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Time : **3** Hours] [Maximum Marks : **100**

Note : (i) This Question Paper consists of **two** Sections, viz., '**A**' and '**B**'.

(ii) ***All*** the questions from Section '**A**' are compulsory.

(iii) Section '**B**' has **two** options. Candidates are required to attempt questions from ***one*** option only.

(iv) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION - A

1 Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow : **4**

(a) Along with this religious counsel, there were a series of visits to hakims (physicians who followed the Greek or Unani system of medicine). These quacks prescribed all types of concocted drops to put in my eyes. The surmas, which were administered at all hours of the day and night, burned and stung my eyes; and the only soothing part of the miserable ordeal was the loving caress of mother afterwards.

(i) What did the hakims prescribe for the writer ? **1**

(ii) What was the effect of the medicines prescribed by these hakims ? **1**

(iii) The writer had been through a miserable ordeal. What was it ? What was the soothing part of this ordeal ? **1**

(iv) Which words in the extract are similar in meaning to the following expressions ? 1

- a difficult or unpleasant experience

- a gentle touch to show affection for somebody. $\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}=1$

OR

(a) "Aradhana", my mother said quietly, "we love you, my child, and believe me we will always love you. You are our child. For almost eighteen years I have cared for you. I have laughed with you and I have cried for you. I have given you eighteen years of my life. Don't you think that counts more than being carried nine months inside my womb ? Tell me, dear".

(i) For how many years had Aradhana been with her adopted parents ? 1

(ii) Cite words from the extract which tell that Aradhana's adopted parents loved her and cared for her. 1

(iii) What is the point that Aradhana's mother wanted her to understand ? 1

(iv) Which words in the extract are opposite in meaning to the following words ? $\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}=1$

- Quietly

- Cried.

(b) Father, we've never really been close and I can't rightly say you've been my friend, philosopher, guide, etc. Yet I would like you to be aware of my thoughts. They are very important to me. You are highly educated and you provide very well for the family. But in your departmental store, do you apply Pythogoras' Theorem or Newton's Law of Gravity ? For that matter, does your doctor friend ? Or your lawyer brother ? 4

(i) Quote the words which suggest that the writer does not share a warm and a close relationship with his father. 1

(ii) Why did the writer want to make his father aware of his thoughts ? **1**

(iii) By making a reference to 'Pythogoras theorem' or 'Newton's law of Gravity' what is the point that the writer wants to highlight ? **1**

(iv) Which words in the extract are similar in meaning to the following expressions ? $\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}=1$

- 'a person who advises you on how to live and behave'.
- 'a large store/shop, divided into several parts'.

OR

(b) Providence had helped me to retain my true identity, and, in the process, charter the course of my life. I have often wondered what would have happened if nature had not 'marked' me out, and given me my 'guard' by giving me that small hole on my left ear lobe, and if Nan-kaka had not noticed this abnormality. Perhaps, I would have grown up to be an obscure fisherman, toiling somewhere along the west coast.

(i) What had providence helped the writer to do ? **1**

(ii) How had nature marked him out ? **1**

(iii) What would have happened had nan-kaka not noticed this abnormality ? **1**

(iv) Which words in the extract are similar in meaning to the following expressions ? $\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}=1$

- God or a force that controls our lives and the things that happen to us.
- a feature in a person's body that is not usual.

2 Answer any **three** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : **2×3=6**

(a) What major challenge does the use of wind energy pose to man ?

(Fuel of the Future)

(b) Would you call doctor Benson a kind and gentle doctor ? Would Evans think of him in the same way ? Why / Why not ?

(A Case of Suspicion)

(c) Write two incidents to show the quality of responsibility in Baldeo and Tembu.

(The Tiger in the Tunnel)

(d) What saved India from complete deterioration ? Give two reasons.

(India-Her Past and Future)

3 Answer the following in about 60 words : **6**

'Bholi's meeting with her teacher was a turning point in her life. Comment on this statement. Support your answers with details from the story.

(BHOLI)

OR

Why did the Intruder come to Gerrard's house ? Could the Intruder carry out his plan ? Why/Why not ?

(IF I WERE YOU)

4 Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow :

The peasants came like swarms of flies

And buzzed the Name of God a hundred

Time to paralyse the Evil one.

With candles and with lanterns

Throwing giant scorpion shadows

On the mud-baked walls

They searched for him; he was not found

They clicked their tongues.

(a) Quote the lines from the above extract which indicate that a large number of peasants had come to paralyse the scorpion. (The Evil one) **2**

(b) Whose shadows were thrown on the walls ? **1**

(c) Why did the peasants click their tongues ? **2**

OR

No time to turn at Beauty's glance

And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can

Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care

We have no time to stand and stare.

(a) What does the word 'Beauty' in the above extract refer to ? Why does the poet spell the letter with capital 'B'? **2**

(b) What does the line, 'till her mouth can enrich that smile her eyes began' mean ? **2**

(c) What according to the poet is a poor life ? **1**

5 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

While studying at the Sorbonne in Paris, Marie had little money to spend on food, and on one occasion, she even fainted from weakness in the lecture hall. In spite of all her problems, however, she topped her class with honours in Physics and Mathematics. It was at the sorbonne that she met Pierre, a respected but poor scientist at the School of Physics and Chemistry.

Marie was unable to afford a laboratory of her own. She was invited by Pierre to share his workshop with him. They got married in July 1895, and thus began their short but successful scientific collaboration.

Marie and Pierre were inspired by the work of the eminent French physicist Henri Becquerel. In 1896, Becquerel discovered rays of an unknown kind which were spontaneously emitted from uranium. Marie became fascinated by the emission of similar rays from pitchblende. She decided that she would try and discover this unknown substance.

(a) 'Despite suffering hardships as a student, Marie's performance was brilliant'. Cite details from the passage in support of this statement. **2**

(b) Who was Pierre and how did he help Marie ? **2**

(c) Who was Henri Becquerel ? What had he discovered ? **2**

(d) What fascinated Marie ? What did she decide to do ? **2**

6 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

The ideas contained in this book are very much a product of my experiences. My father was an American who came to India with a Ford Foundation grant in 1958. He stayed and went on to found a company to promote village-based arts and crafts, which at that time were predominantly hidden from the world. My mother is from an exuberant Punjabi tradition of enormous social networks. Her family emigrated from what is now Pakistan at the time of Partition in 1947. I grew up in a joint family in Delhi: my devout aunt recounting the Hindu myths; my grandmother telling me the stories of growing up in a small village in Balochistan; and my grandfather, who worked for the colonial Indian government, narrating first-hand accounts of empires and great battles.

(a) What was the nationality of the writer's father ? What did he do in India ? **2**

(b) To what kind of a family did the writer's mother belong ? Where had the family emigrated from ? **2**

(c) The writer grew up in a joint family with her aunt and grand parents. How did they influence her life ? **2**

(d) Which words in the passage are similar in meaning to the following expressions ? **2**

- full of energy, excitement and happiness
- a person believing strongly in a particular religion and obeying its laws and practices.

7 Read the passage given below and complete the sentences : **4**

No government can afford the police necessary to assure our safety unless the overwhelming majority of us are guided by an inner, personal code of morality. And you will not get that code unless children are brought up in a family that gives them the affection they seek, that makes them feel they belong, and that guides them to the future. The greatest inequality today is not inequality of wealth or income. It is the inequality between the child brought up in a loving, supportive family and one who has been denied that birthright.

(a) No government can afford the police _____(i)_____ unless we are guided by _____(ii)_____ morality. **1**

(b) And you will not get that code unless _____(i)_____ seek, that _____(ii)_____ to the future. **1**

(c) The greatest inequality _____(i)_____ of _____(ii)_____. **1**

(d) It is the inequality between _____(i)_____ and _____(ii)_____ birthright. **1**

8 Read the passage given below and make a summary in about 100 words : **5**

The Captain begged many senior officers of the regiment to save Scott from death. But they could not do anything.

'There is only one man who can save him', said one of the officers. 'and that is President Lincoln'.

The Captain and some of Scott's friends travelled to Washington to meet the President. There they went to the little office where the President was working.

'What is this ?' asked the President, when he saw them. 'If you are here to ask for favours, I will have to say 'No'.

'Mr. President', said one of the officers, 'we want nothing for ourselves. But we want something only you can give us – the life of a friend.'

'What has he done?' the President asked.

The Captain told him the story. He ended by saying, 'Scott is a brave boy, sir. He is as brave as any soldier in your army. Everyone in the regiment knows that. We can't believe that the best thing to do with him is to shoot him. Oh, Mr. Lincoln, can you ?'

'No, I can't, said the President. 'And I don't think it would be right to shoot Scott. The country has better uses for him'.

Then the President signed an order and sent it to Scott's regiment.

9 Fill in the blanks in the following sentence with appropriate passive form of the verbs given in brackets : **3**

When Grish (a) _____ (transfer) from Karnal to Delhi, arrangement for accommodation (b) _____ (make) by his brother and admission of his children to a nearby school (c) _____ (take) care of by his sister.

10 Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate form of the verbs given in the brackets : **4**

I (a) _____ (travel) across the desert with Sheikh Mahmood and his caravan. The Sheikh (b) _____ (accompany) by nineteen men, who (c) _____ (take) care of his camels. Sheikh's commands were the only laws that the men of the caravan (d) _____ (know).

11 Combine the following pairs of sentences using the connectors given against each pair : **4**

(a) (i) The careless messenger lost the letter.

(ii) This letter had been entrusted to him.

(which)

(b) (i) Virtu is its own reward

(ii) This is certain.

(that)

(c) (i) He inherited a large property.

(ii) He never enjoyed peace of mind

(although)

(d) (i) You should always persevere

(ii) You want success in life.

(if)

12 Report the following conversation in indirect speech : **4**

Neev : Where shall we go today ?

Sid : Let's go to 'Hard Rock'

Neev : That's too far. Shall we go to Food court in Select City Walk ?

Sid : Oh, that's a good place.

We'll get a variety of food stuff ?

Neev : O.K. then, let's go.

13 Write a paragraph of about 100 words on any **one** of the following topics : **5**

(a) 'Absolute disrespect for social norms has led to the moral degeneration in society'. Comment on this statement and express your views emphatically.

(b) A friend in need is a Friend indeed.

(c) Write an account of a typical Indian marriage.

14 Your uncle has been elected as Member of Parliament from his constituency in Ajmer. Write a letter congratulating him and asking about his future plans. **5**

15 The following passage has seven mistakes of spellings and other grammatical inaccuracies. Spot the errors and provide corrections in your answer script, one has been done as an example. **6**

i decide to rode with them on the alevator. I ask them which floor they needed and then made sure they find the correct office. They thanked me again, I tell them it was my pleasure.

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16 Read the following passage carefully. Make notes in points only, using appropriate headings and sub-headings. Also use recognizable abbreviations : **4**

Football weaves itself into whichever cultures embrace it, appealing to people who have nothing else in common but who each have a personal passion for the game and are addicted to its spontaneity. Packaged into 90 minutes are heroes and villains, hope and despair, skill and drama : a miniature war with flags and armies.

Football has an astonishing ability to cross borders and barriers, as between German and British troops in no-man's-land in the First World War. It seems so natural to share the kicking of a ball, and the basic structure of the game is amazingly simple: two opposing sides attempt to push a spherical object into the other's goal. Played informally, football has great flexibility with no set number of players, no particular pitch and no equipment except something to kick and something to define the goal mouth.

SECTION - B

Note : (i) Attempt any **one** of the two options.

(ii) **All** the questions should be attempted from the same option.

OPTION - I

[E.S.P. FOR RECEPTIONISTS]

17 To handle telephone calls efficiently, a receptionist needs some skills and she has to devise some strategies. What are they ? **4**

18 Complete the statements : **1**

(i) A receptionist often does the work of a _____ receiving, incoming calls, helping people to get in touch.

(ii) Receptionists have to attend to a number _____ every day.

19 Write notes on the following : **6**

(i) Early Morning Call Sheet

(ii) Travel Guides

20 Read the following statements and decide whether they are true or false ? **2**

(i) When foreigners come to stay in a hotel, they are asked to fill in the 'C' Form.

(ii) It is not the duty of a receptionist to answer enquiries about flight timings.

(iii) The reception desk is the focal point of an organization.

(iv) Courtesy and good manners are the two prime requirements of a receptionist's job.

21 Given below are the replies given by a receptionist to a caller. Read these replies and tell whether they are polite or impolite : **2**

(i) You can make a phone call and get the information.

(ii) Yes, of course I'll get back to you with the information.

(iii) I am sorry Mr. Sethi is out.

(iv) Why can't you go to the nearest shopkeeper ?

OPTION - II

[E.S.P. FOR OFFICE USE]

17 Write an e-mail to the MLA of your locality requesting him to inaugurate the Diwali Mela to be held in your colony from 1st November, 2015 to 4th November, 2015. You are Sumit, Secretary of R.W.A. of your colony. **2**

18 Match the greetings in column 'A' with their correct responses in column 'B'. **2**

	GREETINGS 'A'		**RESPONSES 'B'**
(1)	It's great to see you again Son, how's life ?	(a)	Nothing much, I am just relaxing
(2)	Oh! What a surprise ! When did you come from Mumbai ?	(b)	Much better
(3)	Good morning sir, how're you feeling now ?	(c)	Last night only
(4)	Hi Sonu, what are you doing these days ?	(d)	Wonderful !

19 What is a memo ? For what purpose is it used ? **1**

20 Read the following advertisement published in 'THE HINDUSTAN TIMES' Delhi edition **4**

WANTED

PERSONAL AND UNIT ASSISTANT

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED :

- GRADUATION IN SCIENCE
- DIPLOMA IN COMPUTER TRAINING
- GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF :

  SPOKEN AND WRITTEN ENGLISH

SALARY Rs. 20,000 per month

- - → THE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

BRITISH COUNCIL DIVISION

NEW DELHI - 110 002

Write an application for consideration.

21 Read the following statements and decide whether they are true or false : **6**

(a) While writing an accident report get immediately to the point.

(b) A tour report is generally written in the form of a memo.

(c) Intelligent candidates need not waste their time in pre-interview planning.

(d) Being punctual for an interview may give the impression that one is out of work.

(e) One should be honest while answering questions asked by the interviewer.

(f) One should not be in a hurry to close an interview.