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General Instructions :

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) **All** questions are **compulsory**.
- (iii) This question paper is divided into **two** parts : Part-A and Part-B.
- (iv) Part-A consists of 20 multiple choice questions carrying 1 mark each.
- (v) Read the question-wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet. Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR sheet.
- (vi) Part-B consists of descriptive type questions.
- (vii) Marks are indicated against each question.

PART-A

Multiple Choice Questions

(Questions No. 1 – 3) Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion. The general recognition of this fact is shown in the proverbial phrase, "It is the busiest man who has time to spare." Thus, an elderly lady at leisure can spend the entire day writing a postcard to her niece. An hour will be spent in finding the postcard, another hunting for spectacles, half an hour to search for the address, an hour and a quarter in composition and twenty minutes in deciding whether or not to take an umbrella when going to the pillar box in the next street. The total effort that would occupy a busy man for three minutes, all told, may in this fashion leave another person completely exhausted after a day of doubt, anxiety and toil.

1. Who is the person likely to take more time to do work? 1
- (A) A busy man
 - (B) A man of leisure
 - (C) An elderly person
 - (D) An exhausted person
2. What does the expression 'pillar box' stand for? 1
- (A) A box attached to the pillar
 - (B) A box in the pillar
 - (C) Box office
 - (D) A pillar-type postbox
3. Which word in the passage is opposite to the word 'idle'? 1
- (A) busy
 - (B) elderly
 - (C) laborious
 - (D) naughty

(Questions No. 4 – 8) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

4. We must help _____ poor. 1
- (A) a
 - (B) the
 - (C) an
 - (D) None of the above
5. If you work hard, you _____ pass. 1
- (A) would
 - (B) will
 - (C) could
 - (D) might

(Questions No. 11 – 13) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

11. Where was Lencho's house situated ? 1
- (A) At the bottom of the hill
 - (B) At the top of a low hill
 - (C) At the top of a plateau
 - (D) In a city
12. What was Gautama Buddha's early name ? 1
- (A) Sidha
 - (B) Sadhu
 - (C) Siddhartha
 - (D) Sidharth
13. Which party did Mandela join ? 1
- (A) Indian National Congress
 - (B) African National Congress
 - (C) National African Party
 - (D) He did not join any party

(Questions No. 14 – 15) Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree.

14. Who was sitting on the tree ? 1
- (A) Crow
 - (B) Parrot
 - (C) Sparrow
 - (D) Pigeon
15. Where was the poet standing ? 1
- (A) Under a neem tree
 - (B) Under a hemlock tree
 - (C) Under a peepal tree
 - (D) None of the above

(Questions No. 16 – 20) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

- 16.** What was Bholi's real name ? 1
- (A) Priya
(B) Geeta
(C) Sulekha
(D) Sita
- 17.** Who was Tricki ? 1
- (A) A cat
(B) A monkey
(C) A dog
(D) A rabbit
- 18.** What did Hari Singh want from Anil ? 1
- (A) Work
(B) Money
(C) Home
(D) Eatables
- 19.** Ebright was born in : 1
- (A) Liverpool.
(B) London.
(C) Reading.
(D) Oxford.
- 20.** Matilda's husband was : 1
- (A) a minister.
(B) a businessman.
(C) an officer.
(D) a petty clerk.

PART-B

Reading

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

Most of the girls belonging to poor families do not go to school in rural areas. When asked, their parents would say that they want their daughters to be educated. They stay at home because their parents believe that the kind of education on offer is not appropriate for their daughters, or because they feel the risks are too great. Those risks are real. Girls are sexually harassed sometimes by their fellow students, or by strangers as they walk down to school. These pressures are central to low enrolment and retention of girls. Poverty also plays its part. If their clothes are torn, girls from poor families will stay at home. In such cases, they are forced by the demands of modesty and propriety.

- (a) What role does poverty play in the education of girls ? 2
- (b) Who are the persons who cause harassment to school-going girls ? 2
- (c) What are the reasons why the parents do not send their daughters to school though they want them to be educated ? 2
- (d) Which word in the passage means 'keep in place' ? 1

Writing

22. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her to attend your sister's marriage. 4

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school complaining against insufficient supply of drinking water in your school.

23. Write an article on 'A Visit to a Zoo' in about 80 – 100 words. 6

(Hints : introduction, visit to the zoo, scene at the zoo, overall experience)

OR

Write a report on the 'Independence Day' celebrations in your school in about 80 – 100 words on the basis of the hints given below :

(Hints : decoration of school building, flag hoisting ceremony, singing of National Anthem, cultural programmes, Principal's speech, distribution of sweets)

Grammar

24. (a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech : 2
The teacher said to me, "Where are you going ?"
- (b) Change the following into passive voice : 2
He always helps me.
- (c) Punctuate the following : 2
the teacher said to me do not waste your time
- (d) Translate the following into English : 4
भारत तेजी से उन्नति कर रहा है । यह एक प्रगतिशील देश है । जनसंख्या और बढ़ती कीमतें बड़ी समस्याएँ हैं । यदि हम इन्हें नियंत्रित कर लें, तो हमारा देश महान बन सकता है ।

Literature

25. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each : 3+3=6
- (a) Why was Lencho angry when he received the letter ?
- OR**
- What, according to Mandela, is 'true freedom' ?
- (b) Why does Anne Frank think that paper has more patience than people ?
- OR**
- How do the people of Coorg differ from the Hindu mainstream ?
26. Answer any **one** of the following in about 60 words : 4
- (a) Do you think Valli enjoyed her first bus ride ? Give examples from the lesson to support your answer.
- (b) Why was Kisa Gotami in so much grief ? What did she learn in the end ?
27. Why does the poet hold with those who favour fire ? 3
- OR**
- Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus. (Do not copy the lines given in this question paper)

- 28.** Write the central idea of any *one* of the following poems in about 40 – 50 words : 3
- (a) A Tiger in the Zoo
 - (b) Dust of Snow
 - (c) The Trees
- 29.** Answer any *one* of the following in about 30 – 40 words : 3
- (a) Who was responsible for the poor condition of Tricky ?
 - (b) What were the reasons for Matilda's unhappiness ?
- 30.** Answer any *one* of the following in about 60 words : 4
- (a) Give a character sketch of Matilda.
 - (b) Describe the role of Bholi's teacher in her life.