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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 :

From the ancient times people have considered the lion as a wonderful animal. A full grown male lion looks majestic and strong with its beautiful, thick bushy mane. People admire the lion so much that he has been called the king of all wild animals and has found an important place in the art and literature of the world. Long ago, the lions were found everywhere in India. Today they are confined to the Gir forests of Kathiawar. Their number has declined considerably due to the indiscriminate killing by the people who hunt them for sport. The lions live in groups called prides. A pride may have four or more, sometimes even twenty lions of all ages. The lioness in a pride does most of the killing.

- (a) How does a full grown male lion look like ? 1
- (b) Give two examples to show that the people have expressed their admiration for the lion. 2
- (c) Why has the number of lions gone down considerably ? 2
- (d) What is a pride ? Who does most of the killing for it ? 2
- (e) Which word in the passage means the long hair on the neck of a lion/horse' ? 1

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

Most of us pay little attention to courtesies. How often do we say ‘please’ when we ask for something or ‘thank you’ when we get it ? ‘Please’ and ‘thank you’ are the niceties of ordinary conversation which we prefer to ignore. Courtesies are not just a matter of good breeding but also good manners. They are more than just saying the right thing at the right time. We are supposed to know what we are doing. We should also ensure that our inefficiency or ignorance does not hurt even unintentionally. For example, if we want to invite someone we do not know, we may invite him formally through written invitation or through telephone personally. But getting it done by an assistant is an act of discourtesy.

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| (a) How can we know if we are paying any attention to the courtesies of ordinary conversation ? | 2 |
| (b) What do the expressions ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ indicate ? | 1 |
| (c) How are courtesies ‘more than just saying the right thing at the right time’ ? | 2 |
| (d) When does an act of inviting someone we do not know become discourteous ? | 1 |
| (e) Which word in the passage means ‘ancestry/with hereditary qualities’ ? | 1 |

SECTION B — (Writing) 20

3. A Zonal exhibition on craft was held in your school. Mentioning the aim of the exhibition, the number of participating schools, the activities such as doll making, *rakhi* making and *thali* decoration competitions held, write a report in about 40 words. You are the Zonal convener of the event. 4
4. Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following topics in about 80 words : 6
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| (a) How You Celebrated the New Year | |
| (b) Causes of Accidents in Indian Cities | |
| (c) Your Visit to a Hill Station | |

5. Your father has sent a beautiful gift on your birthday from New York. Write a letter to him expressing your feelings of love and admiration for him. You are Sapna/Mudit, living at D-30, Saraswati Kunj, Chennai. 10

OR

There is a lack of clean toilets in your brother's school. Write a letter to the Principal, Evergreen Senior Secondary School, Daryaganj, New Delhi complaining about this most essential problem. You are Karan/Divya living at F-311, Ekta Colony, Delhi.

SECTION C — (Grammar) 15

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

The police _____ (arrest) four children on Thursday for their involvement in many cases of theft. The children _____ (be) between 12 to 16 years of age. Ten car-stereos, worth rupees one lakh _____ (recover) from them. The boys _____ (has) no idea of the worth of the items they _____ (steal). For instance they _____ (use) to sell expensive stereos for just rupees two hundred each to scrap-dealers.

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

(a) A mobile is an essential item these days. You should always keep it with you.
(because)

(b) You can expect excellent return. You have invested a lot of money in your business this year. (as)

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

_____ (Rise) prices is one of the major problems of the country these days. It has become difficult for the common man _____ (survive). _____ (Live) has become all the more difficult for the poor man, for they do not have enough _____ (buy) the bare necessities of life.

9. Fill in the blanks using suitable modals : 2

Sushant : _____ (Can/May) you please tell me the Room Number of Mr. Atul Garg ?

Receptionist : Yes sir. _____ (May/Can) I know when he came here ?
(in a hotel)

Sushant : As far as I recollect he _____ (would/might) have checked in on 28th February 2005.

Receptionist : You _____ (may/can) be right but I don't find any such name on this date in the register. I'm sorry.

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

which make us bleed, when a bone is broken, when a sharp thing goes

_____ we call it a fracture, but _____ through our skin, it cuts some blood vessels _____ .

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

Rashmi : Have your examinations been postponed further ?

Surekha : Yes, for the time being.

SECTION D — (A) (Prose) 20

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

“Why not ?” he replied and these became divine words for her and fuelled her cherished dream to become a successful dancer. But her father, K.D. Chandran, remembers how he himself had asked Dr. Sethi whether he really thought his daughter could dance and the doctor had replied in the negative.

- (a) Who spoke the words “why not” ? 1
(b) What dream did Sudha Chandran cherish ? 1
(c) When asked, if she could dance again, Dr. Sethi replied in the positive to Sudha but in the negative to her father ? Why ? 2
(d) Which word in the passage means ‘something which nourishes’ ? 1

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

He felt certain that his wings would never support him, so he bent his head and ran away back to the little hole under the ledge where he slept at night. Even when each of his brothers and his little sister, whose wings were far shorter than his own, ran to the brink, flapped their wings, and flew away, he failed to muster up courage to take that plunge which appeared to him so desperate.

- (a) Why did the young seagull run back ? 2
(b) Why did he not follow his brothers and his little sister ? 1
(c) Where did the young seagull sleep at night ? 1
(d) Which word in the passage means ‘extremely difficult or dangerous’ ? 1

14. Answer the following in about 100 words : 10

“One good turn deserves another,” believes Reuben. Sketch the character of Reuben in the light of this remark.

OR

Benjamin Driscoll decided to stay on Mars in spite of all odds. Why ? What did he do there ?

SECTION D — (B) (Poetry)

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15. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each :
- (a) How has the wind been represented as a terror and a friend ? Explain giving examples. (*'Address to a Child'*) 3
 - (b) Sir Ralph, the Rover was very joyous but his mirth was wickedness. How ? Explain. (*'The Inchcape Rock'*) 3
 - (c) Who are the people far from the poet ? How are the voices of these people described ? (*'Teach Me to Listen, Lord'*) 3
16. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each :
- (a) “When will the stream be weary of flowing
Under my eye ?
When will the wind be weary of blowing
Over the sky ?
When will the clouds be weary of fleeting ?
When will the heart be weary of beating ?”
What is the central idea in the above stanza ? (*'Nothing Will Die'*) 2
 - (b) What is the rhyming scheme of the above stanza ? 2
 - (c) “Hour upon hour he gnaws
The rumbling, tumbling stones,
And “Bones, bones, bones, bones !”
Which figure of speech has been used in the above lines ? (*'The Sea'*) 2

SECTION D — (C) (Supplementary Reader)

20

17. Answer the following in about 100 words : 8
- How does Borbala's ideal of life differ from that of Jozsef ? Explain giving examples from the text.
- OR**
- Fowler feels bored and disappointed but gets “his first authentic thrill of the day”. How ? Explain.
18. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each :
- (a) Why was Tricki ‘an uninteresting object’ for other dogs at the surgery ? 3
 - (b) What happened at the ball ? Was Matilda's dream fulfilled ? 3
 - (c) What prompted Hari Singh to steal Anil's money ? 3

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

- (a) Why did the tiger not get a chance to study human beings at the circus ? 3
- (b) How did Lutkin's mother treat the lawyer ? 3
- (c) Why did the police arrest Horace Danby when he could not keep the jewels stolen from the Grange Safe ? 3