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(Only for Fresh/School Candidates)

Time allowed : 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

- Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are 15 in number and it contains 12 questions.
- The **Code No.** on the top of the question paper should be written by the candidate on the front page of the answer-book.
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General Instructions :

- (i) This question paper is divided into four Sections – A, B, C and D. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Attempt all the parts of a question together.
- (iii) Stick to the word limit wherever prescribed.

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SECTION - A

(Unseen Comprehension)

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

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Reading books is better than watching television or mobile because it provides an active learning, an opportunity to think and imagine for learners while the latter is a passive one. Consequently, book readers can control the speed and the control of learning interval : they can stop to think freely if they want and continue their reading at any time.

In contrast television and mobile views can not control the rhythm of the process; they have to follow the program passively, lacking much free time of thinking. Watching too much of television can prevent, to some extent, the mental growth of children; many parents refuse to install cable TV in their houses because they are worried that their kid would become more passive and more stupid after watching too many programs.

In a word, active learning is cherished by the modern education and reading books can achieve this goal while watching television and mobiles can't. The knowledge in books greatly exceeds that in TV cassettes. Accordingly if we want to learn more knowledge with broad scopes and diversified contents, we have to turn to read books rather than watch television programs and mobiles.

However in the learning of the skills, watching television and videos is more important than reading books because of its dynamic nature. What you see and visualize has far more reaching and impacts our memorization. Moreover it is attractive and interesting. So it becomes very necessary to maintain a healthy balance between the two in order to get more fruitful results.

Questions :

- (i) What can the book readers control ?
- (a) speed (b) learning interval
(c) stop or continue reading (d) all of the above
- (ii) Imagination and thinking processes are involved in :
- (a) watching TV and mobiles (b) reading books
(c) playing games (d) writing homework
- (iii) The regular habit of watching TV and mobiles in children
- (a) makes them lazy (b) improves latest knowledge
(c) affects their mental growth (d) makes them addict
- (iv) For knowledge with broad scopes and diversified contents turn to the
- (a) books (b) television and mobiles
(c) videos (d) newspapers

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(v) Electronic media is an effective tool for

(a) school children

(b) housewives

(c) working ladies

(d) learning of skills

(vi) Which is more attractive and interesting for the students ?

(vii) Where can you not control the rhythm of the reading process ?

(viii) Which of the two has a more dynamic nature according to the passage ?

(ix) Which word in the passage means - 'passive' ?

(x) Why do some parents not install cable TV's in their houses ?

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

Most of the main landers living in South Andamans have come from all across India, especially Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. Port Blair, the capital of the Andamans and the Nicobar Islands in South Andaman has a truly cosmopolitan texture with people of all religions, castes and cultures living in peaceful co-existence. And for the reason, the Andamans and Nicobar Islands are also called Mini India.

The Island has a lot to offer to an avid tourist. Out of the total area, nearly 50% comprises Tribal reserves, National Park and Wild-life sanctuaries.

Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park exhibits a variety of corals, coloured fish, sea turtles and other sea animals. Sightseeing tours, scuba driving, snorkelling, trekking, island camping and relaxing are some of the other activities one can indulge in.

Situated in the Bay of Bengal, about 800 Km off the East coast of India, they stretch across more than 700 km from North to South with 36 inhabited islands. The archipelago is believed to have been a part of a mountain range that extended from Burma (now Myanmar) to Indonesia. It still retains its original geography of hilly terrain with dense tropical forests.

The islands support nearly two thousand species of plants and more than two fifty species of birds. They had been covered in mystery for centuries before they were first colonized by the British in 1789. Being cut off from the rest of the world, the social and the cultural development of its inhabitants was also in complete isolation and the entire population consisted of aborigines.

Questions :

- (i) From where have the main landers descended from ?
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| (a) Tamil Nadu | (b) Bihar |
| (c) West Bengal | (d) Tamil Nadu and West Bengal |

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- (ii) Which is the capital city of the Andamans and Nicobar Islands ?
- (a) Bhopal (b) Port Blair
(c) Gandhi Nagar (d) Chandigarh
- (iii) What is the location of Andaman Islands ?
- (a) 100 km off the East Coast (b) 800 Km off the East Coast
(c) 800 Km off the West Coast (d) 700 Km off the East Coast
- (iv) For what is the National Park famous ?
- (a) Corals and coloured fish (b) Sea turtles
(c) Sea animals (d) All of the above
- (v) They were first colonized by
- (a) The French (b) The Portuguese
(c) The British (d) None of the above
- (vi) How many inhabited islands are there in the Andamans ?
- (vii) There are more than 350 species of Birds. (State *True* or *False*)
- (viii) What are the main activities for the tourists on this island ?
- (ix) From where to where have the mountain ranges been extended ?
- (x) What is the capital city of the Andamans and Nicobar Island ?

SECTION - B

(Grammar)

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3. Fill in the blanks with correct option (Any **ten**) :

(i) The match in a draw. (Tense)

(a) end

(b) ended

(c) ending

(d) ends

(ii) Sohan had not done his work. (Voice)

(a) His had not been done work by Sohan.

(b) Work had not been done his by Sohan.

(c) His work had not been done by Sohan.

(d) None of these

(iii) He said to me, "I have gone to Delhi many times". (Change the narration)

(a) He asked me that I had gone to Delhi many times.

(b) He told me that he had gone to Delhi many times.

(c) He ordered me that I had gone to Delhi many times.

(d) None of these

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(iv) A servant obey his master. (Modal)

(a) need

(b) will

(c) can

(d) must

(v) rich should help the poor. (Article)

(a) The

(b) An

(c) A

(d) None of these

(vi) I prefer tea coffee. (Preposition)

(a) on

(b) at

(c) of

(d) to

(vii) Rakesh is ill he has not come. (Conjunction)

(a) and

(b) or

(c) so

(d) of

(viii) How students are there in your school ? (Determiners)

(a) many

(b) some

(c) much

(d) a few

(ix) There ten teachers in my school. (Subject-Verb agreement)

(a) was

(b) were

(c) has

(d) am

(x) netaji s c bose was a source of inspiration for azad hind fauj
(Punctuation)

(a) Netaji s c bose was a source of inspiration for Azad Hind Fauj.

(b) Netaji S C Bose was a source of inspiration for Azad Hind Fauj.

(c) Netaji S C bose was a source of inspiration for Azad hind fauj.

(d) None of these.

(xi) Anil speak five languages. (Modal)

(a) will

(b) dare

(c) may

(d) can

(xii) The book is the table. (Preposition)

(a) of

(b) in

(c) at

(d) on

(10)

SECTION - C

(Writing Skills)

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4. Attempt any **one** of the following :

- (i) Write an application to the Principal of your school for maintaining cleanliness in the school campus and proper hygiene in the drinking water tank and washrooms.
- (ii) Write a letter to your friend thanking him for a wonderful tour to the hill station of Mussoorie in the summer vacations when you stayed in his home for five days.

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5. Attempt any **one** of the following :

- (i) As a secretary of NSS unit, write a notice for organizing a NSS camp in your school.
- (ii) Write a report on the Quiz held in your school on the topic of road safety.

SECTION - D

[A : Prose Text (Beehive)]

6. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 5

Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in Geography and she had been doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the county inspector.

He was a round little man with a red face and a whole box of tools with dials and wires. He smiled at Margie and gave her an apple, then took the teacher apart.

Questions :

- (i) What is the name of the chapter from where this extract has been taken ?
- (ii) What did Margie hate more than ever ?
- (iii) What had the mechanical teacher done ?
- (iv) Why had the mother shaken her head ?
- (v) Who did take the teacher apart ?

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OR

I look at the flute seller standing in a corner of the square near the hotel. In his hand is a pole with an attachment at the top from which fifty or sixty bansuris protrude in all directions, like the quills of a porcupine. They are of bamboo : there are cross flutes and recorders. From time to time he stands the pole on the ground, selects a flute and plays for a few minutes. The sound rises clearly above the noise of the traffic and the hawkers' cries. He plays slowly, meditatively, without excessive display.

Questions :

- (i) Where was the flute seller standing ?
- (ii) What was he holding in his hand ?
- (iii) How many bansuris were there on the top ?
- (iv) What were the bansuris made of ?
- (v) How does he play the flute ?

7. Answer any **two** questions given below :

2 × 3 = 6

- (i) How does Evelyn hear music ?

(The Sound of Music)

- (ii) What two important decisions did the doctor take ?

(The Snake and the Mirror)

- (iii) What shows Santosh's concerns for the environment ?

(Reach for the Top)

- (iv) How did Maria Sharapova become number one tennis player in the World ?

(Reach for the Top)

8. How is Albert Einstein known as a scientific genius and a world citizen ? 6
(A Truly Beautiful Mind)

OR

What does Abdul Kalam say about his three childhood friends ?

(My Childhood)

[B : Poetry (Beehive)]

9. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow : 5

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh ! I kept the first for another day !
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

Questions :

- (a) What were the two roads covered with ?
- (b) Why do the steps turn black ?
- (c) For what did the poet keep the first road ?
- (d) What was the poet knowing ?
- (e) What did the poet doubt ?

OR

*Remember, no men are strange,**no countries foreign**Beneath all uniforms,**a single body breathes**Like ours : the land**our brothers walk upon**Is earth like this,**in which we all shall lie.***Questions :**

- (a) What should we remember ?
- (b) What are all men to us ?
- (c) Where do our brothers walk upon ?
- (d) Where shall we all lie in the end ?
- (e) What is the name of the poem ?

10. Answer any **two** of the following : $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (a) What things did the wind God affect in the poem ?
- (b) What kind of a place is Innisfree ?
- (c) What did Saint Peter ask the old lady for ?
- (d) What did the Duck say to the kangaroo ?

(Wind)

(The Lake Isle of Innisfree)

(A Legend of the Northland)

(The Duck and the Kangaroo)

[C : Supplementary Reader (Moments)]

11. Attempt any **two** of the following :

2 × 3 = 6

- (a) Why was Toto sold back to the owner ? *(The Adventures of Toto)*
- (b) How did Iswaran tell the story of a fallen tree ? *(Iswaran the Story teller)*
- (c) How did the guru and the disciple become the king and the minister ?
(In the Kingdom of Fools)
- (d) Why did the swallow decide to stay with the prince ? *(The Happy Prince)*

12. Where was the child lost and how ?

(The Lost Child) 6

OR

Which type of a person was the beggar ?

(The Beggar)