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ENGLISH (New Syllabus)

Time : Three hours 15 minutes

Max. Marks : 100

General Instructions:

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into four Sections A, B, C and D.
- (iii) All questions from all the Sections are compulsory.
- (iv) Marks are indicated against each question.
- (v) Read the questions very carefully before you start answering them.

SECTION - A

(Reading)

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

Early rising leads to health and happiness. The man who rises late, can have little rest in the course of the day. Anyone who lies in bed late is compelled to work till a late hour in the evening. He has to go without the evening exercise which is so necessary for his health. In spite of all his efforts his work will not produce as good results as that of the early riser. The reason for this is that he cannot take advantage of the refreshing hours of the morning. Some people say that the quiet hour of midnight is the best time for working. Several great thinkers say that they can write best only when they burn the midnight oil. Yet it is true to say that few men have a clear brain at midnight when the body needs rest and sleep. Those who work at that time soon ruin their health. Bad health must, in the long run, have a bad effect on the quality of their work.

- (a) Why is early rising better than rising late ? [3]
- (b) Why do some thinkers burn the midnight oil ? [3]
- (c) What is the disadvantage of working at midnight ? [3]
- (d) What are the possible advantages of both morning hours and midnight hours ? [3]
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage is opposite of 'noisy' ? [1]
- (ii) Substitute one word for the phrase in spite of. [1]
- (iii) Give the antonym of 'several'. [1]

SECTION - B

(Writing)

6. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words: [10]
- (a) India's performance at the Olympic Games
- (b) Importance of Games at School
- (c) The role played by the doctors during the pandemic.
7. Write a letter to the Mayor of the Corporation regarding disposal of solid waste. [10]

OR

Write a letter to the Waterworks Department complaining about erratic and polluted water supply in your locality.

SECTION - C

(Grammar)

8. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions: [5×2=10]
- (a) One who abandons his religious faith is an:
- (i) atheist
- (ii) apostate

(iii) infidel

(iv) optimist

(b) The phrase 'pick holes in' means:

(i) find fault with

(ii) to insult someone

(iii) to attack

(iv) to puncture

(c) The synonym of 'acute' is:

(i) nice

(ii) accidental

(iii) severe

(iv) curious

(d) 'The driver stood at the extremest edge of the rock.' Which word in this sentence is an error ?

(i) stood

(ii) extremest

(iii) edge

(iv) of

(e) The antonym of 'virtue' is:

(i) fraud

(ii) crime

(iii) vice

(iv) wickedness

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

(i) He will say, "The student was lazy."

(ii) He said, "We cannot be quite happy in this life."

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

(i) The battle was over. The enemy withdrew. (Simple sentence)

(ii) He gave up trying. He could never give satisfaction. (Complex sentence)

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

(i) Besides making a promise, he kept it. (Into a Compound sentence)

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

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

(i) The man disappeared after he has committed a murder.

(ii) Being a rainy day we did not go out.

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

(i) access; excess

(ii) affect; effect

10. Translate the following into English: [5]

अपनी मातृभाषा को निकृष्ट समझना हमारी भूल है। हमें संसार के साथ रहना और चलना है अतएव संसार की अन्यान्य भाषाओं को सीखने की जरूरत है पर अपनी मातृभाषा के महत्व का ख्याल रखना भी बहुत जरूरी है। हम अंग्रेजी भाषा और साहित्य के विद्वान हो सकते हैं, पर शेक्सपियर (Shakespeare) या मिल्टन (Milton) नहीं हो सकते। अंग्रेज हिन्दी भाषा और साहित्य का विद्वान हो सकता है, पर वह सूर या तुलसी कभी नहीं हो सकता। अच्छी किताबें हम मातृभाषा में ही लिख सकते हैं।

SECTION - D

(Literature)

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

(a) What is the reason that made M. Hamel declare that the lesson which he was going to teach on that fateful day, was to be the last lesson ?

OR

What made the peddler think that he had indeed fallen into a rat-trap ?

(b) What explanation does the author offer for the children not wearing footwear ?

OR

What prompted Gandhiji to urge the departure of the British ?

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

- (a) On what ground did the English owners of indigo plantation demand compensation from the share-croppers ?
- (b) How did the incident at the YMCA pool affect Douglas ?

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

Far far from gusty waves
These children's faces.
Like rootless weeds, the hair was
Torn round their pallor;
The tall girl with her weighed-down head.
The paper seeming boy, with rat's eyes.
The stunted, unlucky heir,
Of twisted bones,
Reciting a father's gnarled disease,
His lesson, from his desk.

- (a) What is the contrast emphasized by the phrases 'gusty waves' and 'rootless weeds' ?
- (b) What is the figure of speech in the expression, 'children's faces / Like rootless weeds' ?
- (c) What is meant by 'stunted, unlucky heir of twisted bones' ?

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

- (a) My Mother at Sixty-six
- (b) Keeping Quiet
- (c) A Thing of Beauty

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

- (a) What did the psychiatrist friend of Charlie tell him when Charlie told him about the third level at Grand Central Station ?

OR

How did the Maharaja in the story 'The Tiger King' eventually kill the hundredth tiger ?

- (b) How did the author reach Antarctica ?

OR

What did the author realize, reaching Antarctica ?

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

- (a) Trace the background of the story 'The Enemy' and how it created difficulties for Dr. Sadao Hoki and his wife.
- (b) How does Jack end his latest story about Roger Skunk, disagreeing with his daughter Jo's preferred ending ? What do you think is the reason why Jack preferred one of the two endings ?