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ENGLISH

Time : Three hours 15 minutes]

[Max. Marks : 100

Instructions :

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into **four** sections – A, B, C, and D.
- (iii) **All** questions from all the sections are **compulsory**.
- (iv) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A
(Reading)

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

A man who possesses a strong will and firm determination, finds all difficulties solved. To him, there are a number of ways open to steer clear of all dangers and difficulties (Such a man goes on working hard, and even if he fails he is never downcast. Failures make him all the more determined and he persists in his task till he attains the desired success.)

Therefore, the man who works hard with a strong resolution and an unshaken will, achieves success and makes his fortune. It is a folly to suppose that wealth, fame or power are achieved by luck, or destiny. (A man can be the builder of his own fortune by sheer dint of perseverance, industry and strong will. (The man who is lazy, sluggish and refrains from doing his duties, invites trouble and suffering in his life.)

- (a) What is necessary to get success in life ? 3
- (b) How do failures help achieve the desired success ? 3
- (c) Who is the builder of his own fortune ? 3
- (d) What kind of people invite miseries in their life ? 3

- (e) (i) Explain the underlined portion of the passage. 1
(ii) Write the opposite for 'success'. 1
(iii) Write the adjective form of the word 'resolution'. 1

SECTION B
(Writing)

2. Write an article on any **one** of the following topics in about 100 – 150 words : 10
(a) Demerits of Dowry System
(b) "Science in the Service of Mankind"
(c) Unemployment in India and its solution

3. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your utter dissatisfaction and grief against unfair practices in competitive examinations. 10

OR

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your sister's marriage.

SECTION C
(Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions : 5×2=10

- (a) Government by one person is called :
(i) Democracy : (ii) Anarchy
(iii) Autocracy (iv) Plutocracy
- (b) The phrase 'set off' means :
(i) to leave a place ✓ (ii) to hate a place
(iii) to start to go (iv) to be forced to go
- (c) The synonym for 'bane' is :
(i) boon (ii) curse
(iii) blessing ✓ (iv) reward
- (d) He has been living in Varanasi since three years,
Which word is an 'error' in the sentence ?
(i) years (ii) has
(iii) since ✓ (iv) three
- (e) The antonym of 'ability' is :
(i) unability (ii) inability ✓
(iii) disability (iv) incapability

5. (a) Change any **one** of the following to indirect speech : 2
- (i) The teacher said, "All men are mortal".
- (ii) Rita says, "I shall do it".
- (b) Combine **one** of the following as directed : 2
- (i) You must work hard or you will not succeed. (Simple sentence)
- (ii) He is certain of being able to help his friend. (Complex sentence)
- (c) Transform any **one** of the following as directed : 2
- (i) She is writing a letter to her father. (Passive voice)
- (ii) Shyam is taller than any other boy in the class. (Superlative degree)
- (d) Correct any **one** of the following sentences :
- (i) My friend Ramu is junior than me.
- (ii) Deers are grazing in the forest.
- (e) Use any **one** of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear : 2
- (i) Birth - Berth
- (ii) Complement - Compliment
6. Translate the following passage into English : 5

मुंशी प्रेमचंद्र को कौन नहीं जानता ? अधिकाधिक लोगों ने उनकी कहानियों तथा उपन्यासों को पढ़ा है। उनकी कहानियों तथा उपन्यासों में गाँव में रहने वाले निर्धन तथा मध्यम वर्गीय परिवार के लोगों की झलक मिलती है। उन्होंने गाँव, रीति-रिवाज, सामाजिक बुराइयों, जमींदारों के अत्याचार तथा अंधविश्वासों के विषय में खुलकर लिखा है। उन्होंने यह सिद्ध किया कि साहित्य समाज का दर्पण होता है।

SECTION D
(Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each : 4+4=8
- (a) What did Raj Kumar Shukla do to bring Gandhiji to Champaran ?
- OR**
- What do the inhabitants of Seemapuri do for their survival ?
- (b) What did Gandhiji do to improve the miserable condition of the farmers at Champaran ?
- OR**
- What was the utility of garbage for the poor children in Seemapuri ?

8. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 80 words : 7
- (a) Describe the hazards of working in the glass bangle industry.
- (b) What did Douglas do to overcome his fear of water ?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow : 3×2=6

That for themselves a cooling covert make
'Gainst the hot season; the mid forest brake,
Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms;
And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
We have imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

- (a) Why is grandeur associated with 'the mighty dead' ?
- (b) What is 'the endless fountain of immortal drink' that the poet refers to in the poem ?
- (c) What is poured unto us from the heaven's brink ?
10. Write the central idea of any **one** of the following poems : 4

- (a) My Mother At Sixty-six
- (b) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers
- (c) Keeping Quiet

11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each : 4+4=8

- (a) What prediction was made by the astrologer about the Tiger King ?

OR

What circumstances forced Dr. Sadao's father to send him to America ?

- (b) Who is Mr. Lamb ? How does Derry get into his garden ?

OR

Who was Hana ? How did Hana meet Sadao ?

12. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 80 words : 7

- (a) What impression do you form of Dr. Sadao, both as a doctor and a human being, on the basis of the story 'The Enemy' ?
- (b) How did the Maharaja fulfil his vow ? What dangers did he face while fulfilling it ?