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Section-A

(Literature)

1. Answer the following questions :

Describe the character sketch of Gessler.

Or

Describe the character of Appa-Mam.

2. Write the critical appreciation of the poem 'The Daffodils'.

Or

What kind of freedom does Tagore envisage for his country ?

3. Answer any two questions :

(i) What made Rafferty to realise that he had a story ? Who did he feel had built The Spaceship?

(ii) Why did the Gessler brothers lose customers even though they made the best shoes in town?

(iii) What, according to the writer, is 'Crucial for the success of democracy'?

(iv) Do you think Mr. Gupta was right in accepting the shelling from Maggie? Why?

4. Attempt any three questions :

(i) Give an example of personification from the poem 'The Daffodils'.

- (ii) Identify the metaphors used in the poem 'The Listeners'.
- (iii) What is the central idea of the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' ?
- (iv) Identify the similes used in the poem 'The Mosquito'.
- (v) Define Onomatopoeia with an example from 'The Listeners'.

5. Explain the following with reference to the context.

Where the mind is led forward by
thee into ever-widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom, my father,
Let my country awake.

OR

Well, well' he said as casually as he could.
"That looks to me like a very fine diamond.
Would you mind waiting a moment while
examine it carefully in my office.

Section-B

(Reading Comprehension)

16. Read the following poetic passage/s carefully and answer the given questions :

Ten thousand saw I at a glance
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.
The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee;
A poet could not be but gay
In such a jocund company.

Questions :

- (i) What did the poet see at a glance ?
- (ii) What do the waves refer to ?
- (iii) How did the scene affect the poet ?
- (iv) Find two words that mean being happy'.
- (v) The number of flowers were really ten thousand. (True/False)

OR

And his horse in the silence clamped the grasses

Of the forest's ferny floor

And a bird flew up out of the turret

Above the traveller's head.

Questions :

- (i) Who does 'his' refer to ?
- (ii) What part of the country is the traveller in ?
- (iii) What is he doing in that part?
- (iv) What has disturbed the bird from its nest in the turret ?
- (v) There was complete silence in the area before the coming of the traveller.
(True/False)

7. Read the following unseen passage/s carefully and answer the questions given at the end :

(a) Good health is man's precious possession. One who enjoys good health can enjoy life in the real sense. There can be no real happiness in life if one does not have good health. Good health is the key to success in life and a source of true enjoyment.

Good health means that man should be physically fit. He should have a disease free body. He should be capable of doing physical as well as mental labour. Without health one can neither do great acts nor think great thoughts.

Questions :

(i) The most precious thing for any man in life is health.

(True/False)

(ii) Sound health is must for

(A) Physical labour

(B) Mental labour

(C) Both physical as well as mental labour

(D) To enjoy life

(iii) What is the antonym of 'Happiness'?

(iv) Source here means

(v) Give the verb form of 'Possession'.

(b) Books are our true friends and never failing friends. They are a store of wisdom and knowledge. Good books add to our knowledge about the topics they contain. But there are books which we should read for pleasure; some books we should read and forget; some books are to be chewed and digested. Any how they keep us away from bad company and evil deeds. They occupy our leisure hours. They also develop our character and personality.

Books of great thinkers and philosophers strengthen our will power and lead us to a better living and high thinking.

Questions:

(i) Books are our everlasting friends. (True/False)

(ii) Give the synonym of 'Pleasure'.

(iii) Suggest a suitable title to the passage.

(iv) Use the word 'chewed in your own sentence.

(v) They keep us away from bad company. The word They refers to

Section-C

(Writing Skills)

8. Write a paragraph in 60-80 words on any one of the following An Ideal Student
A Good Neighbour.

OR

9. Write an essay in 100-150 words on any one of the following:

My Favourite Hobby

(Hobby-A pastime, Purpose not to earn money, Provides entertainment, Saves from dullness, Some common hobbies-reading books, gardening, painting, photography etc. Saves us from evil influences).

Or

Importance of Reading Newspapers :

(Brings news from all quarters. Allows to know about important events and comments thereon, Widens our outlook, Importance of press in a democratic state, Communicates between ruler and the ruled, Responsible journalism important for development).

10. Write a letter to your Principal requesting him to make improvements in the Computer Lab of your school.

Or

Write a letter to your friend asking him to lend you the laptop for a day.

11. Read the following passage carefully and make notes :

The modern age is an age of science. It has brought several benefits to man. It has also done greatest disservice to man in the field of deadly weapons. It has produced horrible engines of war. The napalm bomb, the atom bomb and the hydrogen bomb are agents of death and destruction. The world is overtaken by an arms race. Too much of scientific knowledge has proved dangerous. The world powers are competing with one another in producing more weapons of destruction.

Researchers and engineers in this industry think of only creating weapons of mass destruction. Industrial waste is responsible for making the atmosphere unhealthy. Machine, a product of science, has brought in its wake large scale unemployment. The modern age is the age of speed and is very fast. We have no interest for enjoying the beauties of nature. The cruel machine has thrown out the craftsmen.

Section-D

(Grammar)

12. Do as directed :

(i) Change the following sentences :

(A) You seem to be a fool. (Change into complex)

(B) He was honoured for his honesty. (Change into compound)

(C) He worked very hard therefore he succeeded. (Change into compound)

(D) He is a man on whom you can depend upon. (Change into simple)

(E) She suffered but she tolerated. (Change into complex)

(ii) Use the right tense forms of the verbs, if required, to complete the sentences :

(A) She for a walk daily. (go, goes)

(B) Most of the earth's surface by water. (covered, is covered)

(C) Dogs at night (bark, barked)

(D) The letter a week ago. (posted, was posted)

(E) It is to rain. (go, going)

(iii) Fill in the blanks with the correct auxiliaries :

(A) My brother reach here tomorrow.

(B) prefer not to give any explanation.

(C) his soul rest in peace.

(D) You respect your elders.

(E) You leave these papers on my desk and go.

(iv) Join the following sentences using relative pronouns or by changing one of the sentences into a relative clause :

(A) There's a man living next door. He's an engineer.

(B) We stayed in a hotel. Ram recommended to us.

(C) My brother is a doctor. He lives in England.

(D) T went to see a doctor. He advised me to rest for few days.

(E) I was looking for a book this morning. I have found it now.

(v) Correct the following sentences using appropriate conditional clauses :

(A) If I get rich, I'd travel round the world.

(B) If it rains, I would stay at home.

(C) If I feel thirsty, I would make myself a cup of tea.

(D) If there is no oxygen, there will be no life.

(E) If you hit the dog, it must bite you.