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Instructions:

- i) First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read the question paper.
- ii) All questions are compulsory.
- iii) This question paper has two Parts - Part-A and Part-B.
- iv) 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.
- v) 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.
- vi) Marks of the questions are mentioned against them.
- vii) Part-B consists of descriptive type questions of 50 marks.
- viii) All the questions of Part-B are to be attempted all at a time.
- ix) 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

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

About five hundred years ago, a town called Hamelin, in North Germany was over-run with rats. The rats were so big that they used to fight the dogs and kill the cats and bite the babies in the cradles. At last, all the people came to the town hall to see the Mayor who was the chairman of the town. They begged him to do something to rid them of the rats. The next day, the Mayor held a meeting. A tall man in queer long coat from heel to head entered the hall. He went up to the table and said, "I can rid your town of rats, if you pay me thousand pieces of gold." We shall be glad to give you much more than that, to be rid of the rats," said the Mayor.

1. The town Hamelin was in [1]
 - (A) East Germany
 - (B) West Germany
 - (C) North Germany
 - (D) South Germany
2. A tall man in queer long coat demanded [1]
 - (A) One thousand pieces of gold
 - (B) Five hundred pieces of gold
 - (C) Ten thousand pieces of gold
 - (D) Five thousand pieces of gold
3. Which word in the passage means 'strange' ? [1]
 - (A) big
 - (B) tall
 - (C) queer
 - (D) bite

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

4. The train _____ before I reached the station. [1]
 - (A) starts

- (B) started
- (C) had started
- (D) will start

5. Mohan is taking rest ____ a tall tree. [1]

- (A) under
- (B) in
- (C) about
- (D) within

6. Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence and choose the right arrangement:

she / lot / a / books / of / borrowed / has / me / from [1]

- (A) She has from me a books of lot borrowed
- (B) Has she from me a of books lot borrowed
- (C) She has borrowed a lot of books from me
- (D) Borrowed has she a books lot of me from

7. Which of the following words is mis-spelled ? [1]

- (A) Achieve
- (B) Receive
- (C) Beleive
- (D) Mischief

8. Fill in the gap with a suitable preposition:
She jumped ____ the well to save her child. [1]

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

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

I knew that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed. A man who takes away another man's freedom is a prisoner of hatred; he is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow mindedness. I am not truly free if I am taking away someone else's freedom, just as surely as I am not free when my freedom is taken from me. The oppressed and the oppressor alike are robbed of their humanity.

9. Who according to Mandela is not free ? [1]

- (A) Oppressor
- (B) Oppressed
- (C) Both (A) and (B)
- (D) None of them

10. A man who takes away another man's freedom is [1]

- (A) White
- (B) A prisoner of hatred
- (C) Criminal
- (D) Rude

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

11. How much money did Lencho ask for ? [1]

- (A) 100 pesos
- (B) 1000 pesos
- (C) 10 pesos
- (D) 500 pesos

12. According to Mandela what is the greatest wealth of a nation ? [1]

- (A) Minerals
- (B) Gems
- (C) Diamonds

(D) People

13. Why does Anne want to keep a diary ? [1]

(A) She has no close friends

(B) She loves to write

(C) She wants people to read about her later

(D) She likes the idea of it

(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. What is the tiger's attitude towards visitors ? [1]

(A) Loving

(B) Hating

(C) Ignoring

(D) Threatening

15. What is patrolling at night ? [1]

(A) Cars

(B) Tigers

(C) Deer

(D) All of these

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

16. Who was thief in the story "The Thief's Story" ? [1]

(A) Hari Singh

(B) Anil

(C) Mangal Pandey

(D) Suresh

17. What was Tricki's actual problem ? [1]

(A) Fever

(B) Malaria

(C) Malnutrition

(D) Vomiting because of excess food

18. What type of man was Griffin ? [1]

(A) Lawless person

(B) Brilliant scientist

(C) Both (A) and (B)

(D) None of these

19. Ebright was born in [1]

(A) Liverpool

(B) London

(C) Reading

(D) Oxford

20. Matilda always remained [1]

(A) unhappy

(B) happy

(C) delighted

(D) contended

PART - B

(Reading)

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

A rich man had a dog to guard his house at night. In the daytime, the dog was tied with a chain to a heavy stone and was free at night. Everyday a bird came and saw the dog and the two became friends. The bird would play with the dog and also tease him. But the dog did not mind this at all. When the dog got his food everyday, the bird would come near and catch a piece of food. She held it up in her beak and was out of his reach just to tease him. But the dog did not get angry, because he was glad to have someone to play with. One day the bird fell into a tub full of water, not very far away. The dog saw this and dragged the heavy stone near enough to reach the tub. He took the bird out and put her down on the ground. The bird lay still for a while and then got up.

- a) What was the duty of the dog ? [2]
- b) How did the dog and the bird become friends ? [2]
- c) How did the dog save the bird ? [2]
- d) Find out a word in the passage which is opposite of 'near'. [1]

(Writing)

2. Write a letter to your friend inviting him / her to attend your sister's marriage. [4]

OR

Write an application to the principal of your college requesting him / her to grant you seven days' leave as you are ill.

3. Write a report on the 'Importance of Trees' in about 80–100 words.

(Hints: Type of trees; their utility, environment, products that they give; trees and human health, your impression) [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)

4.

- a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech: [2]
The teacher said to me, "Why are you not doing your work ?"
- b) Change the following into passive voice: [2]
The king did not kill the tiger.
- c) Punctuate the following: [2]
ramesh said to mohan are you not going to play today
- d) Translate the following into English: [4]
मैं कल अपने माता-पिता के साथ बाजार जा रहा था। रास्ते में मेरा एक घनिष्ठ मित्र मिला। उसने मुझे अपने माता-पिता के बारे में बताया। हम दोनों एक दूसरे के बारे में जानकर बहुत प्रसन्न हुए।

(Literature)

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

- a) What made Lencho angry ? [3]
OR
Who, according to Mandela, is not free ? [3]
- b) What did Valli do after she got into the bus ? [3]
OR
What does Anne Frank say about her father and grandmother in her diary ? [3]

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

- a) How did Gautam Buddha convince Kisa Gautami that death is unavoidable ?
- b) What were the difficulties faced by Nelson Mandela in achieving freedom for his people ?

7. Why does the poet hold with those who favour fire ? **[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) Dust of Snow

b) A Tiger in the Zoo

c) Fire and Ice

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

a) What were the reasons for Matilda's unhappiness ?

b) What kind of thief Hari Singh was ?

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

a) Give a character sketch of Matilda.

b) Describe the role of Bholi's teacher in her life.