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ENGLISH

(Only for Fresh/School Candidates)

Time allowed : 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

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- Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are **8** 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 No. on the question paper. Except Roll No. do not write anything on question paper and don't make any mark on answers of objectives type questions.
 - 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) Attempts 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 given passages and answer the questions that follow. Do any **two** passages :

(a) There are wild dogs and pet dogs. Pet dogs are helpers and friends to people. There were no pet dogs 15000 years ago. Men and women learned how to work with dogs. Dogs helped humans travel from Asia to North America 10,000 years ago by pulling sleds in the snow. People say dogs are "man's best friend." They help with farming. They help with hunting. They help with fishing. They can pull things for people. They can help find things. There are many colours of dogs. There are white dogs, grey dogs, black dogs, and brown dogs. A dog's fur can be short or long. Dogs have curly hair or straight fur. There are very small dogs. They are only 6-8 inches tall. There are very big dogs. They are about 3 feet tall. Some dogs can see well. Some dogs do not see very well. All dogs can hear well. They can hear sounds that people cannot hear. They can hear high sounds and low sounds. They can hear sound very far away. All dogs can smell very well. They can smell 40 times better than humans! Dogs live 5 to 13 years, but some dogs live much longer. One dog lived to be 24 years old!

Questions :

$1 \times 5 = 5$

- (i) Dogs helped people go to America by
- (ii) How tall are the smallest dogs ?
- (iii) How tall are the biggest dogs ?
- (iv) What can all dogs do well ?
- (v) How old was the oldest dog ?

(b) The king of Iran had heard that Birbal was one of the wisest men in the East. He wanted to meet Birbal, so he sent him an invitation to visit his country. In due course, Birbal arrived Iran. When he entered the palace he was puzzled to find not one, but six kings seated there. All were dressed in kingly robes. Birbal began to think, 'Who is the real king?' The very next moment, he got the answer. Confidently, he approached the King and bowed to him. "But how did you identify me" The King asked, puzzled. Birbal smiled and explained; "The false kings were all looking at you, while yourself looked straight ahead. Even in regal robes, the common people will always look to their king for support." Overjoyed, the king embraced Birbal and showered him with gifts.

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Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Who sent Birbal an invitation to visit Iran?
- (ii) The real king was looking at the false kings. True or False?
- (iii) Becoming overjoyed due to Birbal's Wisdom, what did the king give to Birbal?
- (iv) When Birbal entered the palace, he was puzzled to see
- (v) Find a word from the above passage which means 'dress'.

(c) Bees live in a house that is called a hive. There are three kinds of bees; workers, drones and queens. Only one queen bee can live in each hive. If she is lost or dead, the other bees will stop their work. Bees are very wise and busy little creatures. They all join together to build cells of wax for their honey. Each bee takes its proper place and does its own work. Some go out and gather honey from the flowers; others stay at home and work inside the hive. The cells which they build are all of one shape and size, and no space is left between them. The cells are not round. They have six sides. It is not safe for children to handle bees. Bees have a painful sting that they use in their defence.

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Bees live in a house called
- (ii) Name the three kinds of bees.
- (iii) How many sides do cells built by bees have?
- (iv) How do bees defend themselves?
- (v) Give a suitable title to the passage.

SECTION - B**(Writing Skills)**

2. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **100** words. 5
 - (a) You are Sumit/Suman. Write an application to your Principal asking him to grant you leave for 3 days as you are attending your brother's marriage at Faridabad.
 - (b) Write an application to the Principal of your school for full-fee concession.
3. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **100** words. 5
 - (a) Write a paragraph on 'Value of Discipline in Student Life'.
 - (b) Write a report on the Annual Function organised by your school.

SECTION-C

Grammar

4. Answer any **twelve** sentences, choosing **two** from each sub-part.

1 × 12 = 12

(a) Punctuate the given sentences :

- (i) ram is a good boy
- (ii) ashoka was a great king
- (iii) Gandhi said do or die

(b) Fill in the blanks with correct form of verb :

- (i) Water at 100°C. (boil)
- (ii) The train before we reached the station. (go)
- (iii) It since morning. (rain)

(c) Fill with suitable articles, wherever necessary:

- (i) Rahul and Sonia have apples.
- (ii) I have pen.
- (iii) I saw one-eyed person yesterday.

(d) Change the voice :

- (i) Aman writes a letter.
- (ii) The teacher taught the lesson.
- (iii) I have done my work.

(e) Fill with suitable conjunctions :

- (i) I have two apples one banana.
- (ii) He is rich miser.
- (iii) Work hard you should fail.

(f) Fill with suitable modals :

- (i) You quit smoking. You have lung cancer.
- (ii) The keys be under my pillow. (Least possibility)
- (iii) you live long!

SECTION-D

[A : Prose Text (Beehive)]

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

- (a) But Evelyn was not going to give up. She was determined to lead a normal life and pursue her interest in music. One day she noticed a girl playing a xylophone and decided that she wanted to play it too. Most of the teachers discouraged her but percussionist Ron Forbes spotted her potential. He began by tuning two large drums to different notes. "Don't listen through your ears." He would say. "try to sense it some other way."

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Name the chapter.
 - (ii) Name the author.
 - (iii) What instrument did Evelyn want to play ?
 - (iv) Who spotted Evelyn's potential ?
 - (v) Find the word in the passage which means 'quality or ability that can be developed.'
- (b) 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 inches from my face! It would not be correct to say merely that I sat there holding my breath. I was turned to stone. But my mind was very active. The door opened into darkness. The room was surrounded by darkness. In the light of the lamp I sat there like a stone image in the flesh.

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Name the chapter.
- (ii) Name the author.
- (iii) Who is 'I' in the above paragraph?
- (iv) What was the distance between snake's hood and the narrator's face?
- (v) What was the room surrounded by ?

- (c) Two years ago we were passing through the sugarcane field near Mysore. People were driving away the wild pigs from the field by shooting at them. Some were shot and some escaped. We thought that everything was over when suddenly a black sloth bear came out panting in the hot sun. Now I will not shoot a sloth bear wantonly but unfortunately for the poor beast, one of my good companions did not feel that way about it, and promptly shot the bear on the spot.

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Name the chapter.
 - (ii) Name the author.
 - (iii) What were people driving away from the sugarcane fields?
 - (iv) Did narrator want to shoot the sloth bear?
 - (v) Give a word from the passage which means 'friend'.
6. Answer any **one** of the following in about 100 words. 5
- (a) Tell in brief about all the characters in the story 'Packing'. (Don't forget about the dog!).
 - (b) What are the main features of the teachers and the schoolrooms that Margie and Tommy have in the story 'The Fun They Had'?
7. Answer any **three** of the following questions in about 20-30 words . 2 × 3 = 6
- (i) Where was shehnai played traditionally ? How did Bismillah Khan change this ?
(The Sound of Music : The Shehnai of Bismillah Khan)
 - (ii) In what ways did Kezia's grandmother encourage her to get to know her father ?
(The Little Girl)
 - (iii) What did Einstein call his desk drawer at work? Why?
(A Truly Beautiful Mind)
 - (iv) How did Montmorency 'contribute' to packing?

[B : Poetry (Beehive)]

8. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow.

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,

And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;

Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,

And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

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Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (a) Name the poem.
- (b) Name the poet.
- (c) Of what will the poet make his cabin?
- (d) How many bean rows will poet have there?
- (e) Does the poet want to live a group of people at the isle?

OR

It takes much time to kill a tree,
Not a simple jab of the knife
Will do it. It has grown
Slowly consuming the earth,
Rising out of it, feeding
Upon its crust, absorbing
Years of sunlight, air, water,
And out if its leprous hide
Sprouting leaves.

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (a) Name the poem.
- (b) Name the poet.
- (c) What will not be done by a simple jab of knife?
- (d) What has grown up feeding upon earth's crust?
- (e) What does a tree absorb?

9. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 100 words.

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- (a) Give theme of the poem 'The Road Not Taken'.
- (b) What circumstances led to the turning of miser old lady into a woodpecker?

10. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **20-30** words.

2 × 2 = 4

- (a) What does the poet like to do when it rains? (Rain on the Roof)
- (b) Where was the snake before anyone saw it ? Where did he hide? Why?

(The Snake Trying)

- (c) What should we do to befriend wind? (Wind)

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[C : Supplementary Reader (Moments)]

- 11.** Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 100 words. 5
- (a) Write another ending of the story 'Iswaran the Storyteller'.
 - (b) Do you think that Prashant is a good leader? Justify.
- 12.** Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 20-30 words. $2 \times 4 = 8$
- (a) What are the things that child sees on his way to fair ? (The Lost Child)
 - (b) In what sense was Toto pretty? (The Adventure of Toto)
 - (c) Why was the Happy Prince sad? (The Happy Prince)
 - (d) What is Johnsy's illness? What is its treatment? (The Last Leaf)
 - (e) 'My cat was back and so was I'. Had the author gone anywhere? Why or why not? (A House in not a Home)
 - (f) Give a brief character-sketch of Olga. (The Beggar)

