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Note : This question paper is divided into four sections A, B, C & D.All sections are compulsory. Marks are against each question.

Section - A *(Reading)*

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The famous Taj of Agra stands on the right bank of the river Yamuna. Its is one of the most splendid buildings of the world. Its was built by Shah Jahan, then emperor of India, in the memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal built of pure white marble. it took about twenty thousand workers and twenty long years to complete it. In front of the Taj Mahal can be seen fountains with straight paths on either side, tall dark cypress trees, smooth lawns and planned bed of flowers. In the light of full moon, it looks like a building of pearls or a palace of silver with its marble domevying with the blue sky. It is no wonder that it is considered to be one of the seven wonders of the world.

Ques. : **(i)** Where does tha Taj stands ? 1

(ii) What can be seen in front of Taj ? 1

(iii) How does it look in the light of full moon ? 1

(iv) Within how many years was it built and how many workers worked for it ? 2

(iv) Why was Taj Mahal built ? 1

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

School all over India celebrate 'Children's Day' on 14th November every year. On this day our great Prime Minister who had a great love for children was born. His ancesters came down from Kasmir to the rich plams below. Kaul had been his family name, this changed to Kaul - Nehru, in later year Kaul was dropped and they become simple Nehrus. Jawaharlal Nehru was the only son of his prosperous parents. His two sisters were much younger than Jawaharlal Nehru. And so he grew up and spend his early years as a lonely child with no companion of his own

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age. Private tutors were in charge of his education. Then he went to England and was educated at Harrow and at Trinity college, Cambridge.

Ques. : **(i)** Why is 14th Npvember celebrated as Children's day ? 1

(ii) Why did Jawaharlal Nehru spend his early years as a lonely child ? 1

(iii) Where did Nehru's forefather come from ? 1

(iv) How many brothers and sisters did Nehru have ? 1

(v) Give the meaning of ancestors in the passage ? 2

Section - B *(Writing)*

3. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her in your birthday party. 6

OR

Write an application to your principal asking for two day leave.

4. Write a short paragraph of about 60 words on any one of the following topics : 4

(i) My Mother **(ii)** My Hobby **(iii)** Importance of Trees

5. On the passis of the hints given below. Write a paragraph in about 80 words on the festival of light "Diwali" : 6

Diwali.....popular festival.....i like.....crackors .....
Goddess Laxmi, Lord Ganesha worshippesd.....Dahanteras, Goverdan Pooja and Bhaiya Dooj.....celebrated during and diwali.

Section - C *(Grammar)*

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition : 3

(i) He.....(study) fine arts now a days.

(ii) He..... (leave) for school at 9 am.

(iii) They.....(take) medicine regularly.

7. *Complete the follwing sentences by using suitable modals :* 2

(i) It.....rain today.

(ii) We.....go to school reagulary.

8. Fill in the blanks with prepositin : 2

(i) The book is.....the table.

(ii) The children are..... .....the room.

(iii) The ring is made.....gold.

(iv) I want to sit down..... five minutes.

9. **Re-arrange the sentences to form meaningful sentences :** 3

(i) Goes / Mohan / to / daily / school.

(ii) Like / reading / I / books.

(iii) new / make / different / friends / to / its / is.

Section - D *(Text Books)*

10. **Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

I was born in a middle class Tamil family in the island town of Rameswaram in the erstwhile Madras state. My father Jainulabdeen had neither much formal education mor much wealth, despite these disadvantages, he passessed great innate wisdom and true generosity of spirit. He had a ideal helpmate in my mother, Ashiamm. I do not recall the exact number of people she fed everyday but I am quite certain that are more outsiders ate than the members of our family put together.

Ques. : **(i)** Where was the writer born ? 1

(ii) What was the name of his father ? 1

(iii) What qualities did his father have ? 1

(iv) Who was his mother ? What were her qualities ? 1

(iv) Which word in the passage means "intelligence" ? 1

11. Who were Abdul Kalam's school friends ? What did they later became ? 6

OR

Why did Margie hate school ? Why did she think the old kind of school must have been fun ?

12. **Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words each :** 6

(i) How many members are there in Kezia's family ?

(ii) Who helped Evelyn to learn music ?

(iii) How old are Margie and Tommy ?

(iv) Why did Aurangzeb banned the playing of pungi ?

(Poetry)

13. ***Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions given below :*** 6

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveller, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth.

(i) Where did the two roads diverge ?

(ii) Why did the poet choose one particular road ?

(iii) What did he find about the road ?

14. Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words each : 4

(i) Where does the traveller find himself ?

(ii) What does the poet like to do when it rains ?

(iii) How does the wind pake fun at weaklings ?

(Supplementary Reader)

15. Answer the following questions in 100 words : 5

How does Toto take a bath ? Where has he learnt to do this ?

OR

What are the Guru's words of wisdom ? When does the disciple remember them ?

16. Answer any two of the following question on about 30-40 words : 6

(i) What does the swallow see when it flies over the city ?

(ii) How does Toto come to grandfather's private zoo ?

(iii) Why does the disciple decide to stay in the kingwom of fools ?

(iv) What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair ?

17. Answer any two of the following question on about 20-30 words : 4

(i) What are the two strange things the guru and his disciple find in the kingdome of fools.

(ii) What are the precious things mentioned in the story 'Happy Prince'?

(iii) Why do the courtiers call the prince 'The Happy Prince' ?

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