

SECTION - A

(Reading - 15 Marks)

1. Read the poem given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the correct options from the choices given : 1x5=5

Friendship! peculiar boon of Heaven,
The noble mind's delight and pride,
To men and angels only given,
To all the lower world denied.

While love, unknown among the bless'd,
Parent of thousand wild desires,
The savage and the human breast
Torments alike with raging fires.

Thy gentle flows of guiltless joys
On fools and villains ne'er descend;
In vain for thee the tyrant sighs,
And hugs a flatterer for a friend.

Directness of the brave and just,
Oh guide us through life's darksome way!
And let the tortures of mistrust
On selfish bosoms only prey.

Nor shall thine ardours cease to glow,
When souls to peaceful climes remove.
What raised our virtue here below
Shall aid our happiness above.

--Samuel Johnson

(a) What is a special blessing of God ?

- (i) Love (ii) Affection
(iii) Mother (iv) Friendship

(b) Love creates thousands of _____ in the human heart.

- (i) torments (ii) troubles
(iii) desires (iv) fires

(c) The joys and happiness of life are not showered on the _____.

- (i) fools (ii) villains
(iii) corrupt people (iv) fools and villains

(d) The poet prays to God that only _____ should fall prey to the untrustworthy people.

- (i) selfless (ii) busy
(iii) selfish (iv) arrogant

(e) The word in the poem which means the same as not granted is _____.

- (i) ardours (ii) denied
- (iii) torments (iv) descend

2. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow by choosing the correct options from the choices given : 1x5=5

SEVEN weavers once started on a moonlit journey. They had not gone very far from their home when they lost the road. After trying to find their way, they came to a field of flax (a kind of plant) which they took to be a river, as the field was in flower, and they fancied the blue colour of the flower to be that of water. They stripped themselves and began swimming. After hard labor, they got across. To make certain that no one was drowned, they took the precaution of counting themselves before resuming their journey; but they discovered that one of them was missing, as each forgot to count himself. Grieved at the loss of one of their company, they had not the heart to pursue their journey, and returned home.

(a) The seven friends set upon a _____ journey.

- (i) moonlit (ii) day
- (iii) afternoon (iv) evening

(b) They considered the field of flax to be a _____.

- (i) sea (ii) ocean
- (iii) stream (iv) river

(c) In the process of counting the number of friends, _____.

- (i) each forgot to count one member
- (ii) each forgot to count his neighbour
- (iii) each forgot to count himself
- (iv) each forgot the counting

(d) After the counting, they decided not to pursue the journey because _____.

- (i) they were fed up
- (ii) they didn't feel like proceeding without one lost friend
- (iii) they were tired
- (iv) they were bored

(e) The word in the passage which means the same as to continue is _____.

- (i) grieved (ii) to pursue
- (iii) discovered (iv) precaution

3. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow : 1x5=5

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day, the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, 'You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.'

- (a) The fault of the boy whom the father wanted to improve was _____.
- (b) The father asked him to _____ whenever he lost his temper.
- (c) The father wanted the boy to pull out the nails as he wanted him to see _____.
- (d) The lesson taught by the father is _____.
- (e) The word from the passage which means the same as declined/ grew less is _____.

SECTION - B

(Writing - 15 Marks)

4. 19th Commonwealth Games were held successfully in Delhi from 3rd October to 14th October, 2010. On the one hand it was a grand success, on the other, there was a great criticism in the newspapers about the corruption on the part of the organizing committee. Write in about 100 words your views to the editor of a leading daily. You are Sarita/ Manav of 160, Manak Vihar, Delhi. 6

OR

Your friend Ibuka/ Masaru of Japan wants to visit India. Write a letter in about 100 words informing her/ him about India, its Climate, month of visit, clothing required and important places where you plan to take her/ him. You are Sonal of CU. Janak Puri, New Delhi.

5. You are Jatin/ Sanya. You have been asked to deliver a speech on how to welcome foreign guests in the city. Write the speech in about 120 words. 6

OR

You are Harsh/ Astha. You are very sensitive about the wastage of water. You observe flowing taps in the school. Write an article in about 120 words for your school magazine on the topic, Save Water.

6. Tomorrow you are going to visit MCD Councillor of your area to interview him about the state of sanitation in your colony. Prepare a dialogue with your friend about interviewing the politician you are planning to visit. (80 words) 3

OR

Complete this story in about 80 words :

There was a young girl who wanted to see the whole world and see new things. She told her mother about her wish. Her mother promised that they would go to a hill station. On the next Sunday they set out for their journey. On their way _____.

SECTION - C

(Grammar - 15 Marks)

7.Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options : $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

There was a beautiful girl who was proud of her beauty. One day she (a)_____ rudely to an angel who was very upset and (b)_____ the girl that she would change into a dirty frog. The girl (c)_____ upset and (d)_____ crying. She felt sorry and (e)_____ for her rude behaviour. The angel had pity and said that she could be free of the curse only if she (f) _____ with other frogs for one month.

- (a) (i) talk (ii) talked (iii) talking (iv) talks
(b) (i) cursed (ii) curse (iii) was cursing (iv) is cursing
(c) (i) become (ii) became (iii) becoming (iv) is becoming
(d) (i) start (ii) starting (iii) started (iv) has started
(e) (i) apology (ii) is apologized (iii) has apologized (iv) apologized
(f) (i) stay (ii) is staying (iii) was staying (iv) stayed

8.Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate words from the given options : $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

The Health check-ups (a)_____ in all the schools every year. These camps (b)_____ by the local medical authorities. Several features (c)_____ in this health check-up such as eye check-up, teeth check-up etc. Students (d)_____ to follow health tips. The doctors from different hospitals (e)_____ free check-up of the students. Medical equipment (f)_____ for the purpose of check-up.

- (a) (i) conducted (ii) are conducted
 (iii) conducting (iv) conducts
(b) (i) are organized (ii) organized
 (iii) was organized (iv) is organizing
(c) (i) included (ii) are included
 (iii) including (iv) is included
(d) (i) advise (ii) advising
 (iii) are advised (iv) has advised
(e) (i) conduct (ii) is conducted
 (iii) has conducted (iv) conducted
(f) (i) bring (ii) is bringing

(iii) was bringing (iv) is brought

9. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

Gandhiji's elder brother always wear e.g. wear (wore)
an golden bangle on his arm. Once he got (a) _____
into a debt. He didn't know what too do about it. (b) _____
At last he thought to clip a bit out of her (c) _____
bangle but sell it. Gandhiji was in the know of (d) _____
his secret. He helped his brother at his plan. (e) _____
The debt is paid but Gandhiji almost broke (f) _____

10. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as shown in the example. $1 \times 3 = 3$

Some students/Kapil's uncle/went/one/meet/day/to

One day some students went to meet Kapil's uncle.

(a) a cheerful/engine driver/there/person/was/an/who was

(b) looked/he/on/always/side/things/of/the bright

(c) thought/misfortune/he/every/has/side/that/a/bright.

11. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows : $1 \times 3 = 3$

Shopkeeper : May I help you, sir ?

Customer : I want to buy a branded computer.

Shopkeeper : Which one do you want, sir ?

Customer : Give me the one which needs less maintenance.

The shopkeeper asked the customer politely (a) _____. The customer replied (b) _____.

The shopkeeper enquired politely (c) _____. The customer replied that he wanted a computer which needed less maintenance.

SECTION - D

(Literature - 35 Marks)

12. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow : $4 \times 2 = 8$

(a) "And as you know, my land is a near neighbour of yours. You will remember that my Oxen Meadows touch your Birchwoods."

(i) Who is speaking the above lines and to whom?

(ii) What does the speaker really intend to say and why does he deviate from the real issue ?

(iii) What does the above statement result in ?

(b) Coorg regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first Chief of the Indian Army, General Kariappa was a Coorgi.

(i) How is the Coorgi regiment decorated ?

(ii) What does the above information tell us about the Coorgis ?

(iii) Who was the first Coorgi to become the Chief of the Indian Army ?

(iv) Which word in the passage means the same as large military group ?

13. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate options given below : (any two) 3x2=6

(A)

I am an orphan, roaming in the street,
I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet.
The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet.

(1) Who is the speaker of the above lines ?

- (a) a child (b) a youngster
(c) a boy (d) a teenage girl

(2) Why does the speaker want to be an orphan ?

- (a) She doesn't like her parents.
(b) She has no parents.
(c) She doesn't want her parents' interference.
(d) She doesn't want to talk to anyone.

(3) What does the phrase, silence is golden mean ?

- (a) Her book on silence has golden cover.
(b) She has not to answer anything to anyone.
(c) The word silence is engraved in golden.
(d) After becoming silent one becomes golden.

(B)

They do not sweat and whine about their condition,
They do not lie awake and weep for their sins,
They do make me sick discussing their duty to god .

(1) Whom does they refer to ?

- (a) birds (b) human beings
(c) animals (d) parents

(2) Who are compared in the above lines ?

- (a) Animals and birds (b) Animals and reptiles
(c) Birds and human beings (d) Animals and human beings

(3) The phrase sweat and whine means _____.

- (a) a sweet wine
(b) to be happy in one's circumstances
(c) to be sweating because of heat
(d) to be complaining about one's circumstances

(C)

It sits looking

Over harbour and city
On silent haunches
And then moves on.

(1) What does It refer to ?

(a) a dog (b) a rat (c) fog (d) mist

(2) Silent haunches mean _____.

(a) sitting disturbingly (b) sitting quietly
(c) standing silently (d) sitting quietly on thighs

(3) Which figure of speech is used in the above mentioned lines ?

(a) simile (b) metaphor
(c) alliteration (d) paradox

14. Answer any three of the following questions in 40 - 50 words each. 2x3=6

- (a) Why does Valli collect information about the bus to the town ?
(b) How does Mijbil invent his own games ?
(c) How did the writer know about the arrival of the baker ? Why did the children anxiously wait for him ?
(d) What does Chubukov think about the purpose of Lomov's visit ?

15. Answer the following question in about 80 words. 5

How does Gautama Buddha help Kisa Gotami realize the reality of life ?

OR

The lesson, The Proposal includes more conflict than courtship. Justify.

16. Answer the following question in about 80 words. 4

How did the golden spots of monarch butterflies lead to Ebright's great theory ?

OR

Bholi was transformed from a dumb cow to a bold person. How ?

17. Answer any two of the following questions in 40 - 50 words each. 3x2=6

- (a) A visit to a science fair helped Richard Ebright to become a great scientist. How ?
(b) How did Matilda prepare for the ball ?
(c) Why did the narrator get scared of Oliver Lutkin's mother ?