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## Section–A

## (Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the extract from the poem and answer the questions that follow :

Thugs with planes, and the Moors,

Thugs with signet rings, and duchesses,

Thugs with black friars blessing

Came through the sky to slaughter children,

And through the streets the blood of the children

Flowed easily, like the blood of children.

*Questions :*

(i) How did the bandits came and who supported them ?

(ii) Whom did they kill ?

(iii) Thugs came through the sky to ..... children.

(Fill in the blank)

(iv) There is a rhyme scheme in the poem. (True/False)

(v) Through the streets ..... . (Choose the correct one)

(a) The blood of plants flowed.

(b) The blood of children flowed.

(c) Water flowed.

1×5=5

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

'I dare say Mr. Bingley will be very glad to see you; and I will send a few lines by you to assure him of my hearty consent to his marrying whichever he chooses of the girls.'

'You take delight in vexing me. You have no compassion on my poor nerves.'

'You mistake me, my dear. I have a high respect for your nerves. They are my old friends.'

'Ah! You do not know what I suffer.' 'But I hope you will get over it, and live to see many young men of four thousand a year come into the neighbourhood.'

'It will be no use to us if twenty such should come, since you will not visit them.'

*Questions* :

(i) How many daughters Mrs. Bennet had ?

(ii) Why Mrs. Bennet remained worried all the time ?

(iii) Mrs. Bennet complains that her husband takes delight in ..... her. (Complete it)

(iv) Give antonym of 'Pleasure'.

(v) 'You have no compassion on my poor nerves.' Who said this ?

(Choose the correct one)

(A) Mr. Bringley (B) Mrs. Long

(C) Mrs. Bennet (D) Mr. Bennet 1×5=5

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. It covers an area of nearly 2.8 million square miles, which is nearly the size of the continent of Australia. The Amazon rainforest gets its life from the majestic Amazon river, the world's second largest river, which runs directly through the heart of the region. The rainforest itself is simply the drainage basin for the river and its many tributaries. The vast forest itself consists of four layers, each featuring its own ecosystems and specially adapted plants and animals.

*Questions* :

(i) Which is the world's second largest river ?

(ii) The vast rainforest consists of ..... layers, each featuring its own ecosystem. (Fill in the blank)

(iii) The Amazon is the world's largest tropical rainforest. (True/False)

(iv) What is the synonym of 'magestic' ?

(v) Give the suitable title of the passage. 1×5=5

## Section–B

## (Grammar)

4. Insert appropriate modals (given below) in the following sentences :

will, can, should, ought

(i) ..... you see a parrot on the tree ?

(ii) You ..... to pay your debts. 1×2=2

5. Insert suitable articles in the blanks :

(i) His brother is ..... University Professor.

(ii) It is ..... same book which I gave you. 1×2=2

6. Join the following sentences by changing one of them into relative clause :

(i) Here is the doctor. The doctor cured me of malaria.

(ii) He does his best. He should be praised.

(iii) Here is the pencil. You lost it yesterday 1×3=3

7. Change the narration :

(i) She said to me, "Do you know my brother ?"

(ii) The teacher said, "The sun rises in the East."

(iii) He said, "I am unwell."

1×3=3

8. Use appropriate articles, tenses, spellings etc. wherever necessary to edit the passage given below :

Mrs. Bannet came to know of her new neighbour.

Mrs. Bennet have three daughters and ..... (1)

is very serious about her marriage. ..... (2)

She want to get them married as soon ..... (3)

as possible. She comes to knowing that a ..... (4)

rich young man, named Mr. Bingley have ..... (5)

come in the neighbourhood. 1×5=5

## Section–C

(Writing Skills)

9. Complete the dialogue given below :

Bookseller : Do you (a) .....

Sufia : No, I do not want to buy a book.

**Bookseller** : What (b) ..... them ?

**Sufia** : I want only to change this book.

**Bookseller** : When did (c) ..... ?

**Sufia** : (d) ..... yesterday evening.

**Bookseller** : Who (e) ..... to you ?

**Sufia** : Your salesman (f) ..... . ½×6=3

10. Your school is organising a debate on 'Pollution and its Hazards'. Being the incharge of the school debating society, write a notice informing the students about the same and inviting the names of the students interested to participate. Put the notice in the box. 3

11. Mr. M.A. Khan, Principal, Crescent Public School, asks his assistant to draft a message for the Vice Principal and the class teachers of classes X, XI, XII to attend a meeting to discuss the planning for two day excursion to Pahalgam during Summer Vacation. Draft the message. 4

12. Do any *one* of the following :

(i) You are Afzal, the librarian of ABC Public School, Srinagar. Write a letter to 'The Unique Books Co., New Delhi', complaining about the poor quality of books supplied to your library.

(ii) Write a letter to your father inviting him on the Annual Function of your school. 5

13. Do any *one* of the following **(80–100** words) :

(i) Using the ideas given below, write a paragraph on 'The Importance of Discipline in Life.'

- *Discipline* : Basis of whole universe, in nature is governed by some laws for harmony.
- *Why needed* : for the happiness and welfare of all, strength of an individual as well as of a nation, helps in personal and national prosperity and growth.

(ii) Arif has to take part in a speech competition on the topic 'Stop Crowding Pahalgam'. Using the hints given below, write a speech.

- Deterioration in civic amenities. Pollution levels increasing everywhere. Overcrowding in streets, buses, markets. Suggest some practical solutions. 5

## Section–D

## (Literature)

14. Read the extracts of the poems carefully and do any *three* of the following (**20–30** words) :

(i) Lord ! You are my hope and trust,

Lead me to the way of truth :

How long shall I dwell in ignorance!

Pour me the nectar of knowledge.

Lend ear to my wailing and pleas,

cure me of ills and pains;

- Identify the metaphors used in the above lines.

(ii) Now is the globe shrunk tight

Round the mouse's dulled wintering heart.

Weasel and crow, as if moulded in brass,

Move through an outer darkness.

- 'Weasel and crow, as if moulded in brass.' Explain briefly.

(iii) I looked again at her, worn, pale,

As a late winter's moon and felt that old

familiar ache, my childhood fear, but all

I said was, see you soon, Amma.

- What childhood fears do you think the poet is referring to in the above lines ?

(iv) Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose

And realio, trulio daggers on his toes.

Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,

And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,

Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage.

- Pick out the similes from the above lines.

(v) So shall I take

My last dear fuel of life to heap on my soul

And kindle my will to a flame that shall consume

Their dross of indifference, and take the toll

Of their insults in punishments ? – I will not –

- 'Take the toll of their insults in punishments.' Elaborate. 2×3=6

15. Do any *four* of the following (**40–60** words) :

(i) What was the curious episode that took place in the clergyman's study/house ?

(ii) Anny says teachers are most unpredictable. Is Mr. Kessing impredictable ? How ?

(iii) " 'I never want this to happen again' he told his father. 'Ever'." Who says it and why ?

(iv) What condition does Shylock put forth if the debt is not paid in time ?

(v) Why is May 10 'autumn day' in South Africa ?

(vi) Why does Mrs. Bennet think that Mrs. Long is selfish ? 3×4=12

16. Do any *one* of the following (**80–100** words) :

(i) Give a detailed description of the second quarrel in the play 'The Proposal' ?

(ii) Discuss the theme of the play 'The Proposal'. 6

17. Do any *one* of the following **(80–100** words) :

(i) Draw a character-sketch of Gerasim.

(ii) What effect did the collapse of Rama Rao's business have on him and his family ?

(iii) Who was Bishamber ? Why did Bholi's parents accept his marriage proposal ? 6

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