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QUESTION PAPER

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This Question Paper contains 8 printed pages.
(Section - A, B, C, D & E)

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Time : 3 Hours] *[Maximum Marks : 80*

Instructions :

1) **Write in a clear legible handwriting.**
2) **This question paper has five Sections A, B, C, D & E and Question Numbers from 1 to 57.**
3) **All questions are compulsory. Internal options are given.**
4) **The numbers to the right represent the marks of the question.**
5) **Draw neat diagrams wherever necessary.**
6) **New sections should be written in a new page. Write the answers in numerical order.**

SECTION - A

■ **Read the following passage and select the appropriate answer from the options given below :** **[2]**

Kisa Gotami became weary and hopeless and sat down at the wayside watching the lights of the city, as they flickered up and were extinguished again. Atlast the darkness of the night reigned everywhere. And she considered the fate of men, that their lives flicker up and are extinguished again.

1) What is the life of men compared to?

(A) the feeling of hopelessness (B) the lights of the city

(C) the darkness of night (D) the wayside of town.

2) Choose the synonym of the word 'despair' from the passage.

(A) weary (B) reign

(C) flicker (D) hopeless

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■ **Read the following passage and answer the questions :** [3]

The baker made his musical entry on the scene with the 'jhang, jhang' sound of his specially made bamboo staff. One hand supported the basket on his head and the other banged the bamboo on the ground. He would greet the lady of the house with "Good morning" and then place his basket on the vertical bamboo. We kids would be pushed aside with a mild rebuke and the loaves would be delivered to the servant. But we would not give up. We would climb a bench or the parapet and peep into the basket, somehow. I can still recall the typical fragrance of those loaves.

3) Describe the entry of the baker?

4) How did the children react to the arrival of the baker?

5) What is the writer nostalgic about?

■ **Fill in the blanks choosing the correct words given in the bracket. Write only answers.** [5]

(frightened, dignity, animated, desire, bold)

It was this __(6)__ for the freedom of my people to live their lives with __(7)__ and self respect that __(8)__ my life, that transformed a __(9)__ young man into a __(10)__ one.

■ **Answer any Three of the following questions in five to six sentences each :** [6]

11) 'Faith can move mountains'. Discuss the statement with reference to Lencho's immense faith in God.

12) Discuss the eventful journey of Maxwell and his otter to reach London.

13) Give two instances where Valli proves herself to be more mature than her age.

14) How did the seagull make his first flight?

15) What price did Anne Frank pay for being talkative in class?

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SECTION - B

■ **Read the following verse and answer the questions given below.** [3]

"I heard an old religious man
But yesternight declare
That he had found a text to prove
That only God, my dear,
Could love you for yourself alone
And not your yellow hair".

16) Who is the speaker?

17) What did the religious man declare?

18) Name the poem and the poet.

■ **Select the correct figure of speech from the options given below:** [2]

19) Pistol in his left hand, pistol in his right.

(A) Simile and Oxymoron
(B) Repetition and Antithesis
(C) Simile and Paradox
(D) Repetition and Hyperbole

20) Winds rush to meet them.

(A) Synecdoche
(B) Transferred Epithet
(C) Metaphor
(D) Personification

■ **Answer any Three of the following questions in five to six sentences each :** [6]

21) What happens to the house when the trees move out of it?

22) Give two instances from the poem 'Amanda' where the young girl yearns for freedom.

23) "He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes, The epistemology of loss", Explain.

24) How did Custard, The Cowardly dragen prove his courage?

25) According to Robert Frost, how will the world end?

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■ **Read the passage and answer the questions.** [3]

Her friend uttered a cry of astonishment, "Oh! my poor Matilda! How you have changed!" "Yes, I have had some hard days since I saw you; and some miserable ones- and all because of you ..." "Because of me? How is that"?

"You recall the diamond necklace that you loaned me to wear to the Minister's ball?"

"Yes, very well"

"Well, I lost it"

"How is that, since you

returned it to me?"

"I returned another to you exactly like it. And it has taken us ten years to pay for it. You can understand that it was not easy for us who have nothing. But it is finished and I am decently content".

Mme Forestier stopped short. She said, "You say that you bought a diamond necklace to replace mine?"

"Yes, you did not perceive it then? They were just alike".

And she smiled with proud and simple joy. Mme forestier was touched and took both her hands as she replied, "Oh! my poor Matilda! Mine were false. They were not worth over five hundred francs!"

26) What made Matilda look older?

27) Why was Mme Forestier surprised?

28) Comment on the ending.

■ **Read the passage and answer the questions.** [2]

In my short career as a thief, I had made a study of men's faces when they had lost their goods. The greedy man showed fear; the rich man showed anger; the poor man showed acceptance. But I knew that Anil's face, when he discovered the theft, would show only a touch of sadness. Not for the loss of money, but for the loss of trust.

29) How do different natured people react to the loss of their belongings?

30) According to Hari Singh, what will be Anil's reaction for the loss of his money?

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SECTION - C

■ **Rectify the errors :** [4]

	Error	Correction
31) It was the magnificent view	_____	_____
32) again the back drop of densely wooded hills	_____	_____
33) a sea at tea bushes stretched	_____	_____
34) as far as the eyes can see	_____	_____

■ **Punctuate the following passage appropriately. (No. 35-38)** [2]

i ought to go back to Paris I thought, but I wanted to get home

■ **Fill in the blanks with proper article/s, conjunction/s and preposition/s. Write only answers.** [4]

(then, a, with, and)

__(39)__ speck of a train could be seen in the distance, growing bigger __(40)__ bigger as it drew near. __(41)__ it rushed pass the crossing gate __(42)__ a tremendous roar and rattle.

43) **Convert the following into indirect form of narration.** [3]

Chubukov : What's the matter? What are you shouting for?

Natalya : Papa, please tell this gentleman who own Oxen Meadows, we or he?

Chubukov : (to Lomov) Darling, the meadows are ours!

■ **Do as directed** [5]

44) As soon as the storm passed, he stood in the middle of his fields.
(Use No sooner ..... than)

(A) No sooner had the storm passed than he stood in the middle of his fields

(B) No sooner was the storm passed than he stood in the middle of his fields.

(C) No sooner did the storm pass than he stood in the middle of his fields.

(D) No sooner would the storm pass than he stood in the middle of his fields.

45) The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian army.
(Change the degree of comparison)

(A) No other Regiment in the Indian Army is as decorated as the Coorg Regiment

(B) The Coorg Regiment is more decorated than most other Regiments in the Indian Army

(C) The Coorg Regiment is more decorated than any other Regiment in the Indian Army

(D) The Coorg Regiment is enough decorated as the Regiment in Indian Army

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46) The voice from the radio answered me immediately.
(Change the voice)
(A) Immediately the voice from the radio had answered me.
(B) I was answered immediately by the voice from the radio.
(C) I am answered immediately by the voice from the radio.
(D) Immediately the voice from the radio has answered me.

47) I wanted freedom only for myself. (Add a question tag)
(A) hasn't I?
(B) didn't I?
(C) hadn't I?
(D) don't I?

48) My Poem was beautiful.
(Make it exclamatory)
(A) Oh my beautiful poem!
(B) Ah! a beautiful poem by me
(C) What a beautiful poem it was!
(D) How beautiful my poem was!

SECTION - D

■ **Read the passage and answer the questions given below :** **[4]**

Power foods are foods that provide rich level of nutrients like fibre, potassium and minerals. With people becoming increasingly health conscious today, a lot of fitness trainers encourage their clients to include these foods in their daily diet to increase muscle development. There are various ways of incorporating power foods in your daily diet. Of course, the key to enjoying power foods is proper preparation of these foods, the use of season-fresh foods and identifying your choice of flavour among power foods.

Some of the recommended power food combinations are those that are prepared in our kitchens on a regular basis. For instance, the combination of chickpeas and onions. This combination is a powerful source of Iron. Iron deficiency can lead to anaemia, fatigue, brain fog and tiredness. A quick way to prepare this power food is to make a chickpea salad with chopped onions, chaat masala and cilantro.

Among beverages, green tea is the best source of catechins that are effective in halting oxidative damage to cells.

According to researchers, adding a dash of lemon juice to green tea makes the catechins easily absorbable by the body. So serve your friends with rounds of iced green tea with mint and lemon juice.

Questions :

49) What are Power foods?

50) What is the key to enjoying power foods?

51) How can the combination of chickpeas and onions help?

52) What are the benefits of Green Tea?

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OR

■ **Read the following poem and answer the questions.** **[4]**

Whose woods these are I think I know
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow
My little horse must think it queer,
To stop without a farmhouse near,
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.
He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and down flake
The woods are lovely dark and deep
But I have promises to keep
And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep

Questions :

49) Why does the speaker stop by the woods?

50) Why did the horse find stopping there strange?

51) How does the speaker find the woods?

52) Explain the line : 'And miles to go before I sleep'.

53) You are Arya/Aryan. You accompanied your parents to the old city market for Diwali shopping. Prepare a diary entry of your experience on the same. **[4]**

OR

53) You went for an audition for a singing reality show. Prepare a dialogue between you and the judges providing them information of your vocal journey. **[4]**

54) Your mother has started her new business of freshly baked items (bakery). Prepare an impressive advertisement for a local newspaper to support her business. **[4]**

OR

54) Your school has organised a visit to old age home on 'World Elderly Day'. Prepare a notice for the school display board providing necessary details. **[4]**

OR

54) Your are the member of the Bal Urja Rakshak Dal of your school. Prepare an attractive poster on Save Energy for awareness in your fellow students. **[4]**

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SECTION - E

55) You witnessed the ICC World cup 2023, Finals at Ahmedabad. Write a report based on your observation. [4]

56) Write an E mail to your friend about various infrastructural developments in your city/town. Also mention what makes your city/town so unique among others. [6]

OR

56) Your cousin Priya will come in std X next year. Write a letter to her informing her about your preparations for Board Exam; and how you will be able to help her next year. [6]

57) Write an essay on any one of the following in about 200 words : [8]

(A) If I were Air – How would I feel in present environment of earth?

(Air pollution – Factors leading to air pollution – impact of air pollution – ways to mitigate air pollution – conclusion)

(B) Status of Women in India.

(Ancient time – Free India time – Education – Evils – Politics – Current status – various professions – Need to take care – social status – conclusion)

OR

57) Write a story in about 200 words based on the inputs given below : [8]

A King – had intelligent minister – the king cut his finger while practising to wield sword – his minister consoled – everything happens for good – the king got angry – imprisoned the minister – one day the king went for hunting – got caught by the tribals – sacrifice human body to their God – found the King's hand without a finger – set free – the king realised his mistake – released the minister – Moral.

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