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## New Syllabus

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**Note :** (i) This question paper is divided into three sections :

- Section A : Reading Comprehension
- Section B : Writing Skills
- Section C : Literature Textbook

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

**[SECTION-A]**

**[ Reading Comprehension ]**

**Note :** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Money came into existence to answer the need of mankind, but this need did not arise until civilization had grown beyond its earliest stages. Primitive man lived by hunting, each hunted only for himself and his family or tribe. At such a stage when strangers were avoided or driven away, money and even trade were unnecessary. Later, when

he had learnt to domesticate wild animals, man lived a nomadic and pastoral life, constantly wanderings as he drove his flocks and herds to new pastures. As the road to wealth was then possession of beasts, money in its modern form was still not necessary, although the beasts themselves were a form of money. It would suit, what few craftsmen there were to be paid for their wares in cattle and farmers and herdsmen to pay in that way. When human communities began to settle down and cultivate the land, instead of wandering over it with their flocks and herds, the division of labour increased and people specialized in crafts and trades. Most men specialized in growing or producing something of which only a very small portion was necessary for their own wants. So they had to get rid of their surplus. In exchange for it, they wanted something, which would give them the power to choose what they wanted from the surpluses of other people. A few transactions might take place in straightforward exchange or barter, but only certain things could be treated in this way. It was unlikely for instance, that a shoemaker needing supplies of corn for his family from time-to-time would always find that the farmer would not take shoes in exchange. It would be more convenient, if there were some other object that would always be useful to both the shoemaker and the farmer.

Once the people have agreed what this other object is to be and once they are prepared always to accept it or offer it in payment, then we have money in its primitive form. It is the go-between all business transactions or as the economists say, 'a medium of exchange'. We have seen that in the pastoral stage of human history, cattle themselves were this generally acceptable commodity; it is therefore not strange that the Latin word for money, 'pecunia' comes from a similar Latin word 'pecus' meaning cattle. In modern English we still use the adjectives 'pecuniary' meaning concerned with money and 'impecunious' meaning having no money.

**Questions :**

[A] Choose the appropriate option : [1×5=5]

- Q.1** The primitive man lived by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) shooting (b) farming  
(c) hunting (d) shopping
- Q.2** \_\_\_\_\_ were driven away by the primitive man.
- (a) Strangers (b) Wild animals  
(c) Family members (d) Woodcutters
- Q.3** Barter system was \_\_\_\_\_ convenient to the people of the ancient age.
- (a) always (b) never  
(c) sometimes (d) daily
- Q.4** The word 'pecunia' originated from \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Spanish (b) German  
(c) Latin (d) French
- Q.5** The precious metal do not suffer the disadvantage of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) being stolen by thieves  
(b) requiring lot of space for storing  
(c) adulteration  
(d) presentation

[B] Answer the following questions in brief : [1×5=5]

- Q.6** What answered the need of mankind?
- Q.7** What were considered as the form of money when civilization was developing?
- Q.8** What was the form of transaction then?
- Q.9** What is money according to the economists?
- Q.10** What do you mean by 'pasture' in the passage?

[C] Find the words in passage similar meaning as : [1×2=2]

- Q.11** unknown
- Q.12** costly

**Note :** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

The most alarming of man's assaults upon the environment is the contamination of air, earth, rivers and sea with lethal materials. This pollution is for the most part irrevocable; the chain of evil it initiates is for the most part irreversible. In this contamination of the environment, chemicals are the sinister partners of radiation in changing the very nature of the world; radiation released through nuclear explosions into the air, comes to the earth in rain, lodges into the soil, enters the grass or corn, or wheat grown there and reaches the bones of a human being, there to remain until his death. Similarly, chemicals sprayed on crops lie long in soil, entering living organisms passing from one to another in a chain of poisoning and death. Or they pass by underground streams until they emerge and combine into new forms that kill vegetation, sicken cattle, and harm those who drink from once pure wells.

It took hundreds of millions of years to produce the life that now inhabits the earth and reached a stage of adjustment and balance with its surroundings. The environment contained elements that were hostile as well as supporting. Even within the light of the sun, there were short wave radiations with power to injure. Given time is the essential ingredient, but in the modern world there is no time.

**Q.13** On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. [4]

**Q.14** Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words using notes made and also suggest a suitable title. [4]

### [SECTION-B]

#### [ Writing Skills ]

**Q.15** You are Rahul, Cultural Secretary of your school. You have organised an inter-school singing competition as a part of the annual day celebrations in your school. Write a notice for the school notice board informing the students about the same (in about 50 words). [4]

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**OR**

You have found a briefcase while travelling in the bus. Write a suitable advertisement for the 'Lost and Found' columns of a local newspaper in about 50 words. State the details required for your satisfaction.

- Q.16** Write a letter to the Commissioner of Raipur Corporation, complaining about the poor sanitary conditions and mosquito menace in your locality. [6]

**OR**

Write a letter to your friend Rakesh / Rakhi inviting him / her to attend your sister's marriage.

- Q.17** Write an article in about 250 words on any **one** of the following topics : [10]

- (i) Importance of Newspaper
- (ii) Television : A Boon or a Bane
- (iii) Importance of Games and Sports
- (iv) Environment Pollution : A Global Problem

- Q.18** Do as directed (any **ten**) : [1×10=10]

- (i) We have won the match. (Change the voice)
- (ii) Do not waste your time. (Change the voice)
- (iii) The teacher said, "The earth is round like a ball."  
(Change the narration)
- (iv) He said to her, "Where do you live?"  
(Change the narration)
- (v) (a) The peon rings the bell.  
(b) The students run out of the classroom.  
(Combine the sentences using 'as soon as')
- (vi) You do your homework daily.  
(Change the sentence into interrogative)

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- (vii) (a) The box is very heavy.  
(b) I cannot lift it.  
(Combine the sentences using 'so...that')
- (viii) Mohan posted the letter. (Add question tag)
- (ix) (a) I met Ramesh. (b) Ramesh had just arrived.  
(Combine by using relative clause)
- (x) He shuts the gate. (Change the voice)
- (xi) It is certain. Abdul will pass.  
(Combine the sentences using noun clause)

[SECTION-C]

[ Literature Textbook ]

(Flamingo)

**Note :** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears. But in a little while I gathered confidence. I paddled with my new water wings. Watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. I did this two or three times on different days and was just beginning to feel at ease in the water when the misadventure happened.

I went to the pool when no one else was there. The place was quiet. The water was still, and the tiled bottom was as white and clean as a bathtub. I was timid about going in alone, so I sat on the side of the pool to wait for others.

**Questions :**

Choose the correct answer :

[1×4=4]

- Q.19** Y.M.C.A. pool revived \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) pleasant memories (b) stirred fear  
(c) unpleasant memories (d) childish memories
- Q.20** I \_\_\_\_\_ with my new water wings.  
(a) paddled (b) swim  
(c) air wings (d) fear

**Q.21** The narrator went to the pool when the place was \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (a) quiet (b) closed  
(c) calm (d) crowd

**Q.22** \_\_\_\_\_ was as white and clean.

- (a) The pool (b) The water  
(c) The tiled bottom (d) The place

**Note :** Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below :

Surely, Shakespeare is wicked, the map a bad example  
With ships and sun and love tempting then to steal  
For lives that slyly turn in their cramped holes  
From fog to endless night? On their slag heap, these children  
Wear skins peeped through by bones  
and spectacles of steel  
With mended glass, like bottle bits on stones  
All of their time and space are foggy slum.  
So blot their maps with slums as big as doom.  
Unless, governor, inspector, visitor,  
This map becomes their window and these windows,  
That shut upon their lives like catacombs,  
Break O break open till they break the town  
And show the children to green fields,  
and make their world  
Run azure on gold sands, and let their tongues  
Run naked into books the white and green leaves open  
History theirs whose language is the sun.

**Questions :**

Choose the correct answer :

[1×4=4]

**Q.23** Lives that slyly turn in their cramped holes from fog to endless \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- (a) day (b) night  
(c) morning (d) evening

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**Q.24** The mended glass looks like bottle bits on \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a) stones (b) log  
(c) metal (d) marble

**Q.25** The windows that shut upon their lives like \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(a) coconut (b) stream  
(c) catacombs (d) river

**Q.26** Children run naked into books the \_\_\_\_\_ leaves open.  
(a) green and yellow (b) black and green  
(c) white and black (d) white and green

**Note :** Answer the following questions in about 2 sentences each : [2×3=6]

**Q.27** What doubts did Edla have about the peddler?

**Q.28** What changes did the order from Berlin cause in school that day?

**Q.29** Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?

**Note :** Answer the question in about 80 words : [6]

**Q.30** Give a character sketch of Mr. Hamel.

**OR**

Compare and contrast the character of the ironmaster with that of his daughter.

**(Vistas)**

**Note :** Answer the following questions in about 2 sentences each : [2×2=4]

**Q.31** Why does Charley call the world in 1894 peaceful?

**Q.32** Who is Tiger King? Why does he get this name?

**Note :** Answer the question in about 80 words : [6]

**Q.33** Draw a character sketch of the Tiger King in your own words.

**OR**

“The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress.”

What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them?

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