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Time: Three Hours 15 Minutes

Max. Marks: 70

General Instructions:

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) This question paper is divided into two parts: Part-A and Part-B.
- (iv) Part-A consists of 20 multiple choice questions carrying 1 mark each.
- (v) Read the question-wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet. Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR sheet.
- (vi) Part-B consists of descriptive type questions.
- (vii) Marks are indicated against each question.

PART - A

Multiple Choice Questions

(Questions No. 1–3): Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

Old people say that childhood is the best part of life. They look back at their childhood and remember all its happy days, the jolly games, the fun they had at school, the sweets and cakes they used to eat, jokes they used to play and endless discussions they had among friends about almost every topic. Perhaps, these old folks are right. And all in a moment, the father was a little boy and his son was a grown-up man like his father. And the father, in the shape of a

little boy, had to go to school, and I can tell you he did not like it at all. A child's troubles may seem small to grown-ups but they are very big to him.

1. According to old people, the best part of life is: [1]
(A) remembering the present.
(B) to forget what happened in the past.
(C) to repent for what is happening.
(D) childhood.
2. To whom does a child's troubles seem big ? [1]
(A) To a father
(B) To a mother
(C) To a child
(D) To his/her friend
3. Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'endless' ? [1]
(A) continuous
(B) finite
(C) speedy
(D) tiredness

(Questions No. 4–8): Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

4. Children _____ to attend the programme. [1]
(A) had gone
(B) will go
(C) went
(D) All (A), (B) and (C) are correct
5. The thing that has been created by somebody is called: [1]
(A) search

- (B) learning
- (C) invention
- (D) promotion

6. Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence:
Sunday / on / he / each / Church / to / goes [1]

- (A) He each Sunday goes on to Church.
- (B) He goes to Church on each Sunday.
- (C) On each Sunday Church he goes to.
- (D) Church goes he to on Sunday each.

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

- (A) military
- (B) temporary
- (C) ordinary
- (D) century

8. The teacher pointed ____ the mistake and Sheela corrected it. [1]

- (A) upon
- (B) too
- (C) off
- (D) out

(Questions No. 9–10): Read the passage given below and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

But then I slowly saw that not only was I not free, but my brothers and sisters were not free. I saw that it was not just my freedom that was curtailed, but the freedom of everyone who looked like I did. That is when I joined the African National Congress, and that is when the hunger for my own freedom became the greater hunger for the freedom of my people.

9. Mr. Mandela was not free but his brothers and sisters were: [1]

- (A) free.
- (B) praying.
- (C) apologising.
- (D) also not free.

10. Mr. Mandela joined the African National Congress when : [1]

- (A) he found he was free.
- (B) he found himself in jail.
- (C) he found that he was unsuccessful.
- (D) he found that his freedom and the freedom of everyone who looked like him, was curtailed.

(Questions No. 11–13): Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

11. On the podium, _____ was first sworn in as second deputy president. [1]

- (A) Thabo Mbeki
- (B) Nelson Mandela
- (C) Zenani
- (D) Mr. de Klerk

12. The poem was about a mother duck and _____ swan. [1]

- (A) a sister.
- (B) a brother
- (C) a father
- (D) a grandfather

13. During our childhood in Goa, the baker used to be our friend, companion and [1]

- (A) teacher
- (B) guide
- (C) helper

(D) friend

(Questions No. 14–15): Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

Some say the world will end in fire
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favour fire.

14. Some people say that the world will end in [1]

- (A) smoke
- (B) water
- (C) sea
- (D) fire

15. What do you mean by 'hold' here ? [1]

- (A) desire
- (B) sky
- (C) support
- (D) comfort

(Questions No. 16–20): Choose the correct option to answer the following questions:

16. When the train had gone, the thief found himself: [1]

- (A) out of the station.
- (B) away from home.
- (C) at the ticket office.
- (D) on the deserted platform.

17. When the thief awoke the next morning, he found : [1]

- (A) Anil had left him.
- (B) Anil had cheated him.

(C) Anil had made the tea.

(D) Anil had deceived him.

18. Griffin swallowed certain rare drugs and his body became : [1]

(A) red.

(B) transparent.

(C) blue.

(D) flexible.

19. Mr. Jaffers, the constable, had to arrest a man without: [1]

(A) a head.

(B) legs.

(C) eyes.

(D) glasses.

20. At Harvard Medical School, Richard Ebright began doing experiments because he wanted: [1]

(A) to save his life.

(B) to save others' life.

(C) to prove the reaction.

(D) to test his theory.

PART - B

Reading

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

Long long ago there was a king in Greece. He had three lovely daughters. The first daughter was very beautiful, the second daughter was more beautiful than the first. But the third was the fairest of all. She was the most beautiful girl in the world. Her name was Psyche. Venus, the great goddess of the Greeks was angry with her.

She was jealous of her beauty. She called Psyche to her palace and asked her, "How old are you?" Psyche answered, "Great goddess, I am nineteen." Venus laughed and said, "You are young but not beautiful. You are ugly. Nobody will marry you." Psyche wept and prayed, "Keep me as your servant, please. I will serve you well. I will do everything for you."

- (a) How many daughters did the king of Greece have ? [2]
- (b) Who was the fairest of all ? [2]
- (c) What did Psyche pray to the goddess of Greece ? [2]
- (d) Which word in the passage means 'unattractive' ? [1]

Writing

22. Write a letter to your elder brother requesting him to send you ₹ 10,000 to prepare yourself for the competitive examinations. [4]

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to make your library active, which is almost dead.

23. Write a report on 'A Busy Market' in about 80–100 words.

(Hints: its name and decoration; goods; customers; traffic; its impact; your suggestions) [6]

OR

Write an article on 'A Birthday Party' in about 80–100 words, keeping in mind the following points:

(i) whose birthday party it was (ii) time and place (iii) description (iv) celebration (v) your impression

Grammar

24.

- (a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech: [2]
The teacher said to me, "Your duty is to take care of your parents."

- (b) Change the following into passive voice: [2]
The King shot the lion.
- (c) Punctuate the following: [2]
rakesh said to shyam are we still away from the city
- (d) Translate the following into English: [4]
मैं अपने माता-पिता के साथ रविवार को लखनऊ जाना चाहता था। गाड़ी प्लेटफॉर्म नं. 1 पर खड़ी थी। गाड़ी में भीड़ नहीं थी, इसलिए हम लोग आसानी से बैठ गए। गाड़ी सही समय से चल दी।

Literature

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

- (a) What was the single hope for the family of Lencho ? [3]

OR

Why was Mr. Keesing, a teacher, annoyed with the author ? [3]

- (b) How long was Mandela not troubled by the laws of man or God ? [3]

OR

What was the result of the incident when Bodhidharma cut off his eyelids, according to an Indian legend ? [3]

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

- (a) How did Valli plan her bus ride ?

- (b) Why did Lencho write a letter to God ?

27. What does the girl yearn for ? What does this poem tell you about Amanda ? [3]

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus. (*Do not copy the lines given in the question paper*). [3]

28. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems in about 40–50 words : [3]

- (a) Dust of Snow

- (b) A Tiger in the Zoo

(c) The Trees

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

(a) Why was Mrs. Pumphrey ringing a dozen times a day ?

(b) How did Mme. Loisel look when she took part in the ball ?

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

(a) Why did the thief make friends with Anil ?

(b) Was Griffin a lawless person ? What is your opinion about him ?