

# **Series-A**

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## **ENGLISH**

**Time Allowed—3 Hours      Maximum Marks—80**

Candidates are required to answer the questions  
in their own words as far as practicable.

Marks allotted to each question are indicated  
against it.

### **Special Instructions :**

- (i) You must write Question Paper Series in  
the circle at top left side of title page of  
your Answer-book.

- (ii) While answering your Questions, you must indicate on your Answer-book the same Question No. as appears in your Question Paper.
- (iii) Do not leave blank page/pages in your Answer-book.
- (iv) This question paper has 28 questions. All Questions are compulsory.
- (v) This question paper contains four sections, Section-A : MCQ, Section-B : Reading Skills, Section-C : Creative Writing Skills and Section-D : Literature.
- (vi) Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
- (vii) Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

- (viii) All questions given in Section–A (Multiple Choice Questions) are to be attempt on OMR sheet provided with Answer book.

## **SECTION–A**

### **(Multiple Choice Questions)**

Answer the following MCQ's by selecting the correct option : 16×1=16

1. A letter to the editor is .....
  - (a) a casual letter
  - (b) a formal letter
  - (c) an informal letter
  - (d) a personal letter.
  
2. Suppose you are self employed and want a sales person for your business. In which section will you give your advertisement?
  - (a) Situation vacant.

- (b) Situation wanted
  - (c) Agents and distributors
  - (d) Accommodation wanted
3. How will you gather the content of your reports?  
Choose the appropriate option :
- (a) From the eyewitness
  - (b) From Newspapers.
  - (c) Through own witnessed **incident**
  - (d) All of these three.
4. A notice can be :
- (a) displayed on Board.,
  - (b) published in Newspapers.
  - (c) announced on Radio.
  - (d) Both (a) and (b).

The mother in the poem, "My Mother at Sixty Six" has been compared to :

- (a) Rising sun
- (b) Half moon
- (c) Late Winter's moon.
- (d) Full moon.

3. According to the poet Pablo Neruda of the poem, 'Keeping Quiet' we can understand ourselves through .....

- (a) Meditation
- (b) Self realisation
- (c) Quiet introspection
- (d) Sadness.

7. Aunt Jennifer has embroidered

(a) Tigers

(b) Mountains

(c) Clouds

(d) Paths.

8. Where had the road side stand been set up.

(a) In the market

(b) At the edge of a road.

(c) In front of a School

(d) In front of a house.

9. What had been put up on the Bulletin board

(a) A notice

- (b) An invitation
- (c) An order from Berlin.
- (d) A poster.

10. Who was Saheb?

- (a) A player
- (b) A bangle maker
- (c) A servant
- (d) A poor ragpicker.

11. Who was the English visitor to Gemini Studios?

- (a) Stephen Spender.
- (b) Shakespeare
- (c) Subbu
- (d) Robert Frost.

12. What is the positive view on interview?
- (a) It is an unwelcome intrusion
  - (b) It is immoral
  - (c) It is the highest source of truth.
  - (d) It is a crime.
13. The third level was :
- (a) A source of enjoyment for Charley.
  - (b) A building
  - (c) A cricket ground
  - (d) A medium of escape for Charley.
14. How was the hundredth tiger found?
- (a) It had been found in a Forest
  - (b) It had been found in a City

- (c) It had been found in a Market
  - (d) It had been brought from the people's park.
15. What is Unique and typical about Antarctica?
- (a) It is very far away
  - (b) It is very cold
  - (c) It is very hot
  - (d) The continent without another Human population..
16. Where had Dr. Sadao met Hana?
- (a) In Japan
  - (b) In Australia
  - (c) In India
  - (d) In America.

## SECTION—B

### (Reading Skills)

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

- (i) Do we know the difference between knowledge and wisdom? Is there a need to know the difference between them? Are we well equipped to handle the vagaries of existence with what is known to us? Knowledge means all that we acquire from what we read, hear or see. Wisdom means the ability to choose from what is available to us and then use it for our own benefit. Today the world has started talking about the value based education. What does it

mean? In simple terms, it means two things, first it accepts that current education has badly let us down?

- (ii) Secondly, it lays stress on values, and hence wisdom, instead of mere knowledge. How do we acquire this value based education? The answer becomes simple if we know why we need education? We need education only to make us live better and more joyously. Once we know this, we must add only those things in education which achieve this aim. The dictum that, 'a healthy mind can exist only in a healthy body' is a time tested one. Schools thus become sources of healthy body too.

(iii) This can be best achieved by Yoga because games are beyond our financial capabilities. Yoga is very beneficial. It occupies so little space, and can be done without the least bit of fuss. One wonders why schools have not adopted it as a mandatory subject at all levels.

On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions :

(a) Complete the following statements :

2×1=2

(i) Wisdom means .....

(ii) The benefit of Yoga are .....

(b) Answer the following questions briefly:

3×1=3

(i) What does knowledge mean?

- (m) What does value based education convey?
- (n) Why is Yoga ideal for Schools?
- (o) Find the words from the given choices having similar meanings as :  $3 \times 1 = 3$

(i) Prepared :

- (a) Well equipped
- (b) Available
- (c) Vagaries
- (d) Current.

(ii) Merrily :

- (a) Joyously
- (b) Healthy
- (c) Stress
- (d) Dictum.

(iii) Obligatory :

- (a) Fuss
- (b) Mandatory
- (c) Beneficial
- (d) Wonders.

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

- (i) Child labour has been sought in the country since the middle of the 19th century when factories first made an appearance. Since children in the most industries provide the same productivity as adults, and in several cases even more, but at a far lower cost, they were soon recognised as a means to lower overheads and increase profits. However, as the

industrial revolution progressed, gradually the people became aware of the torture they were subjecting their children to - both mentally and physically. But, even as the country continued to progress at various levels, it lagged behind in terms of the wherewithal and prosperity needed to take care of the new social relations which had sprung up, with the result that wages for workers were abysmally low and it was difficult for a family to survive on one man's wages. This is when human resources became the only true assets families had and every pair of working hands including those of children, was engaged in earning a livelihood.

(ii) And once child labour had made appearance in the job market, employers soon began to prefer working children working adults, for not only could they give the same output as an adult work at a much lower cost, but were also more nimble and agile and more amenable discipline. The employers prefer children because their high profits depend largely on child labour.

(iii) It is indeed lamentable that poverty even compels parents and guardians to barter their children for money. A number of young children are sold by their parents or pledged as bonded labour.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the passage make notes on it using a suitable form. Also suggest a suitable title.

- (B) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. 3

## SECTION—C

### (Creative Writing Skills)

39. You are Sohan / Savita of GBSSS Shimla. You have lost your wrist watch in the School Campus, while playing. Draft a notice not more than 50 words for the School notice board under the column "Lost and Found".

*Or*

You want to sell your flat as you are going to Abroad. Draft an advertisement to be published in "The Indian Express". 4

40. The Anti-tobacco day was celebrated in your School in which various competitions were organised. Prepare a report on the event to be published in your School magazine. You are Raman/Renuka.

**Or**

Your School celebrated the Teacher's day on September 5th this year. Write a report on it to be published in your School magazine.

21. Last summer you bought colour television from M.S. Electricals, Una with a warranty of two years. Now you find that the picture gets blurred every now and then. Even the sound has become defective. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about this problem.

**Or**

You are Sanjay / Simi of 47, Sunny side, Solar. Write a letter to the Editor of a Newspaper expressing your concern about the 'population explosion'.

22. Write an Article to be published in a Newspaper on 'Honesty is the best policy'.

**Or**

You are Ramesh / Rama of GSSS Mandi. Write an Article for your School magazine on the topic "The value of Discipline in life". 6

### **SECTION—D**

#### **(Literature)**

23. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow : 3×1=3

I looked again at her, wan, pale

as a late winter's moon and felt that old

familiar ache, my childhood's fear,

but all I said was, see you soon, Amma,

and all I did was smile and smile and smile.....

- (i) Name of the Poem and the Poet.
- (ii) What was the old familiar ache?
- (iii) What does the Poet's smile signify?

**Or**

Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,

Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.

They do not fear the men beneath the tree;

They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

- (i) Name of the Poem and the Poet.
- (ii) Who are Denizens of a world of green?
- (iii) How do tigers pace?

24. Answer any **two** of the following questions in  
about 30 words each : 2×2=4

- (i) Why has the mother been compared to the

‘Late winter's moon’?

(ii) Why grandeur is associated with mighty dead?

(iii) What was the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand?

5. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 20-30 words each : 2×2=4

(i) What changes did the order from Berlin cause in School that day?

(ii) Is Saheb happy working at the tea stall? Explain.

(iii) Why did peddler sign himself as Captain von stahle?

4. Answer the following questions in about 125-150 words : 6

Mention the hazards of working in the Glass bangles industry.

Why do you think Gandhiji considered the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life?

27. Answer the following questions in about 125-150 words : 6

The story 'The Tiger King' is a satire on the conceit of those in power. How does the author employ the literary device of dramatic irony in the story?

**Or**

Why is Antarctica the place to go to in order to understand the Earth's present, past and future?

28. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 20-30 words each : 2×2=4

- (i) What will Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill?
- (ii) Will Hana help the wounded man and wash him herself ?
- (iii) What are the indications for the future of mankind ?