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समय : तीन घण्टे 15 मिनट

पूर्णांक : 70

Note : First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.

General Instructions :

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into two parts : Part – A and Part – B.
- (iii) Part – A consists of 20 Multiple Choice Questions of 1 mark each that have to be answered on the OMR Answer Sheet.
- (iv) For Part – A, read the question-wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet only. Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR sheet after answering.
- (v) Marks of the questions are mentioned against them.
- (vi) Part – B consists of Descriptive Type Questions of 50 marks.
- (vii) All the questions of Part – B are to be attempted.

PART – 'A'

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(Multiple Choice Questions)

(Q. 1 – 3) : Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

An old man was distressed because his sons always quarrelled with one another. One day he called them to him and showed them a bundle of sticks tied together. He asked if anyone of them was strong enough to break them. First one and then another tried, but they all failed. He then untied the bundle and told them to break each stick separately. This they did easily and all the sticks were soon broken into pieces. Thus he taught them that united they would be strong, but disunited they would always be weak.



1. An old man was distressed because
- (A) his sons did not quarrel.
 - (B) his sons quarrelled with their friends.
 - (C) his sons quarrelled sometimes with him.
 - ☒ (D) his sons always quarrelled with one another.

2. An old man was distressed. It means he was
- (A) happy
 - ☒ (B) sad
 - (C) angry
 - (D) mad

3. Which word in the passage is opposite of 'weak'?
- (A) Distressed
 - (B) Disunited
 - ☒ (C) Strong
 - (D) Quarrelled

(Q. 4 – 8) : Choose the correct option to answer the following :

4. I am proud _____ my students.
- (A) with
 - (B) to
 - ☒ (C) of
 - (D) from

5. Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence :

children / some / to share / their / love / toys

- (A) Children love some toys their to share.
- (B) Their toys to share love some children.
- (C) Children some love their to share toys.
- ☒ (D) Some children love to share their toys.

No sooner did he reach the college, _____ the bell rang.

- ☒ (A) but
- (B) if
- (C) then
- (D) than

7. Which of the following words is mis-spelt ?

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☒ (A) Military

(B) Temperary

(C) Century

(D) Ordinary

8. Choose correct option to answer the following :

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One who cannot speak, is _____.

☒ (A) dumb

(B) blind

(C) deaf

(D) lame

(Q. 9 – 10) : Read the passage given below. Choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

Over many days and months Valli listened carefully to conversations between her neighbours and people who regularly used the bus, and she also asked a few discreet questions here and there. This way she picked up various small details about the bus journey. The town was six miles from her village. The fare was thirty paise one way – “which is almost nothing at all”, she heard one well-dressed man say.

9. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option :

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The town was _____ from Valli's village.

☒ (A) eight miles

☒ (B) six miles

(C) five miles

(D) ten miles

10. The fare of the bus was _____ one way.

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☒ (A) thirty paise

(B) twenty paise

(C) forty paise

(D) fifty paise

(Q. 11 – 13) : Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

11. Democracy elections were held in South Africa in _____ and Nelson Mandela became the first black President of a new nation.

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(A) 1990

(B) 1984

(C) 1950

☒ (D) 1994

✓ 12. Valli was a _____ year old girl.

(A) seven

(C) twelve

(B) ten

✓ (D) eight

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✓ 13. The poem was about a mother duck and _____ swan.

(A) a sister

(B) a brother

✓ (C) a father

✓ (D) a friend

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(Q. 14 – 15) : Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

✓ 14. Some people say that the world will end in _____.

(A) sea

(B) smoke

✓ (C) fire

(D) stones

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✗ 15. What do you mean by 'hold' here ?

(A) Comfort

✓ (B) Desire

(C) Laugh

✓ (D) Support

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(Q. 16 – 20) : Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

✓ 16. When the thief awoke the next morning, he found :

(A) Anil had left him.

(B) Anil had cheated him.

(C) Anil had made the tea.

(D) Anil was sleeping.

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✓ 17. At Harvard Medical School, Richard Ebright began experiments, because he wanted

(A) to save others' life.

(B) to save his life.

(C) to prove the reaction.

✓ (D) to test his theory.

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18. Bholi's father Ramlal had :

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(A) four sons and three daughters.

(B) two sons and five daughters.

(C) five sons and two daughters.

☒ (D) three sons and four daughters.

19. Tricky's actual problem was :

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(A) Malnutrition

(B) Fever

(C) Vomiting because of excess of food

(D) Malaria

20. In the story "The Necklace", the necklace that was lost was _____.

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(A) A necklace of gold

(B) A necklace of silver

(C) A necklace of real diamonds

☒ (D) A necklace of artificial diamonds

PART- 'B'

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(Reading)

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

Once a poor woman came to the Buddha to ask him whether he could give her any medicine to restore her dead child to life. The holy man told her that there was only one medicine which could revive her son. He bade her bring a handful of mustard seed from a house where death had never visited. The sorrowful mother went from door to door seeking the mustard seed, but every door she met with sad replies. One said, "I have lost my husband," another said, "our youngest child died last year." She returned with a heavy heart to the Buddha, who told her tenderly that she must not think much of her own grief, since sorrow and death are common to all.

☒ (a) Why did the poor woman go to the Buddha ?

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☒ (b) What did the Buddha ask the woman to do ?

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☒ (c) What were the sad replies that people gave her ?

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(d) Which word in the passage means 'softly' ?

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(Writing)

2. Write a letter to your friend from the place you are visiting during holidays.

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OR

Write an application to the Principal of your college to allow you a week's leave of absence as you are sick.

3. Write a report on 'A Busy Market' in about 80 – 100 words.
(Hints : its name and decoration; goods, customers, traffic, its impact, your suggestions)

OR

Write an article on 'A Visit to a Zoo' in about 80 – 100 words :

- (i) What is a zoo
- (ii) Place or location, where the zoo is
- (iii) Animal; birds; reptiles (snakes etc.)
- (iv) Conclusion

(GRAMMAR)

4. (a) Rewrite the following sentence into indirect speech :
My friend said to me, "Please lend me your book today." 2
- (b) Change the following into passive voice :
She helped me. 2
- (c) Punctuate the following :
mohan said to sohan do you know that lucknow is the capital of uttar pradesh 2
- (d) Translate into English : 4
भारत एक विकासशील देश है । यह तेजी से उन्नति कर रहा है । बढ़ती जनसंख्या और कीमते (मूल्य) बड़ी समस्याएँ हैं । इन्हें नियंत्रित करके हमारा देश महान बनेगा ।

(LITERATURE)

5. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each : 3 + 3 = 6

- (a) Why did the postman laugh heartily ?

OR

What are the main preparations of the bakers of Goa ?

- (b) What was Lencho's remark for the post office employees ?

OR

What did Valli do after she got into the bus ?

6. Answer any **one** of the following in about **60** words :

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(a) How did the bus conductor receive Valli ?

(b) What does the writer say about Coorg and its people ?

7. Who has composed the poem 'Dust of Snow' ? What message does the poet give us through this poem ?

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OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

(Do not copy the lines given in the question paper.)

8. Write the central idea of any **one** of the following poems (in about **40 – 50** words) :

(a) Amanda

(b) Dust of Snow

(c) A Tiger in the Zoo

9. Answer any **one** of the following in about **30 – 40** words :

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(a) How did Mme Loisel react when her husband showed her an invitation card of a party at the Minister's residence ?

(b) What treatment did the doctor give to Tricki ?

10. Answer any **one** of the following in about **60** words :

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(a) How was Bholi taken to school for her primary education ?

(b) Why did Hari Singh return to Anil even after stealing Anil's money ?
