A) With his sharp eyes

(B) With his smelling powers

(C) With his brilliant eyes

(D) With his brilliant voice

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

16. For how many days was Tricki not given food ? [1]

(A) For a week

- (B) For a fortnight
- (C) For a month
- (D) For two days

17. Who had the pointed countenance like a fox ? [1]

- (A) Fowler
- (B) Ausable
- (C) Max
- (D) None of them

18. What did Mrs. Hall hear, all of a sudden ? [1]

- (A) Heard a sniff
- (B) Heard a loud sound
- (C) Heard a shriek
- (D) Heard a barking sound

19. Who loaned the diamond necklace to Mme Loisel ? [1]

- (A) Mme Loisel's husband
- (B) Mme Forestier
- (C) Mme Forestier's husband
- (D) No one

20. Who performed the opening ceremony of the girls' school in Bholi's village ? [1]

- (A) The Gram Pradhan
- (B) The Head Teacher
- (C) The Tahsildar
- (D) The District Magistrate

PART - 'B'

Reading

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

The student should learn to think for himself. No one has ever been great by following others blindly. When the teacher says something in the class, the student should try to understand it for himself. He should think about it in his own way. If he does not agree with the teacher, he should boldly say so to him. The good teacher will not be vexed at it. He will rather be glad to find such an intelligent student in his class. When the student will read a book, he will not get by heart what is written in the book. He will not be mere parrot. He will think, understand and then commit to memory, if necessary.

- (a) "Does one become great by following others ?" If not, how can he become so ? [2]
- (b) What should a student do if he doesn't agree with his teacher ? [2]
- (c) Who, amongst the students, is considered to be a parrot ? [2]
- (d) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'Calm' ? [1]

Writing

2. Write a letter to your friend advising him to take part in cultural activities organised by the college. [4]

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to arrange extra classes in English.

3. Write a report on 'A Flood Scene' in about 80–100 words. [6]

(Hints: Place and scene; loss of property and human life, if any; miseries; relief work; your opinion)

OR

Look at the circles given below. Taking clues from them, write an article on 'A Public Library' in about 80–100 words:

(Its name and where situated, Different sections, Stock of books, Its usefulness, Your opinion about its improvement)

Grammar

4.

- (a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech: [2]
Sheetla said to his students, "Have you worked hard for the examination?"
- (b) Change the following into passive voice: [2]
Don't make a noise.
- (c) Punctuate the following: [2]
i am an m sc from the muir college allahabad
- (d) Translate the following into English: [4]
पुराने जमाने में बन्दर जंगलों में रहते थे। उसके बाद वह लोगों में भी रहने लगे। धीरे-धीरे वे नगरों में आ गये। आज हम बन्दरों को हर इलाके में पाते हैं।

Literature

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

- (a) What was the result of the sudden strong wind as it is described in the lesson "A Letter to God"? [3]

OR

Why do the wise (people) not grieve as it is given in the chapter "The Sermon at Benares"? [3]

- (b) Why is the Coorg Regiment one of the most decorated regiments in the Indian Army? [3]

OR

What did Valli suddenly see by the roadside while travelling by bus? [3]

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

- (a) What is the story about the Kodavu people's descent?
- (b) What does Kisa Gotami ask for when she goes from house to house after the death of her son?

7. How does the fog come as it is described in the poem 'Fog' ? [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 Ball Poem

(b) Amanda

(c) For Anne Gregory

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

(a) Why was it difficult for Hari Singh to rob ?

(b) About whom does Horace Danby think ?

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

(a) How do Mr. and Mme. Loisel replace the necklace ?

(b) Why does Bholi's marriage not take place ?