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Time : 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks : 75

Note : Attempt **All** questions.

Q.1 (A) Choose the correct alternatives :

[1×5=5]

- (i) Beinkensopp missed the ____ test.
- (a) English
 - (b) Maths
 - (c) PE
 - (d) Science
- (ii) Fences, gates and walls refer to ____
- (a) houses
 - (b) challenges
 - (c) boundaries
 - (d) stones and hills
- (iii) The speaker holds the quality of _____ in the poem 'About Me'.
- (a) a heart that beats for others
 - (b) joys and sorrows it shares
 - (c) a mind that looks beyond
 - (d) All of these

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(iv) In the poem, 'Including All My Friends' the speaker says, "we all are the same because" _____

- (a) we all look alike
- (b) we are all playing together
- (c) we are all relatives
- (d) we are all human beings

(v) In the poem, 'Sumba's Adventure' the poet roams through _____

- (a) plains
- (b) gardens
- (c) forests
- (d) valleys

Q.1 (B) Match the following :

[1×5=5]

(A)

(B)

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| (i) As you sow | – | (a) obey their parents |
| (ii) They must | – | (b) teaching long periods |
| (iii) He is used to | – | (c) talk bluntly |
| (iv) You need not | – | (d) teach in this school long ago |
| (v) He used to | – | (e) so shall you reap |

Q.1 (C) Fill in the blanks with the correct options given within brackets :

[1×5=5]

- (i) Last year we went for _____ holiday to Mainpat. (a /an / the)
- (ii) There are _____ books on these shelves. (many / much / little)
- (iii) The match _____ begun before I switched on T. V. (has / have / had)
- (iv) He won't pass the exam _____ he works hard. (if / so / unless)
- (v) The Nile is the _____ river in the world. (long / longer / longest)

Note : Question Nos. 2 to 6 are based on the following passage :

Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions :

India is a land of farmers who are very simple and hard working. Their only wealth is their land. If their crops fail, they run into debt and lead a miserable life. They are mostly uneducated. They are not familiar with the new implements and improved methods of farming. They use the same kind of plough as was used many centuries ago. Our government is trying its best to improve the lot of farmers. They are encouraged to use the modern implements, good seeds and manures. They are given loan at a low rate of interest. Development blocks which supply superior seeds and good manure to the farmers are opened all over the country; for the benefit of the farmers.

Questions :

- Q.2** What happens if the crops fail for an Indian farmer? [2]
- Q.3** Why does not the farmers use new methods of farming? [2]
- Q.4** Find word/phrase from the passage which means : [1×2=2]
- (i) borrow money
- (ii) to give hope or support or confidence
- Q.5** How does government help the farmers? [2]
- Q.6** Find the antonyms of the following from the passage : [1×2=2]
- (i) inferior
- (ii) happy

Note : Answer the following questions (Question Nos. 7 to 10) :

- Q.7** Why did Akash decide to settle down in India? What does it show about his character? [3]

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- Q.8** Why does Louie feel scared and why does Louie say the teacher is good? [3]
- Q.9** Why was the peon called? What did he tell about Swaminathan? [3]
- Q.10** What does one learn by travelling around the world, according to Ibn Battuta? [3]
- Q.11** Write a letter to Orient Publications, Raipur to send you the books you require. [4]

OR

Write a letter to your friend describing how you spent the lock-down days at home.

- Q.12** Write a notice on the school notice-board inviting entries for the school magazine for articles, poems, stories and paintings. You are the Editor of the School Literary Club. [4]

OR

You are the School Sports Secretary. Write a notice for the annual school meet which is held next week inviting students to participate in the different sports categories.

- Q.13** Write a paragraph on 'Polythene Bags a Great Nuisance' using the hints given : [4]

- (i) Polythene made with organic compound
- (ii) Government should ban selling of polythene bag
- (iii) Non-biodegradable pollutants
- (iv) Drains and gutters also be choked by the polythene

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OR

Write a paragraph on 'Physical Education in Schools' using the hints given :

- (i) Physical education necessary for all-round development
- (ii) Healthy mind in a healthy body
- (iii) Teaches team-work and discipline
- (iv) Helps in national unity and co-operation

Q.14 Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

Daddy was a freelance writer contributing short stories to Tamil magazine and scripts for films, although the films offers were few and far between. Before I was born, he'd once held a steady, well-paying job in Trivandrum as Malayalam news reader. His name Nagarcoil K. Padmanabhan was known to All India Radio listeners in Kerala. He'd suddenly resigned from AIR to pursue with relentless passion, his dream of being a writer. Among Daddy's early friends in Chennai were actors Gemini Ganeshan and Nagesh, the comedian. Ganeshan continued to visit us even after he became famous. I would look out, star-struck, as his blue Fiat drove in. He'd tease my handsome dad, calling him 'Maapilai' (Tamil for bridegroom) and the two would go on talking shop.

Questions (any *five*) :

[1×5=5]

- (i) Before being a freelance writer daddy held a job in _____.
- (ii) Daddy's friend Nagesh was _____.
- (iii) Daddy had a relentless passion for being _____.
- (iv) Why did he resign from AIR?
- (v) What was the job of the Daddy before the birth of the narrator?
- (vi) Find the word which is an opposite to the word 'change'.

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(vii) Find out the word from the passage which means 'the story of a film'.

(viii) Find the transformed noun form of the adjective 'comic' from the passage.

Q.15 Do as directed : [1×8=8]

(i) He invites me to the party.

(Change into passive voice)

(ii) He finished his work and put away the tools.

(Change into simple sentence)

(iii) She does her classwork. (Change into negative sentence)

(iv) (a) I don't know it.

(b) Will she be admitted to the university.

(Combine these sentences by suitable connector)

(v) The doctor said to the patient, "How are you?"

(Change into indirect speech)

(vi) It is very lovely picture.

(Change into exclamatory sentence)

(vii) Kamla is so tired that she cannot work.

(Rewrite the sentence using 'too....to')

(viii) (a) I found her.

(b) She was waiting for me.

(Combine both sentences using 'present participle')

Q.16 Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics : [8]

(i) Health is Wealth

(ii) Visit to a Historical Place

(iii) Importance of Games and Sports

(iv) Pollution Problem

(v) Hobbies

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Q.17 Read the poem and answer the questions that follow :

Wind, come softly.
Don't break the shutters of the windows.
Don't scatter the papers.
Don't throw down the books on the shelf.
There, look what you did—
you threw them all down.
You tore the pages of the books.
You brought rain again.
You are very clever at
poking fun at weaklings.

Questions :

[1×5=5]

- (i) What did the poet ask the wind not to do?
- (ii) What is the wind clever at?
- (iii) The garden was _____ with dry leaves.

(Fill up with 'scattered/shuttered')

- (iv) Find the word from the passage which is an antonym of 'foolish'.
- (v) _____ tore the pages of the books.

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