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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 **16** 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.

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SECTION - A**[Unseen Comprehension]**

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

Stones can have a mesmerizing effect and you can see pink sand stones come alive at Akshardham Temple, built on the banks of the river Yamuna in Delhi. Inaugurated by the President of India on November 6, 2025, the temple is an example of traditional architecture in the modern day.

The enormous and sprawling campus rolls out over 100 acres and was built over 5 years at a cost of ₹ 200 crores. It took over 7000 craftsmen and artisans from all over the world to carve and construct the beautiful piece of architecture working day and night. The artisans can still be seen chipping at the sculptures using traditional chisels and hammer to carve their intricate designs. It took over 300 million man hours to create this unique temple that offers not just a place of worship, but also attracts the international visitors.

The Akshardham temple is dedicated to the Hindu gods Lakshmi-Narayan, Shiv-Parvati, Radha-Krishna and Sita-Ram and another 20000 idols of disciples carved both inside and on the outside of the temple walls. A 12 minute boat ride in a cave like hall introduces the visitors to the various dimensions of Indian culture as they existed 10000 years ago. Plastic surgery was performed for the first time in the world in India. The concept of 'zero' also originated in India. Astronomy and the understanding and prediction of eclipses, medical procedures and weaponry making were among the many firsts in India.

The main monument stands 141 feet high, 316 feet wide and 270 feet long. It has 239 ornately carved pillars and nine domes. An 11 feet tall statue of Lord Swami Narayan towers highest, along with the statues of other deities. The entire monument rises on the shoulders of 148 huge elephants along with other birds and animals that tell fables highlighting moral values. These are further explained in words carved on small slabs of stone alongside. The temple also has carvings of 869 peacocks surrounded by exquisite arches.

Questions :

(i) Where did the concept of 'zero' originate ?

(a) In India

(b) In China

(c) In Egypt

(d) In Persia

(ii) What is the height of the main monument of the temple ?

(a) 40 feet

(b) 25 feet

(c) 141 feet

(d) 343 feet

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- (iii) Which of the following facts are **true** about the Akshardham temple ?
- (a) Its area is more than 100 acres
 - (b) It was built over five years
 - (c) The cost of construction was ₹ 200 crore
 - (d) All of these
- (iv) The Akshardham temple is a
- (a) great place of worship
 - (b) big tourist attraction
 - (c) both (a) and (b)
 - (d) has many fountains
- (v) The Akshardham temple is dedicated to
- (a) Lakshmi-Narayan
 - (b) Shiv-Parvati
 - (c) Radha-Krishna
 - (d) All of the above
- (vi) The boat ride in a cave introduces the visitor to
- (vii) Akshardham temple is made of
- (viii) Akshardham temple was inaugurated on December 6, 2005. **(True/False)**
- (ix) Why did Artisans use traditional chisels and hammar ?
- (x) How many elephants are there to rise the monument on their shoulders ?

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

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For a student, walking is preferable to all other exercises. The advantage of this mode of exercise is that it is simple. The apparatus is all at hand. You need not wait for the importation of machinery. It is in the open air that the lungs can at once receive the pure air of heaven and eyes gaze upon hill and dale, upon trees and flowers, upon the objects animate and inanimate.

The very objects of sight and sound cheer the mind and raise the spirit. Another example of the advantage of walking is that you can have a friend to walk with and unbend the mind by pleasant conversation. Once try the method of walking with a friend regularly for a few weeks and you will be surprised at the marvellous results.

On those afternoons when study is not required, be sure to take a long walk and lay up health for days to come.

Questions :

- (i) What is the advantage of walking ?
- (a) No machinery required
 - (b) Pure air and nature
 - (c) Friend for conversation
 - (d) All of the above

- (ii) Walking is preferable to
- (iii) How can you lay up health for days to come ?
- (iv) The best way to unbend the mind is conversation. **[True/False]**
- (v) What would surprise you in walking for some days ?
- (vi) Which word in the passage mean - 'Lifeless' ?
- (a) mode
 - (b) apparatus
 - (c) inanimate
 - (d) None of these
- (vii) Which of the following is referred as simple ?
- (a) exercise
 - (b) walking
 - (c) cycling
 - (d) All of the above
- (viii) You can gaze upon - "Which objects of nature have been mentioned in the passage ?
- (a) hill
 - (b) dale
 - (c) both (a) and (b)
 - (d) None of these

- (ix) When can you take long walks for laying up health for days to come ?
- (a) anytime
 - (b) when study is not required
 - (c) after examination
 - (d) None of these
- (x) What do you mean by - 'The apparatus is all at hand' ?

SECTION - B**[Grammar]**

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

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

- (i) Your health (depend) on nutritious food. (Tense)
- (a) depend
 - (b) depends
 - (c) is depending
 - (d) none
- (ii) I (read) my book when my friend came. (Tense)
- (a) am reading
 - (b) will be reading
 - (c) was reading
 - (d) None

(iii) I read Geeta everyday. (Article)

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

(d) None

(iv) Mr. Sethi is lawyer. (Article)

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

(d) None

(v) He prefers tea coffee. (Prepositions)

(a) on

(b) then

(c) than

(d) to

(vi) He poured the water the bottle. (Prepositions)

(a) at

(b) of

(c) from

(d) None

(vii) You to have good manners. (Modals)

(a) need

(b) ought

(c) must

(d) should

(viii) you like another cup of coffee ? (Modals)

(a) would

(b) should

(c) will

(d) can

(ix) Change the voice – The gardener was watering the plants.

- (a) The plants is watered by the gardener.
- (b) The plants were being watered by the gardener.
- (c) The plants will be watered by the gardener.
- (d) Were the plants watered by the gardener.

(x) Change into indirect speech :

Mohan said to Sohan, "Please come to market with me."

- (a) Mohan told Sohan to come to market with me.
- (b) Mohan ordered Sohan to come to market with him.
- (c) Mohan requested Sohan to come to market with him.
- (d) Mohan asked Sohan to come to market with me.

(xi) There is a will. There is a way. (Adverb Clause)

- (a) There is a will, where is a way.
- (b) Where is a will, there is a way.
- (c) Where there is a will, there is a way.
- (d) Where there is a way, there is a will.

(xii) he is poor, he is honest. (Conjunction)

- (a) As
- (b) Since
- (c) Although
- (d) None of these

SECTION - C

(Writing Skills)

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

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You are Rohan/Ria of House No. 123, Model Town, Panchkula. Write a letter to your friend Rhythm/Ravina with an advise to take part in games for maintaining proper health.

OR

Write a paragraph on Visit to a Historical Place.

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

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You are Raghav, studying in class 10th, you have attended a NCC camp last month. Write a report on your NCC camp mentioning the various activities of the camp.

OR

You want to sell your Car/Fridge/New house. Draft an advertisement to be published in a national newspaper under classified columns.

SECTION - D**[A : Prose Text (Beehive)]**

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

As for music, she explains, 'It pours in through every part of my body. It tingles in the skin, my cheekbones and even in my hair,' When she plays the xylophone, she can sense the sound passing up the stick into her finger tips by leaning against the drums, she can feel the resonances flowing into her body. On a wooden platform she removes her shoes so that the vibrations pass through her bare feet and up her legs.

Questions :

- (a) Who is referred to in this passage ?
- (b) What does she say about the music ?
- (c) How can she feel the sound of the xylophone ?
- (d) What does she do while playing the drums and why ?
- (e) Why does she remove her shoes on a wooden platform ?

OR

I took a close look at my face in the mirror. I made an important decision. I would shave daily and grow a thin moustache to look more handsome I was after all a bachelor, and a doctor !

I looked into the mirror and smiled. It was an attractive smile I made another earthshaking decision. I would always keep that attractive smile on my face to look more handsome. I was after all a bachelor and a doctor too on top of it !

Questions :

- (a) What did he look at in this passage ?
- (b) Was the narrator married ?
- (c) What was his profession ?
- (d) What was the first important decision he made ?
- (e) How was his smile in the mirror ?

7. Answer any **two** questions in about **30-40** words :

3 + 3 = 6

- (a) How can we say that Bismillah Khan loved India and Banaras ?

(The Sound of Music)

- (b) Why was Kezia afraid of her father ?

(The Little Girl)

- (c) How was Einstein – a Scientific genius ?

(A Truly Beautiful Mind)

- (d) Who were Abdul Kalam's childhood friends ?

(My Childhood)

8. What are the main features of the mechanical teachers and the schoolrooms that Margie and Tommy have in the story ? [The Fun They Had] 6

OR

What is the main difference in the atmosphere of Pashupatinath temple and Baudhnath Shrine ? [Kathmandu]

[B : Poetry (Beehive)]

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

*Now in memory comes my mother,
As she used in years ago,
To regard the darling dreamers
Ere she left them till the dawn :
O! I feel her fond look on me
As I list to this refrain
Which is played upon shingles
By the patter of the rain.*

Questions :

- Where is the poet lying in this poem ?
- Whom does the poet remember ?
- What does the poet feel about his mother ?
- What is the poet listening to ?
- How does the poet describe the falling of the rain ?

OR

It takes much time to kill a tree,

Not a single job of the knife

Will do it. It has grown

Slowly consuming the earth,

Questions :

- (a) How much time does it take to kill a tree ?
- (b) How does a tree grow ?
- (c) What does a tree need to grow up ?
- (d) What can not kill a tree ?
- (e) What is the name of the poem ?

10. Write the answers in **30-40** words (Any **two**) :

3 + 3 = 6

- (a) Where did the two roads diverge and why did the poet tell this with a sigh ?

(The Road Not Taken)

- (b) What should we do to make friends with the wind ?

(The Wind)

- (c) What does the poet wish to make ?

(The Lake Isle of Innisfree)

- (d) How did Saint Peter punish the selfish woman ?

(A Legend of Northland)

[C : Supplementary Reader (Moments)]

11. Write the answers in **30-40** words (Any **two**) :

3 + 3 = 6

- (a) Was it easy for the parents to deal with the little child ? Who enjoyed more ?
(The Lost Child)
- (b) How did Iswaran narrate simple stories ? (Iswaran - The Story Teller)
- (c) What was special in the town when the Guru and the Disciple visited there ?
(In the Kingdom of Fools)
- (d) How did the painter save the life of the girl ? (The Last Leaf)

12. How can you say that it was not easy for the grandfather to keep the monkey in the house ?
(The Adventures of Toto) 6

OR

"The swallow and the statue of the Little Prince were the two most precious things in the world." How can you justify it ?
(The Happy Prince)