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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 **16** 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.

- Before beginning to answer a question, its Serial Number must be written.

- Don't leave blank page/pages in your answer-book.

- Except answer-book, no extra sheet will be given. Write to the point and do not strike the written answer.

- Candidates must write their Roll Number on the question paper.

- Before answering the question, ensure that you have been supplied the correct and complete question paper, **no claim in this regard, will be entertained after examination.**

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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 :

   In 1976, the FAO started the Project Tiger to
   help India save the three Indian crocodiles from
   extinction. The surveys revealed that there were
   less than 200 gharials, while the mugger was
   better off and the salt water crocodile was in a
   bad shape with its dwindling numbers and a few
   hundred left.

   Crocodiles had been killed in thousands for their
   skins. Tribals and other local people collected
   their eggs for eating. Dam projects and cutting
   down of forests were changing their habits so
   fast that there was a danger of them
   disappearing altogether.

Why save crocodiles ? As master predators and scavengers, (crocodiles keep the water system clean. They raise the genetic quality of the animals they feed on, they aim for the weak, the sick and the injured. Like the tiger in the forest, the crocodiles are at the top of the pyramid of wildlife in rivers,) swamps and lakes. Without them, (nature becomes severely unbalanced and unhealthy. (For example, if crocodiles are killed off in reservoirs the destructive catfish becomes a menace to commercial fisherman who catch carp and tilapia.)

The World of Turtles & Crocodiles, by Das & Whitaker

Questions : 1 × 5 = 5

(i) When was the Project Tiger started by the FAO ?

(ii) Why was it started ?

(iii) Name the most threatened of Indian Crocodiles.

(iv) According to the author, why should the crocodiles be saved ?

(v) Find a word from the passage which means 'coming to an end'.

OR

The solar energy is a very important source of energy and so we should worship and thank the sun which gave us this energy. The practice of worshiping the sun has been prevalent in various parts of the world since time immemorial. It started in North America, then it reached Egypt and there the first sun temple was established. The people used to worship the sun as a deity or symbol of deity. We find the generous chants of worshiping the sun in India in the Vedas.

The building of Sun Temple in India started in the 11th Century AD with its building at Modhera in Gujarat. It was followed by the building of Sun temple at Konark in Orissa in the 13th Century and then it was built at Gaya in Bihar, Unao in Madhya Pradesh,

Surya Prahar in Assam, Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu and Aravalli in Andhra Pradesh.

The sun temple at Modhera is 102 km away from Ahmedabad and 30 km from Mehsana. Destroyed by Mahmud of Ghazni, it still retains its beauty and devotion.

Questions :   1 × 5 = 5

(i) Why should we be grateful to the Sun ?

(ii) 'Then it reaches Egypt'. Here what is 'it' referred to ?

(iii) When and where was building of Sun Temple started in India for the first time ?

(iv) What is the distance between the Sun Temple Modhera and Ahmedabad ?

(v) Choose a word from the passage which means 'Singing of religious songs'.

SECTION – B

(Writing)

2. (a) Attempt any **one** of the following :   5

   (i) You are Ruhi/Rahul of 152, Naini Road, Delhi. Write an application to the Principal of D.A.V. Senior Secondary School, Delhi in response to an advertisement for the post of a Music teacher in that School.

   (ii) You are Ankit/Ankita of IX class studying in Government Senior Secondary School, Delhi. Write an application to your school Principal to grant you a three-day leave as you are going to attend your uncle's wedding ceremony in another town.

   (b) Attempt any **one** of the following :   5

   (i) You are Yogit/Yogita, President of Cultural Club of ABC School, XYZ. Your school is going to organize an Inter-School Singing competition. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting names of all the interested students.

(ii) Write a paragraph on the following topic : 'Rising Pollution'

SECTION – C

(Grammar)

3. Attempt any **two** from each sub-part :

(a) Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verb given in the brackets : 　　1 × 2 = 2

(i) I ...playing guitar since I was ten. (play)

(ii) She never ...telling a lie. (tell)

(iii) The bell ...going before I reached the school. (go)

(b) Change the voice of the following : 　1 × 2 = 2

(i) My brother will help me.

(ii) We should do our duty.

(iii) Kindly teach him.

(c) Fill in the blanks with suitable modals :

　　　　　　　　　　　　1 × 2 = 2

(i) I ...would... like to have coffee.

(ii) ...May... God give you courage to face it.

(iii) When I was younger I ...may... run fast.

(d) Fill in the blanks with suitable articles wherever necessary : $1 \times 2 = 2$

    (i) The...... children are fond of stories.

    (ii) Milk costs 50 rupees ...a..... litre.

    (iii) He is ...a... Newton of India.

(c) Fill in the blanks with prepositions : $1 \times 2 = 2$

    (i) Do you believe .... ghosts ?

    (ii) The snake was killed .... the peon.

    (iii) The thief climbed .... the ladder.

(f) Punctuate the following : $1 \times 2 = 2$

    (i) hurrah we have won the match

    (ii) he was honest sincere and hard working

    (iii) the teacher said honesty is the best policy

SECTION – D

(A : Prose Text)

4. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow. Do any **two** passages :

(a) Margie even wrote about it that night in her diary. On the page headed 17 May, 2157, she wrote, "Today Tommy found a real book!

It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper.

They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to – on a screen, you know. And then when they turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had when they read it the first time.

Questions :   1 × 5 = 5

(i)   Name the chapter from which these lines have been taken. Also write the name of the writer.

(ii) What did Margie write in her diary ?

(iii) Had Margie ever seen a book before ?

(iv) They turned the pages'. Who does 'they' refer to ?

(v) What was funny about the book ?

(b) EMPEROR Aurangzeb banned the playing of a musical instrument called *pungi* in the royal residence for it had a shrill unpleasant sound. *Pungi* became the generic name for reeded noisemakers. Few had thought that it would one day be revived. A barber of a family of professional musicians, who had access to the royal palace, decided to improve the tonal quality of the *pungi*. He chose a pipe with a natural hollow stem that was longer and broader than the *pungi*, and made seven holes on the body of the pipe.

Questions : $1 \times 5 = 5$

(i)   Name the chapter and the author.

(ii) What was a pungi ?

(iii) Who banned the playing of pungi in the royal residence ?

(iv) What decision did the barber take ?

(v) Find a word from the passage which means 'high-pitched sound'.

(c) (The Second World War broke out in 1939, when I was eight years old. For reasons I have never been able to understand, a sudden demand for tamarind seeds erupted in the market. I used to collect the seeds and sell them to a provision shop on Mosque Street. A day's collection would fetch me the princely sum of one anna. My brother-in-law Jallaluddin would tell me stories about the War which I would later attempt to trace in the headlines in *Dinamani.* Our area, being isolated, was completely unaffected by the War. But soon India was forced to join the Allied Forces and something like a state of emergency was declared. The first casualty came in the form of the suspension of the train halt at Rameswaram station.

Questions : 1 × 5 = 5

(i) Name the chapter and the author.

(ii) When did the Second World War break out ?

(iii) What thing rose in sudden demand after the Second World War broke out ?

(iv) What do you think 'Dinamani' is the name of ?

(v) Pick out a word from the passage which means 'to bring'.

5. "Father who seems hard from outside is not so from within." Comment on this statement with reference to Kezia's father in *The Little Girl*.   5

OR

On two occasions Bruno ate/drank something that should not be eaten/drunk. What happened to him on these occasions.   *(The Bond of Love)*

6. Answer any *four* of the following questions :

2 × 4 = 8

(i) Why does the World remember Einstein as a "World Citizen" ?   *(A Truly Beautiful Mind)*

(ii) What kind of person does the doctor want to marry ?   *(The Snake and the Mirror)*

(iii) Where did Jerome finally find the toothbrush ?   *(Packing)*

(iv) What is the belief at Pashupatinath about the end of Kaliyug ?   *(Kathmandu)*

(v) Why does the intruder choose Gerrard as the man whose identity he wants to take on ?   *(If I Were You)*

(vi) How did Santosh help her fellow climbers during the 1992 Everest Mission ?

(Reach for the Top : Santosh Yadav)

(B : Poetry)

7. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow :

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 :   1 × 5 = 5

(i) Name the poem from which these lines have been taken.

(ii) Name the poet of the poem from which these lines have been taken.

(iii) What does the poet want everyone to remember ?

(iv) According to the stanza in which two ways are we all alike ?

(v) Which word here means the same as 'under' ?

OR

And being faint with fasting,

For the day was almost done,

He asked her, from her store of cakes,

To give him a single one.

Questions :   1 × 5 = 5

(i) Name the poem and the poet.

(ii) Who is 'he' in this extract ?

(iii) Why is he about to faint ?

(iv) What does he want ?

(v) Find a word from the above extract that means the same as 'hunger'.

8. What should we do to make friends with the wind ?   (Wind) 5

OR

Explain in detail the symbolic significance of the poem 'On Killing a Tree'.

9. Answer any **two** of the following questions :

$2 \times 2 = 4$

(i)   What does the poet like to do when it rains ? ~~(Rain on the Roof)~~

(ii) What is the snake trying to escape from ? Is it a harmful snake ? *(The Snake Trying)*

(iii) How does the poet react to his loved one's death in the poem *'A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal'*?

(C : Supplementary Reader)

10. Why does the lost child lose interest in the things he had wanted earlier ? *(The Lost Child)* 5

OR

What is Behrman's masterpiece ? What makes Sue say so ? *(The Last Leaf)*

11. Answer any **four** of the following questions :

$2 \times 4 = 8$

(i)   "Toto was a pretty monkey." In what sense is Toto pretty ? *(The Adventures of Toto)*

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(ii) In what way is Iswaran an asset to Mahendra ? *(Iswaran the Story Teller)*

(iii) Who is the real culprit according to the king ? Why does he escape punishment ?

(In the Kingdom of Fools)

(iv) Why does the Happy Prince send a ruby for the seamstress ? *(The Happy Prince)*

(v) Why do you think Bill Bryson's wife says to the children, 'Take the lids off the food for Daddy.' ? *(The Accidental Tourist)*

(vi) During their conversation, Lushkoff reveals that Sergei's cook, Olga, is responsible for the positive change in him. How has Olga saved Lushkoff ? *(The Beggar)*

12. Answer any ***three*** of the following : 1 × 3 = 3

(i) What disease Johnsy was suffering from ?
~~be~~ ~~~~ upoion *(The Last Leaf)*

(ii) What was the name of Sergei's maid ?
Ohga *(The Beggar)*

(iii) Name the pet donkey is the grandfather's zoo. *(The Adventures of Toto)*

(iv) What festival were the people going to celebrate in the chapter *The Lost Child'* ?