

Time : 3 Hrs.

M.M.: 80

General Instructions :

1. The question paper is divided into four sections.

Section-A : Reading 15 marks

Section-B : Writing 20 marks

Section-C : Grammar 15 marks

Section-D : Literature 30 marks

SECTION-A
(READING - 15 MARKS)

Q1. Read the passage carefully :

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VALUE YOUR TIME

It is a bad thing if we constantly obsess over time. But sometimes, we need to be conscious of it. The reason for this is simple we don't get time back. Whatever position you happen to be in, ask yourself some serious questions. In the past, have you used time wisely? Most people won't worry about time passing by. This is because we do not wish to let time pass by. But, if we use our time wisely, it will make us more confident of our future. Whether you like it or not, whether you choose to ignore it, time will pass by anyway no matter what. If you think about it, anything can be exchanged for. We can exchange money for an item, and we can exchange an item for money. But we cannot exchange money for more time, and we cannot exchange an item for more time.

Everybody, more or less, has time. Not everybody has a nice house and not everybody has a nice car, but everybody has time. It's really what we do in that time that separates successful people from unsuccessful people. If you're a busy person then you probably have a busy schedule such as going to work from 7 in the morning to 5 in evening, coming home and having dinner with the family, doing some paper work, watching some TV, then going to bed at 11 and then waking up at 6. I know some people who go to school and work at the same time and have only a couple of hours of the day of "free time".

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But there are people who just wake up in the morning at 11 or 12, eat brunch or lunch, go on the internet or may be watch some TV for a couple of hours, eat something that makes them tired so they take a 1 or 2 hour nap, wake up and receive a phone call to go out with friends for dinner, come home late, go on the internet or play computer games until 2 or 3 in the morning, then go to sleep. This is an example of not using time wisely. If you're trying to make more money, or set some type of business, or just have a project that you have in mind that is going to be a lot of hard work, time is your best friend. Whatever project that you have in mind, chances are that hundreds of thousands of people that you don't know about are doing the same thing, except they are using time in doing it while others are wasting their time not doing it.

Be aware of time. You can leverage your time. If you have more time to do something than another person, that is worth so much. People don't value time these days, because, well, it's not money. It's not something that you can touch or hold in your hands. You can't really see time. You can see time passing by on a clock ... but that's not too exciting, is it? Although passing time isn't that big a concern to most of the people, time in fact is one of the most precious things we as human beings have. Time really is more powerful than money. With 10 hours work, one can earn money worth 100 dollars. But with \$100, one cannot get 10 hours back in his or her life. Those 10 hours are gone forever. Each hour that passes by is an opportunity to make money. Notice I didn't say each hour that passes by that you will make money, but each hour that passes by you can use that hour to build something that will make you money in the future.

The most important thing I think we should understand is that time is going to pass us by anyway so we have the option to choose to let it pass by and just let it pass by with nothing really hapenning, or choose to let it pass by but knowing that something positive will result in the future because we are doing something right now. And it doesn't have to be just for money, it can be for a skill that you want to learn like playing an instrument or any other type of goal you wish to achieve such as losing more weight or gaining more muscle. Whatever it happens to be, understand that time doesn't wait for us. It always continues. And it is what you choose to do with time right now that will ultimately determine the outcome of your future.

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1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the statements that follow : (1x6=6)

- (a) We need to be conscious of time because _____.
- (b) We do not wish to let time pass by, but, whether _____.
- (c) We can see time passing by _____.
- (d) We have to understand that time _____.
- (e) Time the most important thing for human beings because _____.
- (f) What we choose to do with time right now will _____.

1.3 Find words from the passage that mean the same as following : (1x2=2)

- (a) time table (para 2)
- (b) valuable (para 4)

Q2. Read the following poem carefully. (7)

Leave - Taking

- 1 The only joy of his old age
he often said was his grandson
Their friendship straddled
eight decades, three generations
- 5 They laughed, played
quarrelled, embraced
watched television together
and while the rest had little
to say to the old man
- 10 the little fellow was
a fountain of endless chatter
when death rattled
the gate at five
one Sunday morning
- 15 and took the old man away
others trumpeted their
grief in loud sobs
and lachrymose blubber.
He never shed a tear

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20 just waves one of his small inimitable goodbyes to his grandfather and was sad the old man could not return his gesture.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, choose the correct option from those given below : (1x7=7)

- (a) The old man led a rather
 (i) happy life (ii) long life
 (iii) healthy life (iv) lonely life
- (b) 'The rest' in line 8 refers to
 (i) other members of the family
 (ii) other old men in the neighbourhood
 (iii) other children in the family
 (iv) other children in the neighbourhood
- (c) The poet's comments on the grown up members' pretence are full of
 (i) praise (ii) approval
 (iii) sarcasm (iv) wonder
- (d) Which lines speak of the old man's death?
 (i) lines 1-4 (ii) lines 12-15
 (iii) lines 7-10 (iv) lines 21-24
- (e) The boy 'never shed a tear' probably because
 (i) he didn't know that his grandfather was dead
 (ii) he did not want to show his grief
 (iii) he was not pretentious like others
 (iv) he was too young to mourn a death
- (f) The old man could not return the boy's gesture because
 (i) he could not see the boy
 (ii) he was angry with the boy
 (iii) he was dead
 (iv) he was more impressed to see the sobs of others

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(g) The word 'rattled' in the above passage means :

- (i) scared (ii) knocking sounds
 (iii) shout (iv) angered

SECTION-B
(WRITING - 20 MARKS)

- Q3. A Book Fair is going to be organized in Rohan Public School, Faridabad. There will be stalls displaying and selling latest books by 'Literate India', News - Reading Competition and Literary Quiz. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the students about it. You are Prathika/Prakash, Head girl/Head boy. (3)
- Q4. Write a short bio sketch of your teacher using the clues given below : (5)
- age, physical appearance
 - subject taught
 - attending his/her class an enjoyable experience
 - love for children
 - kind, patient, ever - smiling
- Q5. Physical fitness is extremely important. There is growing awareness among the common people about maintaining good health. Write an e-mail to your friend describing the importance of good health. (6)
- Q6. 'Save Earth Save Life'. Write an article for your school magazine expressing your views on how to save the earth from the hazardous effect of pollution in about 150 words. Refer to the value points given below and the M.C.B. unit 'Environment'. (6)
- Earth in tears
 - Melting polar ice
 - Loss of forest cover
 - Global action required

SECTION-C
(GRAMMAR - 15 MARKS)

- Q7. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks with the help of the options that follow : (½x6=3)
- The importance of caring (a) _____ (in, for, about, of) road safety has been (b) _____ (stress, stressed, stressing, not stressed) upon time and

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again. It is necessary to (c) _____ (see, observe, follow, look) rules of the road, especially (d) _____ (for, by, about, all) school children because they (e) _____ (are, were, will be, is) the worse affected by accidents. Observance (f) _____ (of, in, about, for) the rules of the road is necessary to avoid accidents and prevent traffic jams.

Q8. Complete the dialogue given below choosing the correct option : (1x3=3)

Ajay : Could you lend me some money?

Vijay : (a) _____ ?

Ajay : I need about a thousand rupees.

Vijay : (b) _____ it?

Ajay : I need it to pay my mess charges.

Vijay : (c) _____ ?

Ajay : Next month.

(a) (i) How much money you need (ii) How much money do you need

(iii) What do you need it for (iv) Why do you need it

(b) (i) How do you need (ii) When do you need

(iii) Why do you need (iv) Whom do you need

(c) (i) When shall you return it (ii) When will you return it

(iii) When do you return it (iv) When can't you return it

Q9. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you as an example : (1x3=3)

Example - A fascinating/rock/today/adventure/climbing/is/sport
Rock climbing is a fascinating adventure sport today.

(a) and develop/one/confidence/can gain/tremendous/stamina/physical

(b) today/introduced/climbing/been/advanced/have/techniques

(c) rock/popular/institutions/climbing/is/educational/in

Q10. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify and write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as shown in the example : (½x6=3)

e.g. The spirit for patriotism, sacrifice
or service towards our country (a) _____ incorrect correct
for of

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must guide our lives. It would (b) _____

inspire we to emerge as great (c) _____

heroes, and if the need arose, (d) _____

die as martyrs. All single (e) _____

Indian has a role for play (f) _____

in building up the nation.

Q11. Fill in the blanks with suitable determiners : (½x6=3)

The (a) _____ day when I was going for a walk, I heard (b) _____ one shriek. I looked in (c) _____ direction of the hill and saw (d) _____ boy standing on the ridge of a rock. He had ascended (e) _____ rock all right but was unable to climb down. By (f) _____ time I reached him I was exhausted.

SECTION-D

(LITERATURE - 30 MARKS)

Q12. Read the extracts given below and answer the following questions : (3x3=9)

(A) I come from haunts of coot and hern,

I make a sudden sally

And sparkle out among the fern

To bicker down a valley.

(i) Explain : 'I make a sudden sally'

(ii) How does the brook sparkle?

(iii) Name a poetic device used in the above lines.

(B) The amount of homework she did was amazing. She would read, repeat, write and recite.

(i) Who is 'she' in the above lines? What 'homework' is being talked about here?

(ii) Why was she so keen on doing the homework?

(iii) What does this extract reveal about the character of 'she'?

(C) "That was a month ago and now I have only one thought, that is to get the wretched place off my hands. I would sacrifice it at any price. One

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... hundred thousand francs if necessary and that's only twice what it cost me".

- (i) Who is the speaker in the above lines?
- (ii) Why does the speaker refer to the place as 'wretched'?
- (iii) How much will the speaker sell the place for?

Q13. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : (3x2=6)

- (i) How can we say that Duke was not an ordinary dog? Discuss his special qualities to justify this.
- (ii) "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood". What do the two roads indicate here? What was the poet's dilemma?
- (iii) Why was Jeanne so desperate to buy a villa in the play 'A Villa for Sale'?

Q14. Imagine you are Juliette. You are so happy in getting the right price for your villa. However this happiness turns into anger and frustration when you come to know how you were cheated by Gaston. Write a letter to Mr. Al Smith discussing the issue and how both of you can teach Gaston a lesson. (150 words). (5)

OR

Suppose you are Sudha Murthy. Write a letter to your friend telling her how and why you taught your grandmother to read. (150 words)

Attempt either Part (a) or Part (b)

PART (A)

Attempt the following in 100 words :

- Q15. Describe the way Gulliver was fed by the Lilliputians. (5)
- Q16. Comment on Gulliver's stay in Brobdingnag. (5)

PART (B)

- Q15. Why did the three men decide to go on a holiday up the river? (5)
- Q16. Mention any four items the three men included in the packing list. How did George and Harris annoy the author while packing? (5)