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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:

No concise statement of the political philosophy of Confucius has come down to us, but it is possible to reconstruct its main outlines. Clearly, he believed that government should be aimed at bringing about the welfare and happiness of the whole people. This, he thought, could be done only when the government was administered by the most capable men in the country. Such capability has nothing to do with birth, or death, or position, but solely a matter of character and knowledge. These are produced by proper education. Education should therefore be widely diffused so that the most talented men in the whole population might be prepared for the business of the government. And the administration of the government should be handed over to such men, without regard to their origin.

- (a) What should the government aim at ? [3]
- (b) Who should administer the country ? [3]
- (c) Why should the education be widely diffused ? [3]
- (d) Who should be handed over the administration of government ? [3]
- (e) (i) Find the word from the passage that means 'competence'. [1]
- (ii) Which phrase in the passage means 'be given to' ? [1]
- (iii) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'collectively' ? [1]

SECTION - B

(Writing)

6. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100 - 150 words: [10]
- (a) The Art of Oratory
- (b) An Educational Trip
- (c) Place of English in Modern India.
7. Suppose you are Anand. Write a letter to the District Magistrate of your city requesting him to maintain peace and tranquility in the district that recently suffered religious clashes. [10]

OR

Write a letter to the District Supply Officer of your district requesting him to stop the supply of bad kind of grain and other commodities.

SECTION - C

(Grammar)

8. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions: $5 \times 2 = 10$
- (a) A government by official is called
- (i) autocracy
- (ii) theocracy

- (iii) democracy
- (iv) bureaucracy

(b) The phrase 'set in' means

- (i) to stop
- (ii) to produce
- (iii) to begin
- (iv) to move

(c) The synonym of 'diminish' is

- (i) defeat
- (ii) dwindle
- (iii) endeavour
- (iv) both (ii) and (iii)

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

- A. You, he and I are good friends.
- B. Except he all were present.
- C. I, who is your teacher, will teach you.
- D. Waters are necessary for human beings.

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

(e) The antonym of 'rigorous' is

- (i) fast
- (ii) sacred
- (iii) pleasure
- (iv) simple

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

- (i) "Who are you, sir, and why are you here ?" he asked the gentleman.
- (ii) The old woman said to me, "I lived here with my servant for a week."

- (b) Combine any one of the following as directed: [2]
- (i) He admitted his error. He expressed his regret. (*Into Simple sentence*)
 - (ii) This is the place. Here I was attacked by robbers. (*Into Complex sentence*)
- (c) Transform any one of the following as directed: [2]
- (i) Kolkata is the biggest city in India. (*Into Positive degree*)
 - (ii) No sooner did the train stop than I got down. (*Into Affirmative sentence*)
- (d) Correct any one of the following sentences: [2]
- (i) The Manager deprived the Principal with all powers.
 - (ii) Neither food nor water were given to me yesterday.
- (e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear: [2]
- (i) Canvas – Canvass
 - (ii) Illusion – Allusion

10. Translate the following passage into English: [5]
- पुराने जमाने में यातायात के साधन नहीं थे। लोग पैदल चलते थे। उसके बाद वे बैलगाड़ी में यात्रा करने लगे। वे ऊँट गाड़ी में भी यात्रा करते थे। कुछ समय बाद वे घोड़े पर सवारी करने लगे। आजकल जीवन बहुत तेज हो गया है। हम कारों, बसों और रेलगाड़ियों में यात्रा करते हैं। अब हवाई जहाज का युग है। हवाई जहाज के द्वारा हम एक देश से दूसरे देश बहुत कम समय में पहुँच जाते हैं।

SECTION - D

(Literature)

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

(a) What does every other family do in Firozabad ?

OR

Why do the celebrities, who have become the victim of interview, despise it ?

(b) What was the pride of the author Douglas and why he subdued it ?

OR

Why did Gandhi chide the lawyers of Muzaffarpur ?

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

(a) Why was Kathamangalam Subbu considered No. 2 in Gemini Studios ?

(b) What are the instances in the story 'The Rattrap' that show the character of the iron master is different from that of his daughter ?

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

A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness, but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.

(a) How is a thing of beauty, a joy forever ? [2]

(b) What do you understand by 'bower' ? [2]

(c) Name the poem and the poet of the above lines. [2]

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

(a) My Mother at Sixty-six

(b) Keeping Quiet

(c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

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

(a) Why was the programme 'Students on Ice' so successful ?

OR

"No I will not submit ! I will struggle first !" Who said this and what does it suggest ?

(b) Why was Sadao sent to America when he was twenty two ?

OR

Why did the author's brother often go to the library ?

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

- (a) Why is Antarctica the place to go if we want to study the earth's past, present and future ?
- (b) How did Maharaja prepare himself for the hundredth tiger which was supposed to decide his fate ?