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ANNUAL EXAMINATION SYSTEM

GENERAL ENGLISH

(Common for All Groups and Vocational Stream)

Time Allowed : 3 Hours **Maximum Marks : 80**

Note : *(i) You must write the subject-code/paper-code **001/A** in the box provided on the title page of your answer-book.*

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(iv) No extra sheet will be provided. Answer the questions to the point.

(v) Draw a line at the end of the answer to each question.

(vi) Do not write on the backside of the title page.

(vii) While writing answers, the question numbers should be written correctly.

*(viii) **All questions are compulsory.** Attempted questions should be done continuously and in proper sequence.*

*(ix) **Five marks have been allotted for good handwriting.***

Section - A

16 marks

(Reading Comprehension)

1. (A) Read the given passage and answer the questions given below : **10x1=10**

It is not unusual to see people with that small device plugged to their ears while crossing busy roads or travelling on public transports, regardless of the risks involved. I have often wondered why they take such risks. Is it because they want to exude a sense of independence, or is it that they want to tell the world to stop bothering them ? Whether it is a workman or an executive, earphones have become an inseparable part of our lives, sometimes even leading to tragicomic situations. An electrician had come to our house to fix something. We told him in detail what was needed to be done. After he left, I found that the man had done almost nothing. It later turned out that he could not hear our directions clearly because he had an earphone on.

Recently, I was travelling with my wife. Since the train was approaching the last station, there weren't too many passengers. Suddenly, I spotted a duffel bag. The bomb scare lasted for several minutes. All of a sudden, a standoffish youth emerged

from nowhere and picked up the bag. He was very casual. We tried to stop him. He looked at us, surprised. Then he took off his earpieces, lifted the bag, and told us that the bag belonged to him and that he was going to get off at the next station. When he got off, earplugs in his hand, we could hear strains of the song that he had been enjoying.

Choose the correct option : (i to vi)

(i) Which word in the above-mentioned passage means 'to project or display conspicuously' ?

(a) exude (b) immersed

(c) plugged (d) stunned

(ii) Which one of the following statements is false ?

(a) The owner of the duffel bag was a lover of music.

(b) The narrator was travelling with his wife.

(c) An electrician had come to the narrator's house to fix something.

(d) The duffel bag contained a bomb.

(iii) Choose the most appropriate title for the given passage :

(a) Music Therapy (b) Carelessness of an Electrician

(c) Earphone Addiction (d) Bomb Scare

(iv) The bomb scare lasted for several minutes because .....

(a) a young man diffused the bomb.

(b) a young man threw away the bag that contained the bomb.

(c) the owner of the bag arrived there and collected his bag.

(d) None of the above.

(v) We have been <u>intimate</u> friends since childhood. (Choose the correct option to replace the underlined word.)

(a) casual (b) standoffish

(c) inseparable (d) tragicomic

(vi) The word 'tragicomic' means :

(a) very sad (b) very amusing

(c) melancholic (d) both sad and amusing

(vii) Why were the people in the train doubtful about the bag ?

(viii) 'There weren't too many passengers in the train.' Why ?

(ix) Why couldn't the electrician carry out the work properly ?

(x) Mention the reasons that the author offers for the people taking risks on the road

(B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. **6x1=6**

John Dalton was an English Chemist whose atomic theory is the basis of Chemistry. Dalton could not distinguish red from green. In 1784, he was the first to describe colour blindness which came to be known as Daltonism. The word is still used in French, Spanish and Russian. After his death, the scientists from London and Cambridge examined DNA from fragments of Dalton's eyes preserved at his request by the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society, and have shown that he lacked the gene for making green pigment in the retina. Dalton who lived from 1766 to 1844 gave instructions for his eyes to be examined after his death. He had believed that the vitreous humour, the clear substance in the inner chamber of the eyes must, in his case, be tinted blue so that it absorbed red light. At the autopsy, no such blue tint was found. But from Dalton's perception of how he perceived light, scientists have concluded that he must have lacked the pigment in the retina that is sensitive to red light.

(i) Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage.

Scientists concluded that he _____ a pigment in his retina.

(ii) Match the words in the column A with their meaning in the column B :

A	B
described	shown
examined	explained
	checked

(iii) Which colours could not be distinguished by Dalton ?

(a) red from blue

(b) red from yellow

(c) red from green

(d) blue from green

(iv) What instructions did Dalton give regarding his eyes ?

(a) To be preserved at home.

(b) To be examined after his death.

(c) To be checked immediately.

(d) To be kept in museum.

(v) Which languages still use the word 'Daltonism' ?

(vi) What did Dalton believe about his own blindness ?

Section - B

26 marks

(Writing skills, grammar and translation)

2. Write a Precis of the following paragraph in your own words : 4

Democracy is often described as the government of the people, for the people and by the people. It is a social order aiming at the greatest good for the greatest number of people. In a democracy, people are provided freedom of thought, speech, expression and action. General elections are held after every five years to form a new government. These elections reflect the general opinion of the public and the government is formed with some promises meant for the citizens of the country. Democracy is based on political equality. It means all the citizens irrespective of caste, creed, religion, race or gender are considered equal before the law and enjoy equal political rights. In a democratic set-up, majority rules, but opinion of minorities is also given due respect. There is supremacy of law. Law cannot be compromised under any circumstances. Citizens have both rights and duties. India is the largest democratic country in the world. It is considered the finest form of government in which every individual above 18 years of age participates consciously in selecting the government. The government's success and failure depend upon wisdom, consciousness and vigilance. Education plays an important role in making the right choices while casting the vote. People come together to fight against social evils such as illiteracy, poverty and inequality. They must be willing to work for uplifting all sections of society. People should perform their duties to the nation. They should have social tolerance and should co-exist amicably.

3. Attempt **any one** of the following. 5

Suppose you are Sumeet and you are a student of Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, Moga. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to grant you full fee concession and some monetary help out of the Students' Aid Fund.

OR

Imagine you are Piyush Malhotra living at # 21, New Model Town, Moga.

Write a letter to the Commissioner of your Municipal Corporation complaining about the insanitary conditions in your locality.

4. Attempt **any one** of the following. 3

You are Disha. Write an e-mail to the customer service centre of an e-commerce company, asking for replacement of a faulty Headphone set delivered to you.

OR

Explain the following Newspaper Headline in **15-20** words.

DECLARED DEAD, NEWBORN FOUND ALIVE

5. (A) Translate the following sentences into English. **(any two)** **2x1=2**

(i) ਉਹ ਟੇਢੀ ਖੀਰ ਹੈ। वह टेड़ी खीर है।

(ii) ਜੇਬ ਕਤਰਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਚੋ। जेब कतरों से बचें।

(iii) ਕੀ ਦਸ ਵੱਜੇ ਹਨ ? क्या दस बजे हैं ?

(B) Translate the following sentences into Punjabi/Hindi. **(any two)** **2x1=2**

(i) He had bought a new car by 2011.

(ii) Don't spread rumours.

(iii) It was pitch black outside.

6. Do as directed.

(A) Change the given sentences into Passive Voice. **(any two)** **2x1=2**

(i) Open the window, please.

(ii) I have built a new house.

(iii) The hunter aimed at the bird.

(B) Change **any one** of the given sentences into Indirect Speech. **1x1=1**

(i) The stranger said to me, "I belong to Rajasthan."

(ii) The boss said to his employee, "Show me the report."

(C) Supply suitable Determiners. **3x1=3**

(i) _____ church on the corner is progressive.

(ii) How _____ money does he need?

(iii) His father is _____ M.P.

(D) Fill in the blanks as directed : (Use the words given in the brackets.) **2x1=2**

(i) We enjoy _____ (drive) fast. (Fill in the blank with a Gerund.)

(ii) Let us _____ (work) hard to win. (Fill in the blank with an Infinitive.)

(E) Rewrite the given sentences as directed. **(any two)** **2x1=2**

(i) Rewrite the given sentence using 'too'.
He is so weak that he cannot walk fast.

(ii) Rewrite the given sentence using 'No sooner ..... than'.
As soon as the moon rose, the stars disappeared.

(iii) Transform the given sentence using comparative degree of comparison.
Mandeep is as strong as Sandeep.

Section - C

38 marks

(Literature Textbook)

7. Objective type questions : 10x1=10

(i) Kalan Khan was a _____ . (The Barber's Trade Union)

(ii) State whether the following statement is true or false :
The dumb day was the most difficult for the students. (The School for Sympathy)

(iii) What is Lateral Thinking ? (Thinking out of the Box-Lateral Thinking)

(iv) What is the narrator's profession ? (Hasan's Attendance Problem)

(v) Which one of the following is a form of lip-reading ? (The Story of My Life)

(a) Tacoma (b) Tadoma

(c) Oedema (d) Myoma

(vi) Name the writer of the chapter, 'Ghadari Babas in Kalapani Jail'.

(vii) State whether the following statement is true or false :
Discourtesy is a legal offence. (On Saying Please)

(viii) _____ is the writer of, 'A Chameleon'.

(a) E.V. Lucas (b) Anton Chekhov

(c) Mulk Raj Anand (d) Kulwant Singh Virk

(ix) Fill in the blank.
Tarn Taran was nearly _____ miles from Karam Singh's village.
(The Bull Beneath the Earth)

(x) Who was the owner of 'The Modern Frame Works' ? (The Gold Frame)

8. (A) Give the central idea of **one** of the poems : 1x3=3

(i) Father Returning Home (ii) On Friendship

(B) Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow : **(any four)** 4x1=4

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,

(i) Name the poem.

(ii) Name the poet.

(iii) What does the poet see in front of him ?

(iv) What is the poet sorry about ?

(v) What is the symbolic meaning of the two different paths in the woods ?

OR

The Sun does arise

And make happy the skies,

The merry bells ring

To welcome the Spring.

The skylark and thrush,

The birds of the bush,

Sing louder around

To the bells' cheerful sound,

While our sports shall be seen

On the Echoing Green.

(i) Name the poem.

(ii) Name the poet.

(iii) Write the rhyme scheme of the last four lines of the given stanza.

(iv) Name the figure of speech used in the given lines :

The Sun does arise

And make happy the skies,

(v) What purpose does the ringing of the merry bells serve in the poem ?

9. Answer the following questions in about **20** to **30** words. **(any three)** **3x2=6**

(i) What were the good qualities of the conductor ? (On Saying Please)

(ii) What would have happened if the girl had selected a black pebble in the 'pebble-game' ? (Thinking out of the Box : Lateral Thinking)

(iii) What made the concert a flop show for Philip ? (The March King)

(iv) What were the physical conditions of the 'cellular jail' ?

(Ghadari Babas in Kalapani Jail)

(v) What was the wordless cry of the narrator's soul ? List the few words that the narrator's teacher made her learn. (The Story of My Life)

10. Answer **any two** of the following in **20** to **30** words : **2x2=4**

(i) Why did the crowd laugh at Hryukin at the end of the story ? (A Chameleon)

(ii) Why was Chandu not good at doing sums at school ? (The Barber's Trade Union)

(iii) What does the author tell us about Miss Beam ? (The School for Sympathy)

11. Answer **any one** of the following questions in **60** to **70** words : 3

Write the theme of the story, 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.

OR

Write a brief character sketch of the narrator, Sudha Murthy.

(Hassan's Attendance Problem)

12. Answer **any one** of the following questions in **60** to **70** words : 3

Describe, in brief, the early childhood of Bholi. (Bholi)

OR

Give a brief character of Karam Singh. ('The Bull Beneath the Earth')

13. Good Handwriting 5

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