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ENGLISH

(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.
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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.

SECTION - A

(Unseen Comprehension)

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

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For millions of people in India, river Ganga is the most sacred river. It is considered as mother and goddess. It is also a lifeline to millions of Indians who live on the banks of its course and depend on it for their daily needs. River Ganga is the third largest river in the world by the amount of water that flows through it. It is the longest river in India. The river water of Ganga is used for irrigation, transportation and fishing. The Gangetic plain formed by river Ganga is one of the most fertile lands on earth. This is why almost 10% of the world population lives here and earns its livelihood.

The Ganga, in India is the most worshipped body of water. The irony here is that in spite of being the most worshipped river, it is also the dirtiest one. It carries metals thrown out by tanneries, waste produced by industries and urban waste from different cities. All this has made river Ganga the fifth most polluted river in the world.

Another major reason that adds to the Ganga river pollution is the coal based power plants on its banks which burn tons of coal every year and produce a lot of fly ash. This ash mixed with domestic waste water is released in the river. This bad situation calls for an urgent need to make efforts to

reduce pollution and revive river Ganga. To achieve these objectives, the Government of India has started a programme named "Namami Gange Programme". The main pillars of this programme are sewage treatment, river surface cleaning, afforestation, river front development and public awareness. The importance of the success of "Namami Gange Programme" can be seen through publically.

Questions :

(i) is a lifeline for millions of Indians.

- (a) Krishna (b) Ganga
(c) Narmada (d) Yamuna

(ii) of world population lives near river Ganga.

- (a) 30% (b) 15%
(c) 10% (d) 20%

(iii) Ganga is the most polluted river in the world.

- (a) Fifth (b) First
(c) Second (d) Third

(iv) Ganga is the largest river in the world by the amount of water that flows through it.

- (a) First (b) Second
(c) Fourth (d) Third

- (v) Most people in India consider the Ganga as
- (vi) The government of India has started a programme named to clean the Ganga.
- (vii) What are the main pillars of "Namami Gange Programme" ?
- (viii) For what purposes is the Ganga water used ?
- (ix) Name **two** pollutants that make river Ganga very dirty.
- (x) Which two purposes will be served by the programme "Namami Gange" ?

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 10

The Aravali Range is affected from human activities like stone crushing, cutting trees in forest area of Aravali, construction on large scale, mining, dispense and dumping waste. Such activities affect the atmosphere of Aravali and its surrounding areas environment. Some of the famous lakes like Backhaul Lake, Dhauj Jheel, Surajkund Lake, Damdama Lake on the Aravali range have gone dry in last five years because of illegal mining and change of pattern in the natural drainage system. These lakes are dumped with waste material which affect ground water flow. Drying of these lakes also indicates that in future ground water will not be available in this area if the relevant steps for recovery are not taken.

The mindless mining in one of the oldest hills in the world has devastated the range. In several places, the mines have gone so deep the water level has been exposed, forming lakes amidst the blasted ranges. The Rajasamand lake in Udaipur which always had water has dried up recently. In May, 2009, after four months of media and public protests, along with several environmental groups, the Supreme Court banned mining in an area of 448 square km, across Faridabad, Gurgaon and Mewat districts in Haryana that was once supposed to be set aside for a national park. This comes after SC's earlier judgment in 1994 that allowed limited mining on the basis of the sustainable development principle and under strict guidelines, which were violated by local miners as the court ruled.

The Supreme Court on February 20, 2010 directed cancellation of 157 mining leases operating in Rajasthan's eco-sensitive Aravali Hills and asked the Forest Survey of India to carry out satellite imagery of the entire 50,000 sq km range spread across 15 districts of the state to assess the extent of ecological damage. Giving four months time to the FSI to complete the task, the Special Bench of Chief Justice K. G. Balakrishnan, Justices S. H. Kapadia and Aftab Alam directed all miners in the area to stop operation till then.

Questions :

(i) When was mining banned across Faridabad, Gurgaon and Mewat districts in Haryana ?

(a) June, 2009

(b) April, 2010

(c) May, 2009

(d) May, 2010

(ii) How was the ecological damage across 15 districts of Rajasthan to be assessed ?

(a) by stop mining

(b) by the satellite imagery

(c) by ordered people

(d) by asking help from NGO's

(iii) Who chaired the Special Bench of the Supreme Court ?

(a) K. G. Balakrishnan

(b) S. H. Kapadia

(c) Aftab Alam

(d) None of these

(iv) Which of the lake in Rajasthan has dried up in May, 2009 ?

(a) Backhaul Lake

(b) Dhauj Jheel

(c) Damdama Lake

(d) The Rajasamand Lake

- (v) How is the Aravali Hills affected ?
- (vi) Why have some of the lakes on the Aravali range gone dry ?
- (vii) What does the dryness of these lakes indicate ?
- (viii) How many mining leases were cancelled by the Supreme Court in Feb., 2010 ?
- (ix) Find out a word from the passage which means :
Shows that somethings exists
- (x) What is the opposite word of Development ?

SECTION - B

(Grammar)

3. Attempt any **ten** of the following questions :

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Fill in the blanks with **correct** option :

- (i) I the Taj Mahal last year. (visit)(Tense)
- (a) visit (b) had visited
- (c) visited (d) will visit
- (ii) The patient had died before the doctor (come)(Tense)
- (a) came (b) comes
- (c) had come (d) would come

(iii) my name is dr suman kumari (Punctuation)

(a) my name is Dr. Suman Kumari ?

(b) My name is Dr. Suman Kumari.

(c) My Name is Dr. Suman Kumari.

(d) my name is Dr. Suman Kumari.

(iv) Work hard lest you fail. (Modal)

(a) should

(b) will

(c) would

(d) can

(v) Change into passive voice :

Ram knows me.

(a) Ram is known by me.

(b) I am known to Ram.

(c) I am known by Ram.

(d) Ram is known to me.

(vi) Change into Indirect Speech :

The teacher said to me, "Honesty is the best Policy".

- (a) The teacher said to me that Honesty was the best policy.
- (b) The teacher said to me that Honesty will the best policy.
- (c) The teacher said to me whether Honesty was the best policy.
- (d) The teacher told me that Honesty is the best policy.

(vii) He is junior me. (Preposition)

- (a) by
- (b) to
- (c) from
- (d) than

(viii) I have European friend. (Article)

- (a) the
- (b) a
- (c) an
- (d) no article

(ix) Will you lend me money ? (Determiner)

- (a) some
- (b) any
- (c) many
- (d) none of the above

(x) Harris is back from work. He must take rest. (Clause)

(a) Harris is back from work and he must take rest.

(b) Harris is back from work because he must take rest.

(c) Harris is back from work so he must take rest.

(d) Harris is back from work but he must take rest.

(xi) I am very hungry the fridge is empty. (Conjunction)

(a) if (b) still

(c) so (d) but

(xii) My cousins and grandmother the new Jungle Book film.

(Verb Agreement)

(a) like

(b) are liking

(c) likes

(d) will like

SECTION - C

(Writing Skills)

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

Write an application to the Principal of your school for asking Transfer Certificate.

OR

Write a letter to M/S J. P. Appliances, B-30 Janakpuri, Delhi, complaining that the Geyser supplied by them has stopped working in less than a week. Sign yourself as Vikas of Sector 42, Gurugram.

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

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You are Vinay/Vineeta, the Sports Secretary of D. A. V. School, Delhi. Draft a notice inviting students to give their names for various events to be organized on the Annual Sports Day of your school. (Word Limit : 50 words)

OR

You are Sudhir Kumar, the father of a 14 years old son. Your son is weak in Maths. Draft a classified advertisement seeking a suitable maths tutor.

SECTION - D

[A : Prose Text (Beehive)]

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

I didn't jump. I didn't tremble. I didn't cry out. There was no time to do any such thing. The snake slithered along my shoulder and coiled around my left arm above the elbow. The hood was spread out and its head was hardly three or four inch from my face !

It would not be correct to say merely that I sat there holding my breath. I was turned to stone.

Questions :

- (i) Name the chapter and its writer.
- (ii) Why did the author not jump, tremble and cry ?
- (iii) How far was death from him ?
- (iv) Where was the snake coiled ?
- (v) Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'stretched'.

OR

The months rolled on and Bruno had grown many times the size he was when he came. He had equalled the Alsatians in height and had even outgrown them, but was just as sweet, just as mischievous and just as playful. And he was very fond of us all. Above all, he loved my wife and she loved him too ! She had changed his name from Bruno to Baba, a Hindustani word signifying 'small boy'. And he could do a few tricks too. At the command, 'Baba, Wrestle', or 'Baba, box', he vigorously tackled anyone who came forward for rough and tumble.

Questions :

- (i) Name the chapter and its writer.
- (ii) Why did the narrator compare Bruno with the Alsatians ?

- (iii) Why did the narrator's wife change the name of Bruno to Baba ?
- (iv) Give **two** qualities of Bruno.
- (v) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'naughty'.

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

2 × 3 = 6

- (i) What kind of a person was Kezia's father ?
- (ii) Why did Margie find the book strange ?
- (iii) What difficulties did Santosh face in her childhood ?

8. How did Kezia's negative attitude towards her father change ?

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OR

What observations does the author make about the Kathmandu Bazaar ?

[B : Poetry (Beehive)]

9. Attempt any **one** from the given stanzas :

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Two roads diverged in yellow wood

And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveller, long I stood

And looked down once as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Questions :

- (a) Name the poet of this poem.
- (b) At which point had the poet reached ?
- (c) Why was the traveller feeling sorry ?
- (d) Where did the one road lead to ?
- (e) Give the opposite to 'met at a point' from the stanza.

OR

*The snake trying**To escape the pursuing stick,**With sudden carvings of thin**long body, How beautiful**and graceful are his shapes !***Questions :**

- (a) Name the poet.
- (b) What is the snake trying to escape ?
- (c) How is the shape of the snake described ?
- (d) How is the body of the snake ?
- (e) Find a word from the stanza which is opposite to 'short'.

10. Answer any **two** of the following :

2 × 3 = 6

- (a) Describe the central idea of the poem 'Wind'.
- (b) How does the earth unite us ?
- (c) Who came knocking at the door of the old woman ? Why was he there ?

[C : Supplementary Reader (Moments)]

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

2 × 3 = 6

- (a) In what way is Iswaran an asset to Mahendra ?
- (b) Why did the author's grandfather decide to buy Toto ?
- (c) How did Sergei help Lushkoff to live respectfully ?

12. How was the life of Lushkoff changed ?

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OR

Write the character sketch of Happy Prince.
