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2015 (A)

Roll No. of Candidate :

ENGLISH (Compulsory)

Total Questions : 18

Total Printed Pages : 8

Time : 3 Hrs. 15 Minutes |

| Full Marks : 100

परीक्षार्थी के लिये निर्देश :

Instructions to the candidate :

1. परीक्षार्थी यथासंभव अपने शब्दों में ही उत्तर दें।

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

2. दाहिनी ओर हाशिये पर दिये हुए अंक पूर्णांक निर्दिष्ट करते हैं।

Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.

3. सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं।

All questions are compulsory.

4. उत्तर देते समय परीक्षार्थी यथासंभव शब्द-सीमा का ध्यान रखें।

While answering the candidate should adhere to the word limit as far as practicable.

5. इस प्रश्नपत्र को पढ़ने के लिए 15 मिनट का अतिरिक्त समय दिया गया है।

15 minutes of extra time have been allotted for the candidates to read the questions.

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SECTION - A

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below in your own words : 4 × 3 = 12

Much of the information we have today about Chimpanzees comes from the ground breaking, long-term research of the great conservationist, Jane Goodall.

Jane Goodall was born in London, England, on April 3, 1934. On her second birthday, her father gave her a toy Chimpanzee named Jubilee. From an early age, Jane was fascinated by animals and animal stories. By the age of 10, she was talking about going to Africa to live among the animals there. At the time, in the early 1940, this was a radical idea because women did not go to Africa by themselves.

Once in Kenya, she met Dr. Louis Leakey, palcontologist and anthropologist. He was impressed with her thorough knowledge of Africa and its wildlife, and hired her to assist him and his wife on a fossil-hunting expedition to Olduvai Gorge. Dr. Leakey soon realized that Jane was the perfect person to complete a study he had been planning for some time. They began a study of a group of Chimpanzees who were living on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in Kenya. Jane faced many challenges as she began her work. For the first time the Chimpanzees did not accept her but little by little she was able to enter their world.

Questions :

- i) Where has much of the information about Chimpanzees come from ?
- ii) What gift did she get on her second birthday and from whom ?
- iii) What work did she do under Dr. Louis K. Leakey ? What was her aim ?
- iv) Find a word in the passage which means 'allured'.

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below in your own words : 4 × 2 = 8

For many people who live in cities, parks are an important part of the landscape. They provide a place for people to relax and play sports, as well as a refuge from the often harsh environment of a city. What people often overlook is that parks also provide considerable environmental benefits.

One benefit of parks is that plants absorb carbon dioxide — a key pollutant — and emit oxygen which humans need to breathe. According to one study, an acre of trees can absorb the same amount of carbon dioxide that a typical car emits in 11,000 miles of driving. Parks also make cities cooler. Scientists have long noted what it called the Urban Heat Island Effect : building materials such as metal, concrete and asphalt, absorb much more of the sun's heat and release it much more quickly than organic surfaces like trees and grass. Because city landscapes contain so much of these building materials, cities are usually warmer than the surrounding rural areas. Parks and other green spaces help to mitigate the Urban Heat Island Effect.

Questions :

- i) What benefits do parks provide city dwellers ?
- ii) Explain one scientific benefit of parks.
- iii) What is the Heat Island Effect ?
- iv) Find the word in the passage which means the same as 'to take in'.

SECTION - B

3. Write a letter to your friend in about 80 words describing your preparation for the Board Examination. 8

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In about 80 words, write a letter to your mother describing how honesty is the best policy.

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4. Write a paragraph on any one of the following in about 60 words :

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i) The book you like most

ii) Your favourite game

iii) Health is Wealth

iv) Pollution.

5. Prepare a report on your visit of a historical place.

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OR

Your school is going to organize a dance competition on Children's Day. Write a notice in not more than 80 words for your school notice board inviting talented students to appear for trial for different items in the school auditorium. You have invited Mr. Ghosh the famous dancer for audition.

SECTION - C

6. Do as directed :

4 × 1 = 4

i) This is possible.

(Into negative)

ii) Do it soon.

(Into Passive voice)

iii) He is too late for the train.

(Remove too)

iv) Ashoka was one of the greatest kings of India.

(Into Positive degree)

7. Change the following sentences into indirect form of speech :

4 × 1 = 4

i) She said, "Two plus two is four."

ii) Mr. Prasad said to me, "Let them sing a song."

iii) He said to me, "May God bless you !"

iv) He said, "Why are you making a noise ?"

8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verbs given in the brackets :

3 × 1 = 3

- i) Oil and water not mix. (do / does)
 ii) Nothing but trees in the forest. (is / are)
 iii) More boys than one done this work. (has / have)

9. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

4 × 1 = 4

- i) Don't run the new fashion. (for / after)
 ii) She arrives Hilsa. (in / at)
 iii) He congratulates my success. (at / on)
 iv) The baby lives milk. (at / on)

10. Translate any five into English :

5 × 1 = 5

- i) मेरी दादी कहानियाँ सुनायेंगी ।
 ii) मैंने एक सपना देखा ।
 iii) उसकी आँखें आधी बात कह देती हैं ।
 iv) पटना एक पुराना शहर है ।
 v) तुम्हें आराम करना चाहिए ।
 vi) मैं नास्ता कर चुका हूँ ।
 vii) वह सिनेमा गया है ।
 viii) यह कविता किसने लिखी ?

SECTION - D

11. Read the extract carefully and answer the following questions :

5 × 1 = 5

"Once upon a time there was an old woman. Blind but wise." Or an old man? A guru, perhaps, soothing restless children. I have heard this story, or one exactly like it, in the lore of several cultures.

"Once upon a time there was an old woman. Blind. Wise."

In the version I know, the woman is the daughter of slaves, black, American, and lives alone in a small house outside of town. Her reputation for wisdom is without peer and without question. Among her people, she is both the law

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and its transgression. The honour she is paid and the awe in which she is held reach beyond her neighbourhood to places far away ; to the city where the intelligence of rural prophets is the source of much amusement.

Questions :

- i) Who is the author of this passage ?
 - ii) Where did the old woman live ?
 - iii) Why was she famous for ?
 - iv) What was her position in the neighbourhood ?
 - v) Which word in the passage means 'the violation of a law' ?
12. Read the following extract carefully and answer the following questions :

5 × 1 = 5

Speaking as her son, however, I would add that I personally believe that by her own dedication and personal sacrifice she has come to be a worthy symbol through whom the plight of all the people of Burma may be recognised. And no one must underestimate the plight. The plight of those in the countryside and towns, living in poverty and destitution, those in prison battered and tortured ; the plight of the young people, the hope of Burma, dying of malaria in the jungles to which they have fled ; that of the Buddhist monks, beaten and dishonoured, nor should we forget the many senior and highly respected leaders besides my mother who are all incarcerated. It is on their behalf that I think you, from my heart, for this supreme honour. The Burmese people can today hold their heads a little higher in the knowledge that in this far distant land their suffering has been heard and heeded.

Questions :

- i) Whose own dedication and personal sacrifice are expressed here ?
- ii) Whose plight is referred to here ?
- iii) What does the speaker say about the young people of Burma ?
- iv) Why can the Burmese people hold their heads a little higher ?
- v) Trace out a word in the passage, which means 'imprisoned'.

13. Answer any *one* of the following in about 80 words :

1 × 6 =

- i) What enlightenment does the writer seek from his wife ? What does suggest about the plight of the modern man ?
- ii) What happened to the tree referred to by Mr. Johnson ?
- iii) How did the narrator make the tiny baby squirrel hale and hearty ?

14. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30 words :

2 × 2 = 4

- i) What, in the opinion of Humayun Kabir, is the most remarkable feature of Indian culture ?
- ii) Did the narrator succeed in getting Ms Greene to do something about ecology ?
- iii) How does the writer classify himself as a thinker ?
- iv) What was Gillu's favourite food ? How would Gillu inform that he was hungry ?

15. Read carefully the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow :

4 × 1 = 4

"Once ... once upon a time"

Over and over again,

Martha would tell us her stories,

In the hazel glen.

- i) From which poem have these lines been extracted ?
- ii) How does Martha begin her stories ?
- iii) Where does Martha tell her stories ?
- iv) What for 'her' stands ?

16. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30 words :

2 × 3 = 6

- i) What are the birds scared of ? Explain in brief.
- ii) What does 'Silver pitcher' symbolize in the poem ?
- iii) Why does Radha's friend go to Lord Krishna ?
- iv) Why is the porter out of breath ?

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17. Answer any *one* of the following questions :

1 × 6 = 6

- i) Comment on the bond between the mother and her daughter.
- ii) "Animals also possess the ability to understand human feeling."
Elaborate this statement, keeping in view the role of Jabra in the story 'January Night'.

18. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

2 × 2 = 4

- i) How were Halku's crops destroyed ?
 - ii) What did the daughter learn from her mother ?
 - iii) What did Sun and Moon see in the afternoon ?
 - iv) Has the goodness of someone ever made you feel very mean ? Explain it in brief.
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