

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH (SET-I)****Time : 3 Hrs.****M.M.: 80****General Instructions :**

1. ***This paper is divided into three sections, A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.***
2. ***Separate instructions have been given for each section and each question. Read them carefully and follow them meticulously.***
3. ***Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.***

**SECTION-A (READING)**

Q1. Read the given passage carefully : (12)

1. The latest astounding discovery about music is that it helps students to learn in a much better way. Research in the USA revealed how a group of three-year-old children who would take piano lessons were able to solve puzzles much better than those who were not musically active. The music learners could even draw geometrical figures and solve mathematical problems more efficiently and in a shorter time than those who did not learn music.
2. To facilitate the learning process, instrumental music proves much more useful. Playing this music strengthens the synapses of the nerve cells that are important for logical thinking and reasoning.
3. Playing instrumental music involves the concentration of all the senses. Playing the violin or the flute becomes a type of meditation. The fingers and hands become more sensitive and skilful. Even one's posture improves. The mind and the senses are simultaneously stimulated. Learning music is like learning a new language. It opens up another form of expression.
4. Primarily, music involves the senses of hearing. Human hearing develops in the foetus at four weeks. The nerve system, the spinal cord, and the brain of the foetus is formed by this time. The foetus in the womb can recognise its mother's voice. But by the 20th week, it can react to the sounds coming from outside too. By the 25th week, the outer and the inner ear develops. Even the brain can process the acoustic signals by then. By the 35th week, the foetus can perceive and memorise melodies.
5. Remember the way in which, in the past, grannies would gently drum rhythms on the belly of a child. This includes a state of relaxation in the child. In such a trance-like state, the child could learn better what the granny would intend to teach. Music has an impact upon the human body. It influences human breathing, the heart-rate, and the blood pressure.
6. Sometimes, absolute silence itself becomes a nuisance for the learner. In such a situation, even the mind starts its distracting whispers. In that case instrumental music played on a stereo, on a low volume works wonders for students. The mild neutral music masks the distracting silence.
7. The noise in the street often disturbs a learner. Here the masking effect of instrumental music can prove very useful. Various disturbing sounds are effectively masked with the soft instrumental music. This music acts as a soothing balm to an upset mind and effectively relaxes tired nerves.
8. Much before this research in the USA, Lord Krishna would make the cows spell-bound by playing his musical flute. Today research reveals how playing the flute can relax the mind. Kings of yore

would provide war music to boost the courage of fighting warriors. Martial tunes bolstered the morale and exhorted them to fight with renewed vigour.

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :

- (i) How does instrumental music affect senses and help in learning? (2)
- (ii) Mention the two ways in which music helps the human body? (2)
- (iii) "Sometimes absolute silence itself becomes a nuisance". Explain. (2)
- (iv) How did music help the soldiers in the past? (2)
- (v) Which kind of music acts as a soothing balm to an upset mind? (1)

(b) Find words from the above passage which mean the opposite of :

- (i) not shocking or surprising/ordinary (para 1)
- (ii) deteriorates (para 4)
- (iii) revealed (para 7)

Q2 Read the given passage carefully :

(8)

'Personality' is a word which confuses a lot of visions. But what exactly is personality and how will you define it. Well! Personality has a very wide meaning but one definition is that "Personality is explained as a form of behaviour responses to particular situations". And response to any situation includes primarily Emotions, Sentiments and Feelings.

The word 'Emotion' is derived from the Latin word 'Emovere', which means 'to excite' or 'shudder'. Thus emotion is a state of a person in which he or she is not in complete control. The sign of an emotional state is clenched state, body shuddering and perspiration. Anger is also one of the states of emotions. Love and affection are also emotions which make life worth living.

The facial expressions are the first give away in an emotional state. The face expressions vary with different emotional states. When a person is in love you can see it in his eyes, the lost look and the smile can tell everything. Similarly when one is angry, the clenched fists and tight facial muscles betray the person's state.

Feelings though similar to emotions vary slightly in definitions. Both Emotions and Feelings can be pleasant and painful. Feelings are the reactions from sensation e.g. a feeling of happiness on seeing a rainbow or a feeling of hatred when reminded of insulting circumstances. As you see many of the emotions are included in feelings. Feelings is a part of Emotions. Feeling however strong can never be as intense as emotions. Feeling, pleasant or painful is a controlled form of emotion. There is rarely any reaction as such. Only a sense of natural excitement.

Emotional development starts when a child is born. When a child cries, he is expressing an emotion. In infancy though, the child is unable to distinguish his different emotions of pain, fear and anger. Within the first year, emotions of fear, pleasure and affection are clearly different.

When a child learns to speak he starts to voice his emotions and has clearer relations to each emotion and feeling. Gradual development in emotional states is accompanied by variations in emotional intensity as well. When the child grows into an independent individual he or she thinks of the proper reactions before reacting to anything. So the emotional reactions are more controlled and subdued. They can however be very unpredictable and extreme, too, depending on the person and the mental state.



The hopes, desires and ambitions binds the child as he grows up. His emotions are influenced by desires, values and most of all the society. This brings us to sentiments. Psychologically, sentiments are the cause of emotions and emotions are the result of sentiments. Sentiments are the permanent part of an individual.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it, in points only, using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations. Also supply a suitable title to it. (5)
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. (3)

#### SECTION-B (WRITING)

- Q3. You are Samuel John, the school prefect. Your school has organised a trekking expedition during the autumn break. Draft a notice for the school notice board giving all the necessary details in not more than 50 words. (4)

OR

Design a poster in not more than 50 words for your school library on the value of books and inculcating good reading habits amongst the children.

- Q4. Summer time is a difficult time for all the dwellers of Metro cities because of the acute shortage of water as well as the supply of polluted water. In some areas of your city people are getting polluted water even after the process of filtration. As a concerned citizen write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper highlighting the problems faced by the people in your area and do give some measures to curb the problem. (6)

OR

T.V. channels are flooded with advertisements these days. Useless commodities and even superstitious beliefs are promoted through glamorous and exaggerated presentations. Write a letter to the editor, Indian Express, Lucknow, highlighting the negative influence such advertisements have on the minds of people. You are Radha/Ramesh, a resident of 10, Mayur Vihar, Lucknow.

- Q5. A new indoor gymnasium has recently been constructed and inaugurated at AP International School, Goa. As special correspondent of 'The Hindu' draft a report in 150-200 words on the gymnasium and the inauguration ceremony. (10)

OR

India has a rich tradition of classical and folk dances. Dance, as shown in some reality show on TV, seems to be a mix of gymnastics and PT exercises. Write an article in 150-200 words on the need to have a reality show exclusively based on Indian classical dances.

#### SECTION-C (TEXT BOOKS)

- Q6. Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow :

All three stood still to smile through their hair

At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face.

My mother's that was before I was born.

And the sea, which appears to have changed less,

Washed their terribly transient feet.

- (i) Whose face is referred to here? (1)
- (ii) What does the poet mean by - 'the sea, which appears to have changed less'? (1)
- (iii) Explain : 'terribly transient feet'. (2)

OR

And who art thou? said I to the soft-falling shower,  
Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here translated :  
I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain.

- (i) What question does the poet ask the rain? (1)
  - (ii) Explain - "soft falling shower". (1)
  - (iii) Why does the rain call itself - 'the poem of Earth'? (2)
- Q7. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each : (4x3=12)

- (a) In what way did Mourad help the wounded robin to fly? What does this incident indicate?
- (b) What did the narrator learn about Mrs. Dorling from her mother?
- (c) Explain - "I give back life to my own origin".
- (d) How did little Jonathan react to the desperate situation they found themselves in, on January 5?

- Q8. 'One's perception determines one's success'. Some people believe that problems are opportunities to polish their skills and attain success. (6)

The chapter 'We're not Afraid to Die...' also gives us a lesson on courage and determination. On the basis of your reading of the chapter and using your own ideas, write a paragraph on 'The importance of courage, optimism and determination in one's life'. (120-150 words)

- Q9. Answer any one of the given questions in about 150 words :

"Ranga was just the boy for her and she the most suitable bride for him". What led the narrator to this conclusion? How did he manage to arrange their marriage? (6)

OR

'The sparrows had not come for the bread but for their friend, the author's grandmother'. Justify the statement.

- Q10. Describe the role of the twins in driving the ghost to a depressed state of mind. (150 words) (6)

- Q11. Write a character sketch of Mr. Otis. (150 words) (6)