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ENGLISH (Language and literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions :

- (i) *This paper is divided into four Sections — A, B, C and D.*
- (ii) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*

SECTION A — (Reading)

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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Anger is the most commonly experienced emotion. If not managed in the correct way, it threatens to rule our lives in a hostile manner. It varies in intensity from mild irritation to violent anger. When you get angry, your heart rate increases and blood pressure rises, as do the levels of your energy hormones. Even when you have angry thoughts, it results in an increase in the blood pressure and the heart rate. Anger turned inward is an unexpressed anger. It can create its own set of problems. It may cause depression. One may also get a paralytic attack or a heart attack. People who are constantly putting others down, criticising everything haven't learnt how to express their anger constructively. They aren't likely to have many successful relationships.

- (a) How does your body react when you are angry ? 2
- (b) What is anger ? 1
- (c) Mention shortcomings of people who keep on criticising everything and everybody. 2
- (d) What is an 'anger turned inward' ? 1
- (e) Which word in the passage means 'unfriendly/showing enmity' ? 1

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

The hyena is part cat, part dog. Its legs and feet are those of a dog. Other parts of the body resemble the build of cats. The hyena is not a hunter. It is timid and cowardly. It depends for its food on what is left of animals killed by the bigger cats, such as the tigers or panthers. Because of this it has come to be known as the scavenger of the animal world. The hyena sometimes attacks animals which cannot either defend themselves or are sick or wounded. They are shy of man and usually avoid him. But sometimes they are known to have carried away children. The hyena does not roar or bark but laughs'. It produces a sound which, when heard at a distance, seems like laughter.

- (a) How is the hyena 'part cat' and 'part dog' ? 2
- (b) Why has it been called 'the scavenger of the animal world' ? 2
- (c) How does the sound produced by the hyena seem like to the human ear ? 1
- (d) When does the hyena attack the animals ? 2
- (e) Find the word, from the passage, which means 'easily frightened'. 1

SECTION B — (Writing) 20

3. A self-defence training camp for girls was organized by your school during Autumn Break. Mentioning the importance of this type of training, the number of participants, the hours of training per day and the activities such as Judo and other martial arts, write a report in about 40 words. You are Upasana/Udit, the student editor of your school magazine. 4
4. Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following topics in about 80 words : 6
- (a) How You Celebrated Your Birthday
 - (b) An Incident I Cannot Forget
 - (c) Smoking is Harmful to Health
5. You went on a holiday to Mount Abu with your family during the winter break. Write a letter to your friend, Shweta at Jaipur sharing with her how you enjoyed your tour. You are Umang/Lovish, living at A-11, Gobind Vihar, Delhi. 10

OR

There is no proper arrangement of clean drinking water in the school of your younger sister. Write a letter to the Principal of Summer Spring Girls School, Vinod Garden, Delhi complaining about this most urgent problem. You are Sarthak/Aaradhna living at A-14, Sun City, Delhi.

SECTION C — (Grammar)

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6. Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in the brackets : 3

Three members of a gang _____ (arrest) by the police recently. The police _____ (get) a tip off that some criminals _____ (will) commit a dacoity in Vikasnagar area. A trap _____ (be) laid and all the three _____ (catch). They _____ (use) to target the locked houses from the back door.

7. Combine the following pairs of sentences using the sentence connectors given in brackets : 2

- (a) The accessories of this car are very costly. I will not buy it. (because)
(b) Take bed rest. You are fully recovered. (till)

8. Fill in the blanks with non-finites : 2

Many people complain about _____ (work) too much in office but few of us realize that work can be fun too. It depends much upon the kind of colleagues you have. If you have been able _____ (make) friends in your organization, you are much more likely _____ (enjoy) your work. So it is useful _____ (focus) on your relationships with other people at the office.

9. Fill in the blanks using suitable modals : 2

If we sit in an incorrect posture it _____ (may/shall) strain our back. As far as possible this _____ (should/must) be avoided. If the posture becomes a part of habit, a low back pain invariably develops. It _____ (should/can) be cured if we become conscious of our postures. If the exercises are done regularly the back ache _____ (may/can) certainly be cured.

10. Complete the following paragraph, using clauses given in the box : 3

where the doctors and nurses take care of, when an accident takes place, which has a siren
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_____, injured persons are carried in an ambulance _____ to make its way to the hospital _____ the injured immediately.

11. Change the following dialogue in the indirect form of narration : 3

Anubhav : Where do you plan to go during vacations ?

Kiran : I want to visit Mount Abu with my family.

SECTION D — A (Prose)

20

12. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

The Millennium might have been no more than an accident of the calendar. But you, the Governments and peoples of the world, have chosen to make it more than that — an occasion for all humanity to celebrate, and to reflect.

If one word encapsulates the changes we are living through, it is ‘globalisation’. We live in a world that is interconnected as never before

- (a) In what way is ‘The Millennium’ more than an accident of the calendar ? 2
- (b) Which one word describes the changes of our times ? 1
- (c) What, according to Kofi Annan, is ‘globalisation’ ? 1
- (d) Which word in the passage means ‘think/meditate’ ? 1

13. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

REUBEN : Ay, trust a villain like him to use some dirty trick or other. I do fear the lad will bleed to death. There’s a hole in his side big enough to put two fingers in. Nothing Bridget can do seems to cure the wound.

DAN : Could you not send for a surgeon ?

REUBEN : I would have done it long since, but my son, Samuel, is away at Windsor with the only nag left to us.

- (a) What is the fear in Reuben’s mind about the young stranger ? 1
- (b) What is the reason for the fear ? 1
- (c) Why did Reuben not send for a surgeon ? 2
- (d) Which word in the passage means ‘heal/remedy’ ? 1

14. Answer the following in about 100 words : 10

What difficulties did Benjamin Driscoll face on his arrival on Mars ? What decision did he take ?

OR

What, according to Nehru, is the sovereign path to real greatness which we in India had forgotten ? How do we seem to have its view again ?

SECTION D — B (Poetry)

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15. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each :

- (a) What, according to the poet, are the wind, the clouds and the heart doing all the time ? (‘Nothing Will Die’) 3
- (b) What is “the voice inside” ? Why does the poet pray for help to be less afraid ? (‘Teach Me to Listen, Lord’) 3
- (c) What example does the poet give to show the ‘quiet’ of days in May or June ? (‘The Sea’) 3

- 16.** Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each :
- (a) “What way does the Wind come ? What way does he go ?
He rides over the water, and over the snow”
Which figure of speech has been used in the above lines ? (‘Address to a Child’) 2
- (b) “When the Rock was hid by the surges’ swell,
The mariners heard the warning bell;
And then they knew the perilous Rock,
And blest the Abbot of Aberbrothok.”
When did the mariners hear the warning bell ? How was the Rock ‘perilous’ ? 2
(‘The Inchcape Rock’)
- (c) What is the rhyming scheme of the above stanza ? 2

SECTION D — C (Supplementary Reader) 20

- 17.** Answer the following in about 100 words : 8
- What surprising turn does the story take at the end in ‘The Necklace’ ? What message does it convey ?

OR

It is rightly said that teachers create human beings. How is it applicable to the case of Bholi whose life is totally transformed by her teacher ? Justify.

- 18.** Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30 — 40 words each :
- (a) How did lunch become a ‘ceremonial occasion for Mr. Herriot and his partners’ ? 3
- (b) Why were the two boys in London surprised ? 3
- (c) Why was the narrator not worried over his failure to find Lutkins on his way back to the city ? 3
- 19.** Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each :
- (a) What rules of army discipline does Jozsef ask Laszlo to follow ? 3
- (b) The tiger followed the children to school. Why did the tiger follow them ? 3
- (c) What story did Ausable frame about an imaginary balcony ? 3