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ENGLISH

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Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following poetic passages carefully and answer the questions given at the end :

And his horse in the silence chomped the grasses

Of the forest's ferny floor,

And a bird flew up out of the turret

Above the traveller's head.

Questions:

- (i) Explain of the forest's ferny floor'.
- (ii) What has disturbed the bird from its nest in the Turret ?
- (iii) Which part of the country is the traveller in ?
- (iv) it is a supernatural poem, full of the atmosphere of awe,
- (v) The above lines have been written by

Or

Continuous as the stars that shine

And Twinkle on the milky way,

They stretched in a never ending line.

Along the margin of bay.

Questions:

- (i) What does they refer to ?
- (ii) What has been compared to the milky way R
- (iii) The word 'shine' has been used as:
(Noun/Verb/Adverb/Adjective)
- (iv) The poem is about (Fill in the blank)
- (v) Use the word 'Twinkle in your own sentence.

2. Read the following unseen Prose passages carefully and answer the given questions

(a) True education aims at the mental and physical development of a student. Physical and mental education should go hand in hand. In the modern age, the importance of games and sports has been fully realised. There are separate colleges for this purpose, Games and sports are necessary to keep us physically fit. Who does not like to enjoy good health ? Good health is necessary to keep us physically fit and for happiness in life, Games and sports provide good relief from mental work. While playing games we forget the worries of life. Games help us in becoming useful members of society. Every game is played according to some rules. Breaking rules means foul play. A sportsman loves honesty and justice. A real sportsman plays for the sake of playing. He accepts defeat with a smiling face.

Questions:

- (i) Good health is necessary for happiness in life.
(True/False)
- (ii) What is the antonym of 'Health' ?
- (iii) Write past form of 'enjoy'.
- (iv) Games sharpen us :
(A) Physically
(B) Morally
(C) Mentally

(D) All of these

(v) Foul means

(b) Politeness is necessary to success in life. Rough, rude and selfish people are disliked; kind, polite and unselfish people are always popular. A rude shopkeeper or businessman is never liked by the customers. They always go to the shop of that man who greets them with a smile on his face, speaks to them politely, offers them a chair to sit on, and is nice to them in behaviour.

Questions:

(i) Politeness is a virtue.

(True/False)

(ii) Give the synonym of 'greet'.

(iii) Find any collocation from the above given passage.

(iv) Use the word 'offer' in a sentence.

(v) Suggest a suitable title to the passage.

Section-B

(Writing Skills)

3. Write a paragraph (60–80 words) on any one of the following:

(i) A Visit to the Zoo.

(ii) An Ideal Politician.

4. Write an essay (100–150 words) on any one of the following:

(i) Value of Punctuality

(ii) Pleasure of Reading Books

5. Write a letter to your father asking his permission to join a Historical Tour.

Or

Write an application to the Principal of your institute complaining about the inferior quality of food being supplied to you at Hostel.

6. Read the following passage carefully and make notes :

Self-help is said to be the best helps, because one has to depend upon oneself. One does not have to be a parasite. One does not have to beg for help from others. A person who depends upon himself is held in respect by others. It is a golden lesson that should be practised in life. As a matter of fact, self-help is the golden lesson in life. Self-help leads to glory and brilliant success. Gandhiji depended upon self-help during his stay in London. He may be an exception but we can learn the lesson of self-help from his example, He did everything for himself. He washed his own clothes, cooked his own food and led a simple life. Not only individuals, even nations are built up with the help of self-reliant citizens. It has been rightly said that not gold but only men can make a nation great and strong.

Section-C

(Grammar)

7. Do as directed :

(a). (i) You must work hard to get good marks.

(Change into compound sentence)

(ii) Take this medicine regularly and you will be cured.

(Change into complex sentence)

(iii) He must confess his fault or he will be punished.

(Change into simple sentence)

(iv) She is respected for her honesty.

(Change into compound sentence)

(v) Indira was the first Indian lady to become a Prime Minister.

(Change into complex sentence)

(b) Use the right tense forms of the verbs, if required to complete the sentence :

Yesterday as soon as I (go) out, it (start) raining and (not carry) Jan umbrella, so I (run) to seek shelter in a shop and shop (close).

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

- (i) This tub hold thirty litres of water.
- (ii) We defend our country.
- (iii) you close the gate ?
- (iv) You come to the party; won't you?
- (v) You to take some exercise.

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

- (i) A waitress served us. She was very humble
- (ii) A bus goes to Airport. # runs every half an hour.
- (iii) A man answered the phone. He told me you were away.
- (iv) We saw some people. Their car has been broken down.
- (v) There is a woman living next door. She is a doctor.

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

- (i) If I knew the answer, I shall tell you.
- (ii) If it rains, I stay at home.
- (iii) If I was a bird, I would fly.
- (iv) If he ate all that he will be ill.
- (v) Some one steal your car if you leave it unlocked.

Section-D

(Literature)

8. Discuss the character of Robert Sandy.

What are the observations of Bansuri Taneja and Ashok Kothari on biodiversity ?

9. Discuss the Theme of 'The Daffodils'.

Or

What kind of freedom Tagore envisage for his country ?

10. Answer any two questions :

- (i) Why was the narrator shocked to receive the bill for his shoes? What did he do ?
- (ii) What is Bio-piracy ? How does it affect a country ?
- (iii) Why did the narrator accompany the girl to her house ? Give two reasons.
- (iv) What is the evil effect of national prejudices ?

11. Attempt any three questions :

- (i) Give an example of personification from the poem 'The Daffodils'.
- (ii) Discuss 'Onomatopoeic'.
- (iii) Identify the metaphors used in the poem 'The Mosquito'.
- (iv) Give the examples of alliteration from the poem 'The Listeners'.
- (v) Pick out the Metaphors used in the poem 'The Listeners'.

12. Explain the following with reference to the context :

She played old records

Of the Banaras Thumri – singers,

Siddheshwari and Rasoolan, their

Voices longing, when the clouds

gathers, for that invisible blue God.

Or

The second dimension is intellectual.

We live in a highly competitive,

age of science and technology,

and can no longer afford
mediocrity if we are to forge ahead.