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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 :

(a) Bholi was seven years old when Mangla was married. The same year a primary school for girls was opened in their village. The Tehsildar Sahib came to perform its opening ceremony. He said to Ramlal, "As a revenue official you are the representative of the government in the village and so you must set an example to the villagers. You must send your daughters to school."

(i) When Bholi was seven years old, two important things happened. Name them. 1

(ii) Quote the expression which suggests that Bholi's father was a government official. 1

(iii) What did the Tehsildar ask Bholi's father to do? Why? 1

(iv) Which words in the extract mean the same as the following expressions? 1

- 'the money that a government receives from taxes'
- 'to do something such as a task or duty'

OR

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 Pythagoras' Theorem or Newton's Law of Gravity? For that matter, does your doctor friend? Or your lawyer brother?

(i) Quote the expression which suggests that the writer did not have a close relationship with his father. 1

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

(iii) The writer asked his father a very important question. What was it? 1

(iv) Which words in the extract mean the same as the following expressions? 1

- 'a person who advises you on how to live and behave'
- 'a person who thinks deeply about things'

(b) I want India to advance on the material plane—to fulfil her Five-Year Plans to raise the standard of living of her vast population : I want the narrow conflicts of today in the name of religion or caste, language or province to cease, and a classless and casteless society to be built up where every individual has full opportunity to grow according to his worth and ability.

(i) What does the writer want to emphasize when he says, "I want India to advance on the material plane"? 1

(ii) What are the conflicts that the writer wants to cease? 1

(iii) What kind of a society does the writer want to be built up? 1

(iv) Which words in the extract mean the same as the following expressions? 1

- 'to stop something from happening'
- 'a time when a particular situation makes it possible to do or achieve something'

OR

They stood under a peepal tree, facing each other. My sister, tall, broad shouldered, was looking down at my mother. Aradhana pulled out the flowers from her hair. She cried, "You deceived me, you and Papa. All of you. I hate you. I hate all of you, everybody, everything."

(i) Who does the word, 'They' refer to? 1

(ii) What did Aradhana do to express her anger and frustration? 1

(iii) Quote the words which express Aradhana's resentment for her parents. 1

(iv) Which words in the extract mean the same as the following expressions? 1

- 'to make somebody believe something that is not true'
- 'that which is wide'

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

(a) What lesson did Gavaskar's uncle teach him?

(My First Steps)

(b) What did the writer miss when he lost his sight?

(My Son will not a Beggar be)

(c) What was the doctor's impression about Evans? How did he realize his mistake?

(A Case of Suspicion)

(d) Why did Baldeo decide to fight the tiger? How did he die?

(The Tiger in the Tunnel)

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

Why was the Intruder a hunted rat? What did he plan to do as Vincent Charles Gerrard? Was he successful?

(If I were You)

OR

Bholi's meeting with her teacher was a turning point in her life. Illustrate this with examples from the story.

(Bholi)

4. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

There is a house now far away where once
I received love ... That woman died,
The house withdrew into silence, snakes moved
Among books, I was then too young
To read, and my blood turned cold like the moon

(a) What happened to the house after the grandmother died? 2

(b) Why was the poet not able to read the books? 1

(c) Explain : "... and my blood turned cold like the moon". 2

OR

I watched the holy man perform his rites
to tame the poison with an incantation.
After twenty hours
it lost its sting.
My mother only said
Thank God the scorpion picked on me
and spared my children.

(a) What did the holy man do? What was his objective? 2

(b) How long did it take for the poison to subside? 1

(c) Why did the mother feel relieved? 2

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

Young Albert Einstein was studying for his diploma in a school in Munich, Germany. He hated learning dates and facts by heart. This forever displeased, Mr. Braun his history teacher. He candidly confessed that he did not see any point in learning dates as they could be looked up in books. The teacher was infuriated and said that it applied to most of the facts taught at school. He also taunted him calling his views,

'Einstein Theory of Education'. Albert argued that it was ideas that were important. He was not interested in knowing when the battles were fought but why they were fought.

(a) Who was Albert Einstein's history teacher? Why was he annoyed with him? 2

(b) Why was the history teacher infuriated? 2

(c) "The teacher mocked at Einstein." Cite details in support of the given statement. 2

(d) What was the argument given by Einstein to emphasize his point of view? 2

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

It is well-known that a good night's sleep is critical for a healthy body. Research has shown that sleep is even more important when it comes to learning and memory than previously thought.

"If you shorten sleep, the ability to retain newly learned information decreases", says Robert Oexman, Director of the Sleep to Live Institute in Joplin, Mo.

Creating a memory requires three functions : acquisition of the memory; consolidation, in which the memory becomes stable in the brain; and recall, in which you are able to access the information later. And while acquisition and recall always happen while you're awake, experts theorize that consolidation takes place during sleep.

(a) Why is sleep important? What happens when it is shortened? 2

(b) What are the three functions which are required to create a memory? 2

(c) What do the experts theorize about the acquisition, recall and consolidation of memory? 2

(d) Which words in the passage mean the same as the following expressions? 2

- 'the act of getting something'
- 'the process of reducing something'

7. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow : 4

He was offered his freedom but he did not take it. Instead he made himself at home in the house. Grandmother, Aunt Mabel, and even some of Grandfather's pets objected; but there was no way of getting rid of the bird. He took over the administration of the house.

We were not sure that he was male, but we called him Caesar.

Before long, Caesar was joining us at mealtimes, besides finding his own grubs or beetles in the garden.

(a) He was *(i)* _____ but he *(ii)* _____ it.

(b) Grandmother, Aunt Mabel, and even *(i)* _____ but there was no way *(ii)* _____ the bird.

(c) We were not sure *(i)* _____ but we *(ii)* _____ Caesar.

(d) Before long, Caesar was *(i)* _____ besides finding his *(ii)* _____ in the garden.

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

At first he felt lonely in the room. But then he discovered the power of the window. It looked out on the banyan tree and the mango grove, on the rather untidy garden, on the broad path running past the building, and out over the roofs of other houses, over roads and fields, as far as the horizon. The path was a busy one : fruit and vegetable vendors came and went, as did the toy-seller and the balloon-man, their wares strung on poles; there were boys on cycles, babies in prams, schoolgirls chattering, housewives quarrelling, old men gossiping ... all passed his way, the way of his window.

Early that summer a tonga came rattling and jingling down the path and stopped in front of the building. A girl and an elderly lady got down, while a servant unloaded their luggage. They went into the house and the tonga moved off.

9. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate passive forms of the verbs given in the brackets : 3

Paree's homework *(a)* _____ (complete) last night. In the morning, her bag *(b)* _____ (pack) and she *(c)* _____ (drop) at the bus stop by her mother.

10. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the appropriate forms of the verbs given in the brackets : 4

He was just settling down on his cot for an afternoon nap when he *(a)* _____ (see) the boy emerge from the tunnel. He *(b)* _____ (wait) until Vinay was only a metre or so away and then *(c)* _____ (welcome) him warmly. He *(d)* _____ (ask) Vinay to sit down and tell him why he was inspecting his tunnel.

11. Combine the following pairs of sentences using the connectors given against each pair : 1×4=4

(a) *(i)* Edison invented the gramophone.
(ii) He was an American. (who)

(b) *(i)* My mother was very much delighted.
(ii) She had heard of my father's safe arrival. (when)

(c) *(i)* You must hurry.
(ii) You will be late for school. (otherwise)

(d) *(i)* He was not selected for the job of an event manager.
(ii) He was not depressed. (although)

12. Report the following conversation in indirect speech : 4

Jatinder : Hello Raju! How are you? Looking very smart!
Raju : Oh, thank you!
Jatinder : Your jacket is very stylish. From where did you get it?
Raju : I got it from 'Z' Mall in Gurgaon.

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

(a) Winners don't do different things, they do things differently
(b) My idea of a happy life
(c) How to stay healthy and fit

14. You want to join a TV repairing course. Write a letter to the Director, TV Institute, enquiring about fees and duration of the course. 5

15. The following passage has *seven* mistakes of spelling and other grammatical inaccuracies. Spot the errors and provide the correct forms in your answer-book. One has been done as an example : 6

freedom and power brings responsible. The responsibility rests upon this Assembly, an sovereign body represent the sovereign peeple of india.

Sl. No.	ERRORS	CORRECT FORMS
1.	freedom	Freedom
2.	.....	.....
3.	.....	.....
4.	.....	.....
5.	.....	.....
6.	.....	.....
7.	.....	.....

16. Read the passage given below carefully. Make notes in points only, using appropriate headings and subheadings. Also use recognizable abbreviations : 4

The bombings crippled the nation of Japan for many years. After the bombings, any humans that survived the initial blast were suffering from radiation exposure. Forty-five percent of the people who survived the exposure were alive, sixty years later and become part of the largest study conducted for the long-term effects of radiation poisoning. The study resulted in many upsetting findings. One of the most significant is that exposure to radiation increases the long-term risks of cancer, and that the risk lasts a lifetime. Unborn children exposed to radiation on average grow to be smaller and less intelligent than their peers.

Many of the women that were pregnant at the time of the bombing gave birth to children with congenital malformations that were attributed to the radiation.

SECTION–B

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

(ii) Attempt *all* the questions from the *same* option.

OPTION–I

(E.S.P. FOR RECEPTIONISTS)

17. Complete the following statements : 4

(a) The receptionist works in what is called _____.

(b) The two prime requirements of a receptionist's job are _____.

(c) A receptionist is the contact point between _____.

(d) The first duty of a receptionist is to _____.

18. Match the requests in Column—I with their replies in Column—II : 2

Sl. No.	Column—I	Sl. No.	Column—II
1.	Please send my breakfast in my room at 8:00 a.m.	*(a)*	In the hotel itself. The parlour is just next to the swimming pool.
2.	I shall be leaving for the airport tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Please book a cab for me.	*(b)*	Sure, I'll book a cab for you immediately.
3.	Can you tell me where the coffee shop is?	*(c)*	Go along this corridor please, the coffee shop is at the end.
4.	Where can I get my hair done please?	*(d)*	Certainly Sir, I'll send your breakfast at 8:00 a.m. sharp.

19. What are the two major problems that a receptionist often faces while handling the phone calls? How does she/he deal with them? 2

20. What is the first thing that a receptionist does on receiving a call? 1

21. Write notes on the following : 6

(a) Railway timetable

(b) Message forms

(c) Early morning call sheet

OPTION–II

(E.S.P. FOR OFFICE USE)

17. In face-to-face communication, what are the two things that are important? Just name them. 1

18. What is a memo? In what way is it different from a letter? 2

19. Write an e-mail message to Happy Travels asking them to cancel your air ticket to Mumbai. 2

20. While writing an accident report, what are the points that need to be kept in mind? 4

21. Read the following statements and decide whether they are True or False : 6

(a) The CV is now outdated and an increasing number of companies are demanding a resume.

(b) A resume should be free of errors and easy to read.

(c) The letter of application is essentially a sales letter.

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

(e) Don't be in a hurry to close an interview.

(f) Be prepared to answer questions on your strength.

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