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VARISHTHA UPADHYAYA EXAMINATION, 2019

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Time : 3¼ **Hours**

Maximum Marks : 80

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :

1) Candidates must write first their Roll No. on the question paper.

2) All the questions are compulsory.

3) Write the answer to each question in your answer-book only.

4) For questions having more than one part the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.

5) Write the correct serial number of each question before attempting it.

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SECTION - A

(READING)

1-5 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it :

Presence of mind refers to your ability to remain calm and take quick, wise decisions especially during the times of crises. It involves quick and intelligent thinking as well as control over the feelings of fear, anxiety and excitement. In other words, presence of mind means keeping cool and not losing head in some sudden emergency situation.

Presence of mind is one of the greatest gifts of god as it not only helps you in avoiding unnecessary problems but also makes you more focused towards your goals. At any place, a good presence of mind allows you to handle a situation in a very easy way. However, lack of presence of mind can lead to serious disasters. In order to prevent such things from happening, you should try to increase your presence of mind. Some tips that help you to develop your presence of mind are : listen carefully; be observant; don't carry emotional baggage; work on priority basis, chillout, move your body and above all, be real to yourself that is never pretend to become what you are not. Give yourself permission to contact your authentic thoughts and feelings. People with powerful presence of mind are fully aware of their real thoughts and feelings.

So, you should learn to control yourself in times of crises. In case of an emergency situation, when people lose their head, they make a bad situation become worse. Always keep your cool in all circumstances. Never panic. Never become excited or nervous. Use your intelligence to take wise decisions.

1) What do you mean by presence of mind? **[2]**

2) Give same tips that help you to develop your presence of mind. **[2]**

3) What does it mean to be real to yourself? **[2]**

4) What makes a bad situation worse? **[1]**

5) Find words from the passage having the same meaning as: **[1]**

i) nervousness

ii) calamities.

6-10 Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow it:

It is only a little twig
With a green bud at the end;
But if you plant it,
And water it,
And set it where the sun will be above it,
It will grow into a tall bush
With many flowers,
And leaves which thrust hither and thither sparkling.
From its roots will come freshness,
And beneath it the grass-blades
Will bend and recover themselves,
And clash one upon another
In the flowing wind.

But if you take my twig
And throw it into a closet
With mousetraps and blunted tools,
It will shrivel and waste.
And, same day,
When you open the door,
You will think it an old twisted nail,
And sweep it into the dust bin
With other rubbish.

[Amy Lowell]

6) What is needed for the twig to become healthy and strong? **[1]**

7) In what way will the twig develop if it is cared for? **[2]**

8) What will happen to the twig if you throw it into a closet? **[1]**

9) What is the twig compared to in the second stanza? **[2]**

10) Which word in the poem means **[1]**

i) here and there

ii) A large cabinet for storage?

SECTION - B
(WRITING)

11) Write an essay in about 150-200 words on any one of the following topics: **[8]**

Digital India.

OR

Importance of Friends in Our Life.

12) Write a report in about 150-200 words on. **[7]**

"A Train Accident".

OR

Write a speech on 'Plastic Pollution' in about 150-200 words for your School Notice Board.

SECTION - C
(GRAMMAR)

13-17 The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify the error and write it correctly in your answer book.

Example:	Incorrect	Correct	
Grand father bought Toto from an tonga - driver.	an	a	
13) Toto was a pretty monkeys	___	___	**[1]**
14) His bright eye sparkled with mischief	___	___	**[1]**
15) Beneath low-set eyebrows	___	___	**[1]**
16) And his tooth which were a pearly white	___	___	**[1]**
17) Were very often displayed on a smile.	___	___	**[1]**

18-22 Transform the following sentences into the indirect speech:

18) She said to me, "Do you like warm milk or cold milk?" **[1]**

19) He asked Yukti, "What time is it now?" **[1]**

20) She said to us, "Let's look at the chart". **[1]**

21) My father said to me, "I fear that you have caught a cold again". **[1]**

22) Rama said, "I am very busy now". **[1]**

SECTION - D
(LITERARY TERMS)

23) Write notes on any two of the following literary terms in about 50 words each. **[2×3=6]**

i) Metaphysical poetry.

ii) Indo-Anglian Literature.

iii) Impressionism.

iv) Interior Monologue.

SECTION - E
(TEXT)

24) Answer any two of the following textual questions in about 100 words. **[2×6=12]**

i) Comment on the significance of the title of the story 'One Centimetre'. (*"One Centimetre"*).

ii) What, according to the poet, is the nature of true love? (*"A Lecture Upon the Shadow"*)

iii) What was the 'message' of Krishna to Arjun in the Bhagwad Gita? Did he follow it? (*"The Argumentative Indian"*)

25) Answer any four of the following questions in about 50 words each. **[4×3=12]**

i) Describe the kind of life Bessie lived.

(*"To-morrow"*)

ii) What are Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love?
(*"The Divine Image"*)

iii) Describe the main characteristics of a novel.
(*"Why the Novel Matters"*)

iv) What trick did Pramod use to impress Manjula?
(*"Broken Images"*)

v) What according to Henry, are 'growing pains'?
(*"How He Lied to Her Husband"*)

SECTION - F
(FICTION)

26) Answer any one of the following question in about 60 words: **[4]**

Explain Geeta's admiration for and gratitude to her mother-in-law in the novel, Inside the Haveli.

OR

Write a character sketch of Ajay Singh.

27) Answer the following question in about 100 words: **[6]**

Discuss the lives of the women of the Haveli.



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