

Series BVM/C

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- Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains **9** questions.
- **Please write down the Serial Number of the question before attempting it.**
- 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

ENGLISH (Elective) – (N)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions :

- All questions are compulsory. However, attempt either question no. 8 or 9.*
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*
- You may attempt any section at a time.*

1. (A) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 10

1 On one side, 10 platforms, six waiting rooms, eight toilet complexes, three foot overbridges, 10 water booths, 22 stalls, a parking lot, and a wandering hungry bull. On the other, nearly 1 lakh passengers daily — boarding and alighting from 200 trains — a tenth of whom make the station's platforms and halls their home every night. That, in nutshell, is the story of A.B.C. Junction — the railway station considered 'the least clean' among the major 75 stations in the country in an audit-cum-survey by the Quality Council of India (QCI).

2 A.B.C. station's battle against filth and garbage is perhaps no different from any other in India — with cups strewn across the tracks, dirty toilets, and the usual, ever present *paan* stains. But, two additional factors, says Divisional Commercial Manager Sachit Tyagi, are responsible for the station slipping from the 59th to 75th position in the survey; large-scale construction, and litter left behind by passengers who overstay their welcome.

3 "The QCI team came unannounced in May and there was a lot of construction on, in the halls, waiting rooms and entrances. The daily footfall was also over 1.5 lakh because of a *mela* (fair) in the city," says the officer. The numbers are indeed a

challenge for Deepak Gautam, the supervisor deployed by the third-party firm Quick-Clean that has the contract for cleaning the station, with the help of his team of 90 men. They work in three shifts — 6 am to 2 pm, 2 pm to 10 pm and 10 pm to 6 am, and earn ₹ 10,500 each per month. Gautam's firm received the contract for the station in January this year for ₹ 13.88 lakh per month.

- 4 It's 10:30 am on a Thursday, and the rush hour that starts at 6 am, when most of the pilgrims arrive on over 30 trains, has just got over. At platform no. 8, sweeping away bits of cloth, glass and spit, Birju Khare says, "Once I told a passenger to throw his cup in the dust-bin." He shot back, "What are you paid for?"
- 5 The sweeping is to be followed by mopping, and Shivam Chouhan, 20, arrives with a 'machine'. It looks like a toy car with a mop attached to the wheels. "It takes me about two hours to clean one platform. We have to do several rounds because people keep on walking over the wet floor," he says, adding that during one shift, he uses 3 litres of phenyl and 7 litres of cleaning liquid for the 10 platforms.
- 6 As he instructs two of his men to pick the garbage off the tracks before they are sprayed with jet water, Gautam says, "We also use 25 kg of bleaching powder for the *paan* stains. But the moments where the station appears all clean are brief. All it takes is for the next train to arrive.

- 7 “The passenger and train density at the station is very high as it falls on a crowded route. The passengers who come here don’t stay in hotels. They bring packed food from home, eat on the platform, and after visiting places, return to the station and sleep right here,” says Station Director N.P. Singh. In fact, while the QCI survey also relied on feedback from passengers, the feedback register at the station has no complaints. Most of the entries are generally notes of appreciation.
- 8 Incidentally, the Quick-Clean company had also handled the Jodhpur station, ranked the ‘cleanest among major stations’ as per the survey, till 2012. “It was a different task altogether,” explains Ashok Yadav, 25, who worked as the cleaning supervisor in Jodhpur, and used to take over from Gautam in the evening. “The platforms were smaller, the crowd was lesser ... Also, in Jodhpur, when we asked tourists not to litter, they listened. *Yehan toh deewar par sar maarne jaisa hai* (Here it is like banging your head against a wall).”
- 9 The railway officers further explain why even comparison with Tirupati, also a temple town, but one which stood at rank 3 is unfair. “It is a much smaller station and most people come to visit just the Tirupati temple. It’s a one-day trip. “A.B.C. has many religious sites”, says Station Director Singh. A little after noon, at the toilet in the second-class waiting room, ‘cleaner’ Ravi Kumar, 31, describes another struggle. “Someone broke the Indian toilet the other day, I don’t know how. Everyone uses this toilet, including the coolies and Class 3 staff. In another toilet, someone broke the door,” he says.

10 At the parking lot outside the station, maintained by another third-party firm, supervisor Som Kumar is fighting his own battle against litter, “Scores of rickshaw pullers stand here. It’s unauthorized. Then there are touts sent by the hotels to get tourists. The result is *bidi* stubs and peanut shells everywhere. We have three boys who sweep the area two times at day, but that is not enough,” he says.

- (a) Who make the A.B.C. railway station ‘their home’ every night ? 1
- (b) What rating has been given to A.B.C. railway station ? 1
- (c) What makes the station dirty ? 1
- (d) What are the additional factors for the ‘low rating’ ? 1
- (e) Name the firm which has taken contract for the cleaning of the station. 1
- (f) At what time does the rush hour start ? 1
- (g) What reply does the incharge get from the passengers who litter the platform ? 1
- (h) Who increases the work at the parking lot supervised by Som Kumar ? 1
- (i) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following :
 - (i) scattered (para 2) 1
 - (ii) small pieces of rubbish, tins, bottles left lying in the public places (para 10) 1

(B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

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“I fear thee, ancient Mariner !

I fear thy skinny hand !

And thou art long, and lank, and brown,

As is the ribbed sea-sand.

I fear thee and thy glittering eye,

And thy skinny hand, so brown.”—

“Fear not, fear not, thou Wedding-Guest !

This body dropt not down.

Alone, alone, all, all alone,

Alone on a wide wide sea !

And never a saint took pity on

My soul in agony.

The many men, so beautiful !

And they all dead did lie:

And a thousand thousand slimy things

Lived on; and so did I.

I looked upon the rotting sea,

And drew my eyes away;

I looked upon the rotting deck,

And there the dead men lay.

I looked to heaven, and tried to pray;

But or ever a prayer had gusht,

A wicked whisper came, and made

My heart as dry as dust.

- (a) Why does the Wedding-Guest fear the ancient Mariner ? 2
- (b) Explain the expression : “And thou art long, and lank, and brown, As is the ribbed sea-sand.” Also name the figure of speech used in it. 2
- (c) How does the poet depict the Mariner’s loneliness and helplessness ? 2
- (d) Why does the Mariner despise the slimy things crawling along the surface of the sea ? 2
- (e) Find the words in the poem which mean the following : 2
- (i) lean and thin (first stanza)
- (ii) talking in a low tone (last stanza)

SECTION B — (Creative Writing and Applied Grammar) 30

Creative Writing

2. (a) With the coming of computers, the habit of reading books has declined considerably. Write a speech in 80 – 100 words on the necessity and usefulness of reading books. 5
- (b) You are Prabhat/Puravi. You are associated with an organization dedicated to promoting education among girls. Write an article in 80 – 100 words on the topic, ‘Importance of Female Education’ for your school magazine stressing the need for educating girls. 5
3. There is a growing tendency among some of the young people to neglect their aged parents invariably forcing them to live in Old Age Homes. Write an article in 150 – 200 words on the topic, ‘Care of the Aged’ for a newspaper highlighting the moral responsibility of the young people to look after their parents in their old age when they need their support. You are Parmod/Parmodini. 10

OR

Write a debate in 150 – 200 words either for or against the motion, ‘Use of technology is only good for society’.

Applied Grammar

4. (a) Read the following sentences carefully and then rewrite them as per instructions given in the brackets : 1×5=5

(i) Gopal likes ice-cream. (Change from Active to Passive voice)

(ii) What a sweet child ! (Change into an Assertive sentence)

(iii) No sooner did the teacher leave the class, than the students stopped reading their books. (Use : As soon as)

(iv) The question is too difficult to answer. (Remove *too*)

(v) Suresh did not like the idea of going to Kochi.

(Change into an Affirmative sentence)

(b) Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows : 1×5=5

Patient : Good morning, doctor ! Can you spare me a few minutes ?

Doctor : Certainly ! Come in and sit down. Now, what is the matter with you ?

Patient : I've caught a cold, and I'm constantly coughing.

Doctor : Are you running a temperature ?

Patient : I suppose I'm not.

The patient wished the doctor good morning and (i) a few minutes. The doctor replied (ii) and sit down. Then the doctor asked the patient (iii) . The patient replied that (iv) constantly coughing. The doctor asked him if (v) to which the patient replied that probably he was not.

5. Choose **any two** of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow in 50 – 60 words each : 4×2=8
- (a) You need not fear, it is not beyond our powers, I will give you this magic mirror; you shall take it in your hand and dance. His shadow will fall on the glass, and in it you will see what happens to him and how near he has come.
- (i) Identify 'you' and the speaker. 2
- (ii) Which power of the magic mirror is referred to here ? 2
- (b) 'I only came to tell you that I dreamed about you last night,' she said. 'You must leave right away and not come back to Vienna for five years.'
- (i) Who is the speaker ? Who is she talking to ? 2
- (ii) What warning did the speaker give ? 2
- (c) 'What a way for a mother to behave ! So what if you have to buy another ticket ? This is a disgrace, hitting a child to cover up your own mistake !'
- (i) Who speaks these lines and to whom ? 2
- (ii) Why was Tao Ying hitting her son at his head ? 2
6. Answer **any two** of the following questions in 80 – 100 words each : 5+5=10
- (a) How do the shadows before noon differ from the shadows in the afternoon ? What do the two kinds of shadows represent ?
- (b) The difference that science and technology has made to everyday life today was visualized in science fiction fifty years ago. Comment. (On Science Fiction)
- (c) Who were the Senciminers ? Why did Dr. Margolin not particularly want his wife to accompany him to the wedding ?

7. Answer **any two** of the following questions in 120 – 150 words each : $6 \times 2 = 12$

- (a) What ought to be the object of all governments, and what do we actually find it to be ? (Freedom)
- (b) What is the simple truth that eludes the Philosopher or the Scientist ? (Understanding Freedom and Discipline)
- (c) Why did the people of Colebrook not have a favourable opinion of Captain Hagberd ?

SECTION D — (Fiction)

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Note : Attempt either question no. 8 or 9.

8. (a) Answer **any two** of the following questions in 80 – 100 words each :

$5 \times 2 = 10$

- (i) How was the Tiger trained for the circus ?
- (ii) What are the conditions laid down by Madan in his agreement with Captain for his film shooting with the Tiger ?
- (iii) How is Swamiji (Master) able to persuade the headmaster trapped in the loft to climb down ?

(b) Answer **any one** of the following questions in 150 – 200 words : **10**

- (i) What happens when Raja gets old ?
- (ii) Describe the experience of the villagers at Collector's office when they approach him for help against the attacks of the Tiger.
- (iii) How do the members of the Save Tiger Committee deal with Master ?

9. (a) Answer **any two** of the following questions in 80 – 100 words each :

$5 \times 2 = 10$

(i) Why is Dr. Pal thrashed by Margayya ?

(ii) Who is Madan Lal ? What help does he render to Margayya ?

(iii) Who is Brinda ? How does Balu treat her ?

(b) Answer **any one** of the following questions in 150 – 200 words : 10

(i) How does Margayya operate his business outside the Central Cooperative Land Mortgage Bank, Malgudi ?

(ii) What is the rumour spread by Dr. Pal about the financial position of Margayya and what are its consequences ?

(iii) Who persuades Margayya to go to Madras ? How does he finally find his son ?