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Section–A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage carefully. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title :

To make our life a meaningful one, we need to mind our thoughts, for our thoughts are the foundation, the inspiration and the motivating power of our deeds. We create our entire world by the way we

think. Thoughts are the causes and the conditions are the effects. Our circumstances and conditions are not dictated by the world outside; it is the world inside us that creates the outside. Self-awareness comes from the mind, which means soul. Mind is the sum total of the states of consciousness grouped under thoughts, will and feelings. Besides self-consciousness we have the power to choose and think. So if we observe ourselves, we can easily mould our thoughts. If our thoughts are pure and noble, naturally actions follow the same. If our thoughts are filled with jealousy, hatred and greed, our actions will be the same.

Thought or intent is more responsible and dynamic than act. One may perform a charitable act but does not think charitably and is doing just for the sake of gain and glory, it is his thoughts that will determine

the result. Theosophy (the Divine wisdom) teaches us that every thought, no matter how fleeting, leaves a seed in the mind of the thinker. These small seeds together go to make up a large seed and determine one's general character. Our thoughts affect the whole body. Each thought once generated and sent out becomes independent of the brain and mind and will live upon its own energy, depending upon its intensity.

Trying to keep a thought from our mind can produce the very state we are trying to avoid. We can alter our environment to create the mood. For instance, when we are depressed, if we try to think cheerful thoughts, we often do not succeed. But if we mix with cheerful people, we can bring about a change in our mood and

thought. Every thought we think, every act we perform, creates an impression on us. So we alone have the choice to create our thoughts and develop the kind of impression that make our actions more positive.

Let us choose the thought seeds of right ideas. noble and courageous inspirations that will be received by minds of the same nature. Right introspection will be required of us to determine what we really desire to affect. Everything in the universe is inter-related and interdependent. that we live in one another and by accepting the grand principle of universal brotherhood, we shall be in a position to appreciate what a heavy responsibility is ever ours to think right. Let us reflect and send loving thoughts and lighten the load of the world's sufferings. 5+5=10

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end :

When television became widespread after World War–II, some people thought that television will replace reading. They believed that only a few people might still have any reason to read and that television would become the number one educational tool. This prediction proved incorrect. In fact, surveys show that more books than ever are being sold and the amount of time that students spend reading is greater than in the days before television. Unfortunately, however, many students are doing little or no voluntary reading. Most of the reading that they do is assigned by their teachers.

Just think about how much you read everyday in order to complete your school work. How often can you finish an assignment or your homework without doing any reading ? Is there nothing in your studies that does not require you to do some reading ? There is no denying the fact that most academic and vocational courses rely heavily on text-books.

Recently, a group of teachers made a study of the students and their learning problems. They discovered that some students did poorly in Maths or Art, but could still do well in other subjects. But the students who did poorly in reading, almost always did poorly in all other subjects. The later analysis showed that even Maths and Science needed reading. Much of the homework or assignment work require students to read long sets of directions, tests and understanding the reading hints. So while doing some assignment you need to read more and more of printed material for producing a good and useful and

meaningful assignment and it would bring you more of applause by your teacher as a return reward, otherwise your assignment would be weak, scattered and useless only saving you from the scolding of your teacher

4 Success in school courses still depends on an ability to read and those students who cannot read or at the least reading to master material, are still in trouble. You are moving into a world where everyday more and more technical reading is required. Instructions for using applications are becoming more complex. There are written instructions to follow for food preparations, traffic signs, travelling and safety norms etc. All these require the ability to read. People in modern society read hundreds and even thousands of words everyday. Also your ability to get and keep a job is directly related to your ability to read. Even the simplest job requires some reading ability to remain updated and to get additional knowledge and skill to keep up your profile.

Questions :

(i) What were the findings of the teachers regarding the poor performance of some students ?

(ii) What was the prediction about reading habits when television became widespread after World War-II ?

(iii) Which word in paragraph 1 means "a study of the opinions" ?

(iv) One's ability to get job and to keep it directly depends upon the ability to read to keep undated. (True/False)

(v) In 'additional knowledge', the word 'additional' has been used as :

(A) Noun

(B) Verb

(C) Adjective

(D) Adverb

(vi) Give the antonym of 'Complex'.

(vii) The narrator remarks that : (Choose the correct ones)

(A) Most students do least reading

(B) Most students do a lot of reading before taking up an assignment

(C) Most students complete homework after extensive reading

(D) Most students show much interest in extra-reading

(viii) Use the word 'production' in your own sentence.

(ix) How does the narrator prove that the prediction about widespread use of television after World War–II proved incorrect ?

(x) Give a suitable title to the passage. 1×10=10

Section–B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. You are the cultural secretary of your school and your school is going to organize a cultural programme on the eve of Republic Day Celebration. Draft a notice to be put on School Notice Board announcing the date, the contents to be displayed and inviting names from the desiring students for participation. (50 words)

Or

As the General Manager of a showroom at the City Mall, draft an advertisement inviting the application from the young people for the post of Assistant Manager for the showroom. (50 words) 4

4. A student of your school saved two small boys from drowning in the canal, where they fell accidently, putting his own life in danger. As the

Principal of the school, write a letter to the Advisor to the Lt. Governor of JK (U.T.) that your student's name may also be included in the list of person going to be awarded with 'Bravery Awards' on Republic Day. **(120–150** words)

Or

As the librarian of your school, as desired and ordered by your Principal, write a letter to M/s National Book House placing an order of some books for English, Maths and Physics for 12th class which have been published and recommended by BOSE. **(120–150** words) 6

5. Write an e-Mail to your friend to find out his health condition as he accidently broke his leg. **(50–80 words)** 4

6. As the student editor of your school magazine, write an article on the topic "How can the youth fight against the growing trend of crime against women." (200–250 words)

Or

As the correspondent of a Local Newspaper, write a report of an accident which took place between a passenger bus and a motor cyclist on the highway. (200–250 words) 8

7. Edit the following passage :

As soon as I reached home, it start raining heavily. I was happy for reach home safe and unwet. I asked my mother if I can get a cup of hot tea. She nodded, smiled and quickly prepared tea for me and did not forgot to add ginger powder in it. "What would you like with tea—biscuit or bread toast", she asked me. I said that bread toast will be a fine choice. It is really wonderful to have a hot cup of tea on a raining day. Don't you agree with me. 1×8=8

Section–C

(Literature)

8. Read the extracted lines of a poem given below and answer any *two* of the questions given at the end :

When did my childhood go ?

Was it when I found my mind was really mine.

To use whichever way I choose,

Producing thoughts that were not those of other people

But my own, and mine alone,

Was that the day!

Questions :

(i) Explain "My mind was really mine".

(ii) What kind of thoughts could he produce ?

(iii) Name the poem and the poet of these lines. 1×2=2

9. Answer any *five* of the following questions :

(i) Why did the grandmother accompany the narrator to his school ? What did she do there ?

(ii) How are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted ?

(iii) Do you justify or not the cold behaviour of Mrs. Dorling towards the narrator ? Give reasons.

(iv) How is the father's helplessness brought out in the poem 'Father to Son' ?

(v) How do Shahid and the writer react to the knowledge that Shahid is going to die ?

(vi) When did Ranga plan to marry and why ? 2×5=10

10. How does the story. 'We're not Afraid to Die', suggest that optimism helps to endure the direct stress ? **(120–150** words)

Or

What is the change that has come in human perceptions ? What is the role of the Green Movement in bringing such a change ? **(120–150** words) 6

11. What does it reflect on Einstein's nature from his conversation with History teacher, Maths teacher and the Head teacher ? (120–150 words)

Or

'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war. Discuss. (120–150 words) 6

12. What do you mean by 'Outsider Art' ? Describe the world-wide recognition achieved by Nek Chand as a living example of outsider art. (120–150 words)

Or

In comparison between Crocker Harris and Frank, what qualities come to light that Frank missed for becoming a great teacher. (120–150 words) 6

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