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ENGLISH

Time Allowed—3 Hours Maximum Marks—80

Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable.

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Special Instructions :

- (i) You must write Question Paper Series in the circle at top left side of title page of your Answer-book.

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- (ii) While answering your Questions, you must indicate on your Answer-book the same Question No. as appears in your Question Paper.

- (iii) Do not leave blank page/pages in your Answer-book.

- (iv) All the Questions are compulsory.

- (v) Observe word limit wherever prescribed.

SECTION-A

(Reading)

Read the given passages carefully and answer the questions that follow :

- (i) One of the main reasons why wrong ideas and useless practices can grow up is ignorance. Among primitive tribes today, as was the case too in prehistoric times, there is hardly any scientific knowledge.



everything is mysterious. The sun rises and sets and the moon changes, but people have no idea why, or what are the relations of the heavenly bodies to the Earth. No one knows anything about the natural causes of rain or drought, storms or Earthquakes, famine or disease.

- (ii) Thus, everything is put down to mysterious influences, magic, or by good and bad spirits. Such ideas cannot very well be called superstitions as long as no better explanation is available. But the reasons may show that they are false; and finally, when scientific knowledge demonstrates the way by which things really work, the ideas of magic or spirit influence can be seen to be mere superstitions.
- (iii) So, as science progresses, superstition ought to grow less. On the whole, that is true. But it is surprising how superstitions linger

on. If we are tempted to look down on **savage tribes and other nations** for holding such ideas, we should remember that even today, among the most civilized nations, a great many equally stupid superstitions exist and are believed in by a great many people. It is worth making a list of the **superstitions which you know about.**

- (iv) Some people will not sit down thirteen at the table; others will not light three cigarettes from one match, or do not like to start anything important on a Friday, or refuse to walk under a ladder; many people buy charms and talismans because they think they will bring them luck. Perhaps you yourself are inclined to believe in some of these ideas! Try to find out if there is really anything in any of them, and what reasons there may be for people believing in them.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following statements by choosing the correct options : $4 \times 1 = 4$

(i) What is the main reason for the growth of wrong ideas and useless practices among primitive tribes and prehistoric times?

- (a) Scientific knowledge
- (b) Mystery
- (c) Magic or spirit influence
- ☒ (d) Lack of Education.

(ii) How does scientific knowledge affect superstitions?

- (a) It makes them grow more
- (b) It has no effect
- ☒ (c) It demonstrates that they are false
- (d) It confirms their validity.

(iii) Why do superstitions linger on, even as science progresses?

- (a) People are stubborn
- (b) People are not exposed to scientific knowledge
- (c) People like to hold on to tradition
- ☒ (d) All of the above.

(iv) What should one do if they find themselves inclined to believe in superstitions?

- (a) Ignore it
- ☒ (b) Research and find out if there is any truth to it
- (c) Believe in it blindly
- (d) Encourage others to believe in it.



(B) Answer the following questions briefly :

3×1=3

- (i) What is the Relationship between the heavenly bodies and the Earth, according to primitive tribes and prehistoric people?
- (ii) What causes Natural phenomena such as rain, drought, storms, Earthquakes, Famine, or Disease according to primitive tribes and prehistoric people?
- (iii) How does the belief in charms and talismans differ from scientific explanations?

(C) Find the words from the given choices that have similar meanings as : 3×1=3

(i) Ignorance :

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| ☒ (a) darkness | (b) competence |
| (c) innocence | (d) blindness. |

(ii) Linger :

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| (a) halt | ☒ (b) dawdle |
| (c) run | (d) stop. |

(iii) Refuse :

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| (a) sense | (b) assets |
| ☒ (c) deny | (d) property. |

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

- (i) **Well-being is not just the absence of disease or illness. It is a complex combination of a person's physical, mental, emotional and social health factors. Well-being is strongly linked to happiness and life satisfaction. In short, it could be described as how one feels about oneself and one's life. Every aspect of one's life influences the state of one's well-being. Researches investigating happiness have found the following factors**

that enhance a person's well-being : a network of close friends, an enjoyable and fulfilling career, enough money, regular exercise, a nutritious diet, sufficient sleep, fun hobbies, and leisure pursuits, healthy self-esteem, optimistic outlook, and so on

- (ii) The factors that influence one's well-being are interrelated. For example, a job provides not just money but purpose, goals, friendships, and a sense of belonging. Some factors also make up for the lack of others; for example, a good marriage can compensate for a lack of friendship, while religious beliefs may help a person to accept physical illness. Money is linked to well-being because having enough money improves living conditions and increases social status. However various International studies have shown that it is the quality of our personal relationships, not the size of our bank balance, which has the greatest

effect on our state of well-being. Believing that money is the key to happiness can also harm a person's well-being.

- (iii) Understanding the well-being of the population is very important. Measuring well being, however, in a population is difficult because the interpretation of well-being is so subjective— how one feels about people's lives largely depends on the way one sees it. As the saying goes : 'One person's problem is another person's challenge'.
- (iv) Keeping track of a population's well-being helps Governments to decide on particular policies. It also acts as an indicator for various populations trends. For example, knowing the average weekly income of a population helps to set the 'poverty line', which may then influence decisions on social welfare reforms. Well-being can be achieved through a variety of means. Some



are as follows – developing and maintaining strong relationships with family and friends, making regular time available for Social contact, trying to find work that is enjoyable and rewarding, rather than just working for the best pay, eating healthy, nutritious foods, doing regular physical activity, involving oneself in activities that interest the people, joining in local organisations or clubs that appeal, setting achievable goals and working towards them and trying to be optimistic and enjoying each day.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations wherever necessary. Use a format you consider suitable. Suggest a suitable title also. 4

(B) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. 3

SECTION—B

(Writing)

3. You are Ranjan/Ramna of Ramnagar colony Thakurdwara. You want to let the first floor of your house. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in the 'To Let' column of a Newspaper giving your contact address and telephone number, etc.

Or

You are Manav/Madavi, the Cultural Secretary of Angels' Public Senior Secondary School Kuthera Distt. Hamirpur. Write a suitable notice for your School notice board giving the details for the participation of students in a Cultural programme to be organized by your School.

Or

While walking in a park in your neighbourhood you found a small plastic bag containing some documents and some cash. Write a notice in about 50 words to be put on the park notice



board asking the owner to identify and collect it from you. You are Rajat/Rajani 9673341956.

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4. (A) Fairs and Festivals are part and parcel of our life. Recently you visited state state-level Holi festival at Sujanpur Tihra. Prepare a report on it highlighting the importance of such fairs and festivals. Your report should not exceed 125 words.

Or

Drug addiction, a curse, is playing havoc with the lives of youth, particularly School and Collage students. Write a report on, 'Drug addiction among Students' to be published in your School magazine. 6

- (B) Answer the following multiple choice questions : $4 \times 1 = 4$

- (i) What can be added in a notice bearing 'Lost' title?

(a) reward to the one who has lost the object.

☒ (b) reward to the one who has found the object.

(c) reward to the one who has written the notice.

(d) all of the above.

- (ii) Which of the following should be avoided in a formal letter?

(a) simple and formal language.

(b) factual information.

(c) short sentence structures

☒ (d) ambiguous constructions.

- (iii) The report intends to present the event :

(a) the first-hand information.

☒ (b) the past information.

(c) the history

(d) live proceedings.



(iv) The logical order to write a report is :

(a) reasons, causes, consequences,
opinions.

(b) consequences, opinions, causes,
reasons.

(c) ~~causes~~, reasons, consequences,
opinions.

(d) reasons, consequences, causes,
opinions

5. You are Ritesh/Rashi, M139, Mall Road Manali. Yesterday, you went to Lady Willingdon Hospital, Manali Himachal Pradesh, taking with you the victim of a hit and run case. There were chaotic conditions in the casualty department. The injured was attended to after a lot of precious time was lost. Write a letter of complaint in 125-150 words to the Medical Superintendent.

Or

Write an application for the post of postgraduate teacher in response to the following advertisement,

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WANTED

A dynamic young candidate, an arts post graduate for the post of English Lecturer (School Cadre) in D.A.V. Senior Secondary School Narwana, Distt. Kangra H.P. Apply with essential biodata indicating expected salary, to Box No. 0918 C/o The Tribune, Chandigarh-160030 Sector 29 C Chandigarh (UT).



6. You are Kritik/Kritika, you saw the news in the Media about Chandrayaan-3 being launched on 14 July 2023 from SDSC SHAR in Sriharikota. On August 23 at 6:04 p.m., the Chandrayaan-3 lander touched down on the moon. Write a paragraph in about 200 words on the Lunar Exploration Mission by India, Chandrayaan-3.

Or

On 2nd October 2014, the Swachh Bharat Mission was launched in India as a National movement. Write an article on this mission in about 200 words

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SECTION—C

(Literature)

- 7 Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow . $4 \times 1 = 4$

Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive.

Now I'll count up to twelve

And you keep quiet and I will go

- (i) Name the poet and the poem from which the above stanza has been taken
- (ii) Why does everything seem dead?

(iii) When and why does everything prove to be alive?

(iv) What does the poet want us to do, when he counts up to twelve?

Or

No, in country money, the country scale of gain,

The requisite lift of spirit has never been found.

Or so the voice of the country seems to complain,

I can't help owning the great relief it would be

To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.

And then next day as I come back into the sane,

I wonder how I should like you to come to me

And offer to put me gently out of my pain.

- (i) Write the name of the poem and the poet.

- (ii) Explain the phrase, the requisite life of spirit
- (iii) What does the voice of the country complain?
- (iii) What does the voice of the country complain?
- (iv) What is the central idea of these lines?
8. (A) Answer any **two** of the following in about 30 words each : $2 \times 2 = 4$
- (i) Why has the poet brought in the image of the merry children 'spilling out of their homes'?
- (ii) What symbol from Nature does the poet invoke to say that there can be lift under apparent stillness?
- (iii) Why is 'grandeur' associated with 'mighty dead'?
- (iv) How does the poet describe Aunt Jennifer's tigers?

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- (B) What could give the poet great relief?

- (i) Making poor farmers poorer.
- (ii) Taking farmers out of their pain in one stroke.
- (iii) Giving alms to the farmers.
- (iv) Giving them new clothes. 1
9. (A) Answer the following questions : 6
- (i) Franz thinks "Will they make them sing in German even the pigeons?" What could this mean?
- (ii) Did the peddler expect the kind of hospitality that he received from the crofter?
- (iii) How was the Champaran episode "a turning point" in Gandhiji's life?
- (iv) Why was the Moral Rearmament Army welcomed at the studios?



(v) Who, in today's world is our chief source of information about personalities?

(vi) Why didn't Sophie want to tell Jansie about her story with Danny?

(B) Answer the following MCQs 2

(i) The water in the pool had a

(a) a blue reflection.

(b) green colour.

☒ (c) dirty yellow tinge.

(d) no colour.

(ii) How does Umberto Eco find so much time to write so much?

(a) Using early morning time

☒ (b) Using empty spaces (free times) like waiting for someone, break time

(c) Using his family time

(d) Using his office time.

10. Answer the following questions in about 125-150 words :

Compare and contrast the characters of Saheli and Mukesh.

Or

Sophie's dreams and disappointments are all in her mind.

11. Answer the following questions in about 125-150 words :

"Take care of the small things and the big things will take care of themselves." What is the relevance of this statement in the context of the Antarctic environment?

Or

The two accounts that you have read above are based on two different cultures. What is the commonality of the theme found in both of them?

12. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions in 30 words each $3 \times 2 = 6$

- (i) What do you infer from Sam's letter to Charley?
- (ii) Will Hanna help the wounded man and wash him herself?
- (iii) What is the Central Idea of the play "On the Face of It"?
- (iv) What was the correction slip? How did it kill two birds with one stone?
- (v) Why did Zitkala-Sa feel so humiliated after her hair was shingled?

(B) Answer the following MCQs 2

- (i) The young prisoner of War was asked to flash the light if food ran out :

- ☒ (a) twice
- (b) thrice
- (c) once
- (d) not at all

(ii) Derry felt Mr. Lamb said things.

- (a) sad
- (b) funny
- (c) profound
- ☒ (d) peculiar.

