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SET : A

ENGLISH (Core)

[For all Groups I, II, III]

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*Time allowed : **3** hours]* *[Maximum Marks : **80***

- *Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are **16** in number and it contains **13** questions.*
- *The **Code No.** and **Set** on the right side of the question paper should be written by the candidate on the front page of the answer-book.*
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General Instructions :

(i) *This question paper is divided into **four** Sections : **A, B, C** and **D**.*

(ii) ***All the sections are compulsory**.*

(iii) *Attempt all the parts of a question together.*

(iv) *Stick to the word-limit wherever prescribed.*

SECTION – A

(Reading Skills) [M. M. : 15

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

1. Scientists have developed a gel that helps brains recover from traumatic injuries. It has the potential to treat head injuries suffered in combat, car accidents, falls, or gunshot wounds. Developed by Dr. Ning Zhang at Clemson University in South Carolina, the gel is injected in liquid form at the site of injury and stimulates the growth of stem cells there.

2. Brain injuries are particularly hard to repair, since injured tissues swell up and can cause additional damage to the cells. So far, treatments have tried to limit this secondary damage by lowering the temperature or relieving the pressure at the site of injury. However, these techniques are often not very effective.



3. More recently, scientists have considered transplanting donor brain cells into the wound to repair damaged tissue. This method has so far had limited results when treating brain injuries. The donor cells often fail to grow or stimulate repair at the injury site, possibly because of the inflammation and scarring present there. The injury site also typically has very limited blood supply and connective tissue, which might prevent donor cells from getting the nutrients they require.
4. Dr. Zhang's gel, however, can be loaded with different chemicals to stimulate various biological processes at the site of injury. In previous research done on rats, she was able to use the gel to help re-establish full blood supply at the site of brain injury. This could help create a better environment for donor cells. In a follow-up study, Dr. Zhang loaded the gel with immature stem cells, as well as the chemicals they needed to develop into full-fledged adult brain cells. When rats with severe brain injuries were treated with this mixture for eight weeks, they showed signs of significant recovery.

5. The new gel could treat patients at varying stages following injury, and is expected to be ready for testing in humans in about three years.

Questions : $10 \times 1 = 10$

(i) What kind of brain injuries can the gel mentioned in the passage cure ?

(a) Car accidents (b) Gunshot injury

(c) Falls (d) All of the above

(ii) Why, according to the author, brain injuries are hard to mend ?

(a) As it is difficult to find good doctors to repair it

(b) As injured tissues swell up and can cause additional damage to the cells

(c) As the person dies instantly after his head is injured

(d) All of the above

(iii) Which of the following statements is/are ***true*** in context of the passage ?

(a) Dr. Ning Zhang at Clemson University in South Carolina has developed a gel which could help brain recover from injuries.

(b) The gel developed for curing brain injuries is injected in gaseous form at the site of injury and stimulates the growth of stem cells there.

(c) The gunshot wounds are the worst injuries that a brain could experience and could not be cured by anyone.

(d) The new gel would be ready for testing in humans in the next five years.

(iv) Which animal has Dr. Ning Zhang used to test her gel ?

(a) Cows (b) Mouse

(c) Rats (d) Dogs

(v) Which of the following statements is/are ***false*** in context of the study performed by Dr. Ning Zhang ?

(1) She applied the gel on rats to help reestablish full blood supply at the site of brain injury.

(2) Dr. Zhang loaded the gel with immature stem cells, as well as the chemicals they needed to develop into full-fledged adult brain cells.

(3) When rats with minor brain injuries were treated with the mixture produced by her, for eight weeks, they showed signs of significant recovery.

(a) Only (1) (b) Only (3)

(c) Both (1) and (3) (d) Only (2)

(vi) Why do the donor cells often fail to grow according to the author ?

(vii) Find the word which is most nearly the opposite in meaning to the word 'Traumatic'.

(viii) Find the word which is most nearly the opposite in meaning to the word 'Stimulates'.

(ix) Find the word most similar in meaning to the word 'Combat'.

(x) Find the word most similar in meaning to the word 'Significant'.

OR

1. A recent survey has brought back focus on teenage smoking. According to the survey 80% of smokers form the habit when they are minors. It is estimated that one out of five teenage smokers smoke about 10 cigarattes everyday. What is more, teenage smokers are no longer satisfied with nicotine and are increasingly taking to deadly contraband like marijuana and cannabis.
2. Initially, smoking starts from curiosity but soon becomes a habit. Oblivious of the fatal dangers involved, nascent smokers ignore even the statutory warning inscribed on the pack.
3. Forming the habit of smoking in an early age is often attributed to a whole lot of psychological reasons but the problem is also precipitated by the glamorous representation of smoking by stars on the silver screen, linking it with style.

4. Peer pressure is another big reason for minors taking up smoking. Besides, locally manufactured tax free cigarettes also push them towards this habit. These cigarettes are particularly popular among the youth, as they are available at a significantly lower price than the legally manufactured cigarettes. According to a FICCI report on these cigarettes, the government suffers huge revenue loss annually due to them, while youths fall victim to smoking. While in the short term smokers get sick due to common ailments, in the long run their lungs get badly affected. Diseases such oral cancer are associated with tobacco use in any form.

5. Smokers can quit smoking by monitoring some of their food habits. Food rich in vitamin C reduces the urge to smoke. Also milk, celery, carrot, fruits and vegetables when taken before smoking, compel the smoker to quit the habit.

Questions : $10 \times 1 = 10$

(i) Why have teenagers started consuming contraband and have not remained satisfied with nicotine consumption only ?

(a) It is cheaper than the cigarettes



(b) It does not have harmful impact on health

(c) People consuming contraband are not looked down upon by the society

(d) Not mentioned in the passage

(ii) Why are locally manufactured cigarettes sold at a lower price ?

(a) Because they are popular

(b) No tax is levied on these cigarettes

(c) The manufacturers of these cigarettes intend to capture a bigger market share

(d) They have a limited market and therefore cannot be sold at a higher price

(iii) Which of the following is ***false*** in context of the passage ?

(a) Most of the smokers start smoking at an early age

(b) Smoking leads to psychological diseases leading to a weak memory

(c) People drawn to smoking are charmed by big stars showing smoking on the screen

(d) Smoking affects lungs if the habit is not got rid of at an early stage

(iv) Which of the following has been mentioned about the FICCI report in the passage ?

(a) Tax free cigarettes help keep a vigil on frequent smokers as they are sold at few shops only

(b) More and more people indulge in smoking as tax free cigarettes remain available at a reduced price

(c) Tax free cigarettes cause a huge revenue loss to the government

(d) Only (b) and (c)

(v) Which of the following food items do not help smokers get rid of smoking ?

(a) Vegetables (b) Fruits

(c) Celery (d) Chocolate

(vi) Who ignores the statutory warning inscribed on the pack of cigarettes ?

(vii) Find the word which is most nearly the same in meaning as the word 'annually'.

(viii) Find the word which is most nearly the same in meaning as the word 'nascent'.

(ix) According to the passage the smokers can quit smoking by ..... .

(x) Initially, smoking starts from curiosity but soon becomes a habit. ..... is another big reason for minors taking up smoking.

2. Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary) supply an appropriate title also : 4 + 1 = 5

A vast blanket of pollution stretching across South Asia is cutting down sunlight by 10 percent over India, damaging agriculture, modifying rainfall patterns and putting hundreds of thousands of people at risk, according to a new study. The startling findings of scientists working with the United Nations Environment Programme indicate that the spectacular economic growth seen in this part of the world in the past decade may soon falter as a result of pollution.

Research carried out in India indicates that the haze caused by pollution might be reducing winter rice harvests by as much as 10 percent, the report said. "Acids in the haze may, by falling as acid rain, have the potential to damage crops and trees. Ash falling on leaves can aggravate the impact of reduced sunlight on earth's surface. The pollution that is forming the haze could be leading to several hundred of thousands of premature deaths as a result of higher level of respiratory diseases", it said. Results from seven cities in India alone, including Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Kolkata, estimate that air pollution was annually responsible for 24000 premature deaths in the early 1990s.

SECTION – B
(Grammar)

[M. M. : 10

3. Attempt any ***two*** from each sub-part :

(a) Fill in the blanks with *appropriate modals/auxiliaries* : $2 \times 1 = 2$

(i) The daughter asked her mother if she ..... go out.

(a) shall (b) may

(c) would (d) can

(ii) Speak slowly lest you ..... awake the child.

(iii) ..... her soul rest in peace !

(b) *Change the narration :* $2 \times 1 = 2$

(i) The speaker said, "Be quiet and listen to my words".

(ii) He said to me, "I don't believe you".

(iii) 'Where is the post office ?' asked the stranger.

(a) The stranger asked where the post office was.

(b) The stranger asks where the post office were.

(c) The stranger said where is the post office.

(d) The stranger asked in surprise where is the post office ?

(c) Fill in the blanks with *suitable articles* wherever necessary : $2 \times 1 = 2$

(i) Do you see ..... blue sky ?

(ii) ..... music is my life.

(iii) I gave him ..... one rupee note.

(a) a (b) an

(c) the (d) ×

(d) *Change the voice* of the following sentences : $2 \times 1 = 2$

(i) Nobody touched your bag.

(ii) Why did you not tell me this ?

(iii) You must ask your parents.

(a) Your parents must be asked by you.

(b) You must be asked by your parents.

(c) Your parents must ask you.

(d) You ask your parents must be.

(e) Fill in the blanks with *correct form of the verbs* given in the brackets : $2 \times 1 = 2$

(i) It seldom ..... (rain) here in February.

(ii) He ..... (go) to Shimla tomorrow.

(iii) The child ..... (cry) because it cannot find its mother.

(a) is crying (b) cried

(c) was crying (d) shall crying

SECTION – C

(Creative Writing Skills)

[M. M. : 15

4. Attempt any ***one*** from (a), (b) and (c) given below : 5

(a) Every year in the central part of the city a flower show is held in the month of February. Your school has received a circular from the District Collector inviting your students to visit it. Write a notice in about **50** words informing the students about the show and advising them to go and enjoy it. You are Navtej/Navita, Head Boy/Head Girl, Sunrise Public School, Surat.

(b) You want to rent out your newly constructed flat in the heart of the city. Draft an advertisement in not more than **50** words to be published in 'The Deccan Herald', Bangalore under classified columns. Give all the necessary details. You are Mohan/Mahima of Jayanagar, Bengaluru.

(c) Prepare a poster in not more than **50** words on kindness to animals to be displayed in the city at public places appealing to people to show kindness to animals. You are Secretary of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

5. Attempt any ***one*** from (a) and (b) given below : 5

(a) You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. These animals have caused traffic jam as well as accidents. You have already written to the concerned authorities but no action has been taken so far. So write a letter to the Editor of a leading newspaper telling him about the nuisance created by the stray animals. Sign your name as Preeti/Krishnan, C/5, Assam.

(b) You are Ram/Rajani, living at 1, Rana Pratap Marg, New Delhi. Read the advertisement given below and apply for the job that suits you giving your bio-data separately.

Sun University requires Lecturers in English and Demonstrators in Physics, Chemistry and Botany for their new Campus at Panipat. Candidates with a minimum of 5 year experience alone can apply. Excellent command of English is a must. Excellent package and compensation for experienced persons. Those interested may e-mail to sununiversityjobs@gmail.com or mail their response to : Box No. 123, 'The Harbinger', New Delhi.

6. Attempt any ***one*** from (a) and (b) given below : 5

(a) You are Ramesh/Rani, Sports Secretary, Government Senior Secondary School, Chandigarh. Last Monday an inter-school twenty-over cricket match was played on your school ground. Write a report in **100-125** words on the match.

(b) Last week as you were coming back from school you happened to see a huge plastic bag full of leftovers of food being flung into the middle of the road from a speeding car. You wondered how people can be so devoid of civic sense. Write an article in **125-150** words on why we lack civic sense and how civic sense can be inculcated in children at a very young age. You are Shiva/Shamini.

SECTION – D

(Literature) [M. M. : 40

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any ***one*** of the two extracts (A) ***and*** (B) :

(A) *But soon*

put that thought away

looked out at young

Trees sprinting, merry children spilling



Out of their home, but after the airport's

security check, standing a few yards away

Questions : $5 \times 1 = 5$

(i) What thought does the poetess put away ?

(a) of getting rich (b) of getting poor

(c) Ageing of her mother (d) Ageing of herself

(ii) What did the poetess notice when she looked out of the car ?

(a) Youth running on the road

(b) Children fighting with one another

(c) Car was running speedily

(d) None of these

(iii) Which poetic device has been used in 'Young trees sprinting' ?

(a) Alliteration (b) Personification

(c) Pun (d) None of these

(iv) What was Kamala Das feared of ?

(a) losing her mother (b) losing her flight

(c) losing her job (d) losing her rapport

(v) What made the poet look out of the car ?

(a) Her laziness

(b) Her lethargy

(c) Pathetic condition of her mother

(d) Pathetic condition of her car

(B) *Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across the screen,*
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree :
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

Questions : $5 \times 1 = 5$

(i) Name the poem :

(a) My Mother at Sixty Six

(b) An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum

(c) Keeping Quiet

(d) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

(ii) What does the word "prance" mean in the stanza ?

(a) To walk with proud gait

(b) To sit idly

(c) To eat wild animals

(d) To bask in the sun

(iii) Which poetic devices has been used in the line "Aunt Jennifer's Tigers prance across the screen" ?

(a) Pun (b) Personification

(c) Antithesis (d) Transferred Epithet

(iv) Why have the tigers been called Aunt Jennifer's Tigers ?

(a) For Aunt is the owner of the Tigers

(b) For Aunt Jennifer has created them on a screen

(c) For Aunt Jennifer has bought them

(d) For Aunt Jennifer controls them in the ring

(v) What does the poet mean by "They do not fear the men beneath the tree" ?

(a) They are not afraid of humans.

(b) They are not afraid of anyone.

(c) They walk freely and confidently.

(d) All of these

8. Read any ***one*** of the following extracts (A) and (B) carefully and answer the questions that follow :

(A) On the days when there was a crowd shooting, you could see him mixing his paint in a giant vessel and slapping it on the surface of the face in the process of applying makeup. He wasn't exactly a boy; he was in his early forties, having entered the studios years ago in the hope of becoming a star actor or a top screenwriter, director, or lyrics writer. He was a bit of a poet.

Questions : $5 \times 1 = 5$

(i) Who does 'he' refer to in the passage ?

(a) The office boy (b) A star actor

(c) A top screenwriter (d) A lyrics writer

(ii) What work did he do in the Gemini Studios ?

(a) He did the makeup of heroes.

(b) He did the makeup of heroines.

(c) He did the makeup of child artists.

(d) He did the makeup of those who played the crowd.

(iii) Why did he join the studios ?

(a) He hoped to become a star actor.

(b) He hoped to become a top screenwriter.

(c) He hoped to become a director.

(d) All of the above

(iv) Why was he disappointed ?

(a) Because he could not become a character artist.

(b) Because he could not become a music director.

(c) Because he could not become a lyrics writer.

(d) Because he couldn't become an office boy.

(v) Who has been called "a bit of a poet" ?

(a) The screenwriter

(b) The director

(c) The lyrics writer

(d) The office boy

(B) They thought he would demand repayment in full of the money which they had illegally and deceitfully extorted from the sharecroppers. He asked only 50 percent. "There he seemed adamant", writes Reverend J. Z. Hodge, a British missionary in Champaran who observed the entire episode at close range. "Thinking probably that he would not give way, the representative of the planters offered to refund to the extent of 25 percent, and to his amazement Mr. Gandhi took him at his word, thus breaking the deadlock." This settlement was adopted unanimously by the commission.

Questions : $5 \times 1 = 5$

(i) Gandhi knew that he would not get an agreement on the demand for 50% repayment. Choose the option that offers the correct justification for the assumption made above :

(a) He had anticipated the negotiating tactics of the planter's representative.

(b) He had been informed about the depleting funds of the planters.

(c) He had taken the advice of the Reverend on board.

(d) He had evaluated the commission's attitude towards Indians.

(ii) Name the chapter from which these lines have been taken :

(a) The Last Lesson (b) Indigo

(c) The Interview (d) Lost Spring

(iii) Name the writer of these lines :

(a) Alphonse Daudet (b) Anees Jung

(c) Selma Lagerlof (d) Louis Fischer

(iv) The deadlock broke because :

(a) Gandhi's settlement offer was worth considering.

(b) All commission members agreed to adopt the representative's offer.

(c) Reverend J. Z. Hodge's intervention brought both parties together.

(d) The sharecroppers refused to be convinced by the commission.

(v) Find out a word from the passage which means as –'that is supported by everyone in a group' :

(a) illegally (b) deceitfully

(c) probably (d) unanimously

9. Answer any ***four*** of the following in about **40-50** words each : $4 \times 2 = 8$

(a) "This is your last French lesson." How did Franz react to this declaration of M. Hamel ?

(b) Do you think Saheb was happy to work at the tea stall ? Answer giving reasons.

(c) How was the peddler treated at the crofter's cottage ?

(d) What does Umberto Eco mean by the concept of 'Interstices' in our lives ?

(e) Subbu is described as a many-sided genius. List four of his special abilities.

10. Answer any ***two*** questions from the following in about **40-50** words each :

$2 \times 3 = 6$

(a) What does the line, 'Therefore are we wreathing a flowery band to bind us to earth' suggest to you ?

(b) Why do you think Aunt Jennifer created animals that are so different from her own character ? What might the poet be suggesting, through this difference ?

(c) Explain : "soothe them out of them wits" with reference to the poem "The Roadside Stand".

11. Answer any ***three*** questions of the following in about **40-50** words each :

$3 \times 2 = 6$

(a) How did the Maharaja overcome the difficulty a high-ranking British Officer created ?

(b) Why was Dr. Sadao being kept in Japan and not sent abroad with the troops ?

(c) What did Zitkala-Sa feel when her long hair was cut ?

(d) Why was Tishani Doshi filled with relief and wonder when he set foot on the Antarctic continent ?

12. Answer any ***one*** question of the following in about **120-150** words : 5

(a) Eco's academic work has certain playful and personal quality about it. Comment.

(b) Comment on the appropriateness of the title 'The Last Lesson'.

13. Answer any ***one*** question of the following in about **120-150** words : 5

(a) Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley ? Why ?

(b) The lesson, 'On The Face of It', is an apt depiction of the loneliness and sense of alienation experienced by people on account of a disability. Explain.

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