

Time : 3 Hrs.

M.M.: 80

**General Instructions :**

1. Read the questions carefully.
2. Number the answers as given in the question paper.
3. Write in a neat and clear handwriting.
4. Write the answers in complete sentences.

**SECTION-A (READING)**

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (8)

Tenali Raman was known for his intelligence, wit and humour. He was a court jester in the court of king Krishnadeva Raya of Vijaynagar.

Once many thefts took place in Vijaynagar but no one was able to catch the thief. All the people became alert about the safety of their houses.

One evening when Tenali returned home, he saw some movement in the bushes in the garden. He was sure that there were thieves behind the bushes. He went inside the house, washed his face, hands and feet and asked his wife to give him food. While eating, he said, "There's a thief walking around in Vijaynagar. But I have taken care of everything. I have put all the jewels in a box and thrown it into the well in our garden. Our jewels are perfectly safe. No body would know where we have kept them."

The thieves heard this conversation and were delighted at this golden opportunity. When they were sure that Tenali and his wife were asleep, they rushed to the well. All night, they worked drawing out water bucket by bucket from the well. By dawn they were tired but still had not found any jewel box.

Early in the morning, Tenali got up and came to the well. Seeing him the thieves tried to run away. But Tenali caught hold of them and said, "Where are you going? Thankyou very much for working so hard and watering my plants. What should I pay you for your hardwork?"

The thieves fell at Tenali Raman's feet and asked for forgiveness. Only when they promised him, they would not steal in future, did Tenali let them go.

(i) Where did Tenali Raman live? What was he known for? (2)

- (ii) The people of Vijaynagar became alert about the safety of their houses. What was the reason for their alertness? (1)
- (iii) When Tenali returned home, he realized the thieves were somewhere around. What made him think so? (1)
- (iv) Why did the thieves rush to the well? (1)
- (v) Complete the following sentence :  
Tenali let the thieves go with a promise that \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- (vi) Find words from the story that mean the same as the given words : (1x2=2)

- (a) highly pleased or happy (b) intelligence

Q2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow : (7)

Mother, I sit by my window for hours on end  
And watch the long trains rumble past.  
Slowly they move : like huge elephants  
That move like shadows in the shadowy dark.

Sometimes a train comes flashing past  
With many windows lit by many lamps.  
That dance and whirl with movement swift  
of the rhythmic beat of wheels revolving fast.

On hot afternoons you go to sleep  
And with dizzy heat swoons all the world,  
I watch for hours and still the tireless trains  
March on and on along their iron road.

Where do all these trains go day and night?  
You say they make their way through hills  
They roar over bridges across mighty streams.  
They crash through forests and vast plains.  
But at the end of their restless journey  
Where do they go and finally rest?

- (i) Why does the train remind the poet of an elephant? (1)

(A-2)

- (ii) Mention the places where according to the poet the trains go day and night? (2)
- (iii) Why does the poet call the trains 'tireless'? (1)
- (iv) Complete the sentence : (1)  
The word iron road refers to \_\_\_\_\_
- (v) Find words from the poem which mean the same as the given words : (1x2=2)

(a) fast

(b) small rivers

### SECTION-B (WRITING)

- Q3. You are Rahul/Rashmi living at C-12, Karol Bagh, New Delhi. Your younger brother stays in a hostel. He is good at studies but does not take interest in co-curricular activities. Write a letter advising him how there should be a balance between the two for overall development. (6)
- Q4. You have been trying very hard to get good marks in all your tests but you were getting only average results. In the recent tests, you have scored the highest marks and you are extremely happy. Write a diary entry about the problems you had to face and how you intend to keep up the good result. (5)
- Q5. You are Prashant/Priyanka, Junior Head boy/Head girl of your school. Your school is going to start different Hobby classes in which students can enroll themselves according to their interest. Write a notice informing the students about the same and inviting them to join the classes. (4)

### SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

- Q6. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles : (4x½=2)  
On Friday we went for (a) \_\_\_\_\_ movie. On our way, it started raining. We had (b) \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella but it was not enough for all of us and we got drenched in (c) \_\_\_\_\_ rain. It was (d) \_\_\_\_\_ most enjoyable day for us.
- Q7. Rearrange the words to make complete and correct sentences : (3x1=3)
- (a) submitted/their/on time/worksheets/students/the  
(b) sisters/with/two/the/quarrelled/each other  
(c) expected/Rishi/in need/to help/his friends/him

(A-3)

Q8. Rewrite the following sentences by changing the gender wherever required : (2x1=2)

- (i) The heroine played the role of a princess in the film.
- (ii) My son and niece speak English fluently.

Q9. Change the given statements into questions : (3x1=3)

- (i) Kavita wrote a letter to her friend.
- (ii) There are some cookies in the jar.
- (iii) Payal goes to her office by car.

Q10. Fill in the blanks with relative pronouns : (4x½=2)

- (i) I would like to meet the architect \_\_\_\_\_ has designed this building.
- (ii) The doctor for \_\_\_\_\_ you are waiting is on leave today.
- (iii) The watch \_\_\_\_\_ my uncle gave me is very expensive.
- (iv) We want to help the villagers \_\_\_\_\_ houses have been destroyed.

Q11. Fill in the blanks with suitable collective nouns : (4x½=2)

- (i) A \_\_\_\_\_ of thieves stole the diamonds.
- (ii) A long \_\_\_\_\_ of stairs led to the top of the tower.
- (iii) The deer were hunted by a \_\_\_\_\_ of wolves.
- (iv) A \_\_\_\_\_ of geese made a lot of noise in the farm.

Q12. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in the brackets : (4x½=2)

- (i) Shenaz \_\_\_\_\_ some onions with a knife. (chop/chopped)
- (ii) My mother and I \_\_\_\_\_ going to the museum. (is/are)
- (iii) Gaurav went to sleep after he \_\_\_\_\_ his dinner. (have/had)
- (iv) Those ripe bananas \_\_\_\_\_ good to eat. (look/looks)

Q13. Complete the following sentences according to the instructions given in brackets: (2x1=2)

- (i) The old man \_\_\_\_\_ (add a predicate)
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ can speak French. (add a subject)

(A-4)

Q14. Rewrite the sentences by replacing the underlined phrases with one word each: (2x1=2)

- (i) The one who looks after and lends books helped me in finding the novel I wanted to read.
- (ii) The one who sells medicines told the man to bring the doctor's prescription.

#### SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

Q15. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

(A) My heart was so light  
That I sang day and night,  
For all nature looked gay.  
"You sang, sir, you say?  
Go then," said the ant, "and dance winter away." (3x1=3)

- (i) Who is referred to as 'I' in the above lines?
- (ii) Why did 'I' go to the ant?
- (iii) How did the ant react?

(B) "No hair cut will make me love you less. But if you unwrap the package, you will see why I acted strangely at first." (3x1=3)

- (i) Who is the speaker and the listener in the above lines?
- (ii) Why did the listener get a hair cut?
- (iii) What did the package contain?

(C) "It came again with a great wakening light,  
And showed the names whom love of God had bless'd  
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest." (3x1=3)

- (i) Who is referred to as 'it' in the above lines?
- (ii) Why was Abou blessed by God?
- (iii) Where did his name appear in the list?

Q16. Answer the given questions in 30-40 words each : (2x2=4)

- (i) Bhima was too full of pride in his own strength. How did Hanuman make him realise his mistake?

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(ii) Why was Cheemi rewarded? What two rewards did she get?

Q17. Answer the given questions in brief : (2x2=4)

(i) Why was the cricket worried when the winter season arrived?

(ii) What did the poet want to convey through the line, "Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase)"?

Q18. Answer the given question in 100-150 words : (5)

"It is courage and humanity that counts, not the caste or position." How does the statement hold true in Cheemi's case? Explain.

OR

Jim and Della could not use their Christmas presents. Why? Explain with reference to the story 'The Gift of the Magi'.

Q19. Answer the given questions in 30-40 words each : (2x2=4)

(i) What did Jerome intend when he offered to pack the things? How did George and Harris react to his offer in the story 'Packing for a Holiday'?

(ii) Why was the mare in 'The Priest and the Mulberry Tree' called 'tractable'?

Q20. Answer the given question in 80-100 words : (4)

Do you think the three friends Jerome, George and Harris were good at packing? Support your answer with examples from the text.

OR

The Principal said, "That tree, Anuthi, is a standing example for you". Which tree is being referred to? Why did the Principal say so? Answer with reference to the story 'The Jacaranda Tree'.